



KATHAN TIMES

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KATHAN FAMILY REUNION 2019 TO BE HELD IN PUTNEY, VERMONT.



It's time again to be making plans to join us at the 2019 Kathan Family Reunion in Putney, Vermont. The number of days has changed to 2 and are on August 9-10, 2019

The committee is preparing the final registration information that you'll be receiving in February 2019.

There have been a few changes to the Putney Inn since our last reunion. Back in September 2014, the Inn was sold at auction and the new owner directed all his attention toward renovating the motel while looking for a tenant to renovate and operate the restaurant .

Well, a tenant has been found and he has changed the restaurant name from Putney Inn Restaurant to Club Vermont aka Club VT. Inside has been updated with carpeting and paint but there are the same historic elements to be found, like the original fireplace hearth and the wood beams in the bar area. For the time being the



restaurant only serves lunch and dinner. Breakfast can be found at several locations in town. On Fridays and Saturdays there is live entertainment and dancing that starts at 9 pm for those of you who like to boogie at night.

We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. We hope to see you at the Friday welcoming night.

Susan Kathan

The Vermont Experience!

Club Vermont Restaurant & Lounge in Southern Vermont
Open 7 days a week, serving lunch, dinner and late night snacks.

ClubVT is a destination venue with great food, tavern style bar & porch restaurant, music venue, billiards/game room, private function/meeting rooms. Check out our Schedule & Events calendar for upcoming entertainment. Great venue for live music, open mic nights, karaoke and billiards.

KATHAN CEMETERY

Story written by a member of the Putney Historical Society:

“On Saturdays, May 4th and May 11th (1996) members of the Putney Historical Society (led by Laurel Ellis and Laura Heller) invite anyone interested to join them, to meet at the Kathan Cemetery in Putney to clear brush and attempt to identify gravesites of some of Putney and Dummerston earliest settlers. As the cemetery cannot be seen from the main road and has been virtually neglected for over 100 years, many people who grew up in Putney were not aware of its existence. Used as early as 1756 and possibly as late as the 1860’s, this old burying ground covers a large and presently uncertain area.

If a formal plan, map, or record ever existed, it has been lost for many years. Research done by interested persons has revealed only sketchy details beyond the fact that several members of the Kathan family, original settlers of Dummerston and Putney, are buried there and that the cemetery could have been as large as 2 acres at one time containing a substantial number of early residents.

It is written that seven skeletons were discovered and removed when a nearby cellar hole was dug in the 1860’s. The remainder of the area was used as a cow pasture during the late 1800’s reducing the number of gravestones remaining to 17 by 1873 and only 9 by the 1890’s. According to historian David Mansfield’s account in 1902, on July 3, 1892 “several of the degenerate sons of Putney” smashed the remaining markers “with the aid of axes and crowbars”. After this final insult, some of the bodies were removed to other cemeteries and some gravestones were moved to other locations.”

Since 1996, the Historical Society has sponsored a clean-up event, on average, every three years. There have been at least seven cleanups that have occurred (in May) over 22 years. My husband, Don, and I have been coming to Putney since 1997 usually for the colors in the Fall but twice in the summer for Kathan Family reunions. We have visited the cemetery during each trip and often we would find it wildly overgrown. But we realized that if it weren’t for the Historical Society and the kindness of the volunteers, the cemetery would quickly disappear into a sea of wild growing bushes and saplings. We are grateful to those kind souls who care enough to do the hard work and keep it all

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The stone to the left is that of Col. Charles Kathan. It is a very large stone that was buried at least 2 feet or more into the ground. It was one of the stones that was heavily damaged in 1892. The whole top half is broken off. If you look closely you can see that last line of his epitaph. “And others stand and look at me”

Below is a wide view of the Kathan cemetery facing east. The large stone toward the front center is that of Col. Charles Kathan.



REJUVENATION PROJECT



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trimmed back. In late 2017 we made a trip to Putney. Upon visiting the cemetery it was clear that it was time to plan some serious improvements to the gravestones as well as reducing the excessive ground cover. The stones were sinking and needed to be raised. In talking to Tom Giffin, president of V.O.C.A. (Vermont Old Cemetery Association) and a Kathan descendant, he offered to come to Putney and assess the condition of the gravestones. So a meeting was setup with Ruth Barton, the president of Putney Historical Society, and the Cemetery Commissioner, Betsy Maclsaac, and other Kathan Family Association officers to meet at the Kathan cemetery on October 8, 2018. It was quite an event. All of the stones that needed to be raised were dug up and reset while Barb Giffin (Tom's wife) walked the cemetery with dowsing rods looking to confirm grave locations. You can see by the photos how difficult it was to raise Col. Charles Kathan's stone. It was a bit of a struggle but when all was done, it all looked really nice. Next Reunion plan on spending some time at the cemetery cleanup and Tom will give us some pointers on the proper techniques for cleaning gravestones.



THE EARLY STORY OF THE KATHAN INN ON KATHAN LAKE

Henry KUHNERT, proprietor of Kathan Inn, in Sugar Camp Township, Oneida County, was born at Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, June 28, 1873. He was educated in the schools of Caledonia and subsequently learned the trade of baker, which he followed for several years. The condition of his health making a change of employment advisable, he next took up work as a brakeman on the Chicago and Milwaukee division of the C. M. & St. P. railroad, which work he followed for five years, rising to be a conductor. Beginning at the early period in his career, while still working as a baker, he had made it his custom to spend his summers in the woods of northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, and he became so familiar with this region that he was often called for to do several weeks of guide service for Thomas LOWERY of Minneapolis, who was then president of the "Soo" Line and of the Twin City electric lines.

In 1921 Mr. KUHNERT resolved to settle in this section permanently, and accordingly he came to Oneida County and purchased 57 1/2 acres of wild land on the northwest shore of Kathan Lake.

Here he established his present resort, Kathan Inn, now one of the most popular summer resorts in this locality. His log cabins, five in number, he built with his own hands, cutting the logs from the timber on his property and carrying

them on his back to the site of the buildings. Besides these he has a number of frame cottages and a main lodge which is 24x30 feet in dimensions. The last-mentioned building includes a dining room, kitchen, office, and lounging room, and has a screen porch running the entire length of the building and eight feet deep. There are accommodations for about 35 guests, and the service is excellent in every detail. Buildings and grounds are finely kept up, and the surroundings are beautiful in the extreme. All the vegetables, poultry and eggs used are produced on the property, and the cuisine is a matter of which the management can well be proud.

Mrs. KUHNERT attends to all the cooking personally, and her skill and experience as a chef make this one of the chief attractions of the hostelry; before her marriage was for several years chef to George F. SMITH, then president of the Menasha Woodenware Company, and she was also employed in this capacity for the University Club of Milwaukee and by President MCKINLEY during his speech-making tour of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. A fleet of seven row boats is maintained at the resort, on Kathan Lake, and besides these are two on Starvation Lake and one on Aldrich Lake, all owned by Mr. KUHNERT and available for the use of this guests. All kinds of game fish abound in the waters of these lakes. There is excellent partridge and deer hunting in season, and rabbits are plentiful. Besides these sports, bathing, boating, hiking, and many other forms of outdoor recreation may be enjoyed to the fullest here, in the pure, bracing air of this wonderful region of lakes and woods. There are nine acres of virgin timber on the grounds of the resort, and three-quarters of a mile of lake frontage.

The only advertising Mr. KUHNERT does is that on blotters which he distributes; he gets out no booklets or descriptive matter relating to his resort, yet each year the place is full to capacity all summer long, a fact which speaks volumes for the attractions to be found here. Mr. KUHNERT was married Jan. 3, 1901, at Menasha, Wis.; to Sophia BRETTHAUSER, of that city. Mrs. KUHNERT is a member of the Electra Chapter of the Eastern Star and of the Bethlehem Shrine, both of Milwaukee. Mr. KUHNERT belongs to Minnesota Lodge No. 324, F. & A. M., at Minneapolis, to St. John's Chapter, R. A. M., also of Minneapolis, and to the B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 46 at Milwaukee. He is also a member of Gardner Lodge No. 191 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Transcribed by Susan Swanson, from pages 315-316 History of Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas Counties Wisconsin;
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"Tuck-Away" Cottage ~ 1953 postcard

THE 2019 STORY OF THE KATHAN INN ON KATHAN LAKE



“Tuck-Away” Cottage ~ 2019 today

The Kathan Inn included five cabins and a lodge when Henry Kuhnert built it in 1921.

Sometime later the resort was sold to D.R. Metzger. Food was then still served in the lodge, but “housekeeping” cottages were added.

From 1937-1945 Kathan Inn was owned and run by Albert H. Goodrich of Chicago.

During the summers of 1937 and 1938, Albert Goodrich ran Camp Wyandott, a fully accredited summer school, on the property.

Subsequent owners included:

Mr and Mrs Karl Rabeneck and his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Weiss (1945-1956),

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Main (1956-1992)

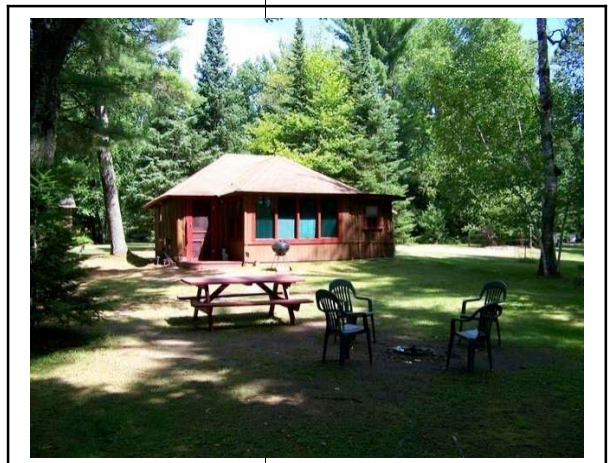
and a succession of other owners before being purchased in 2005 by present owners

Jim & Barb Domnick.

Today Kathan Inn & Resort includes a bar & grill, three year-around cabins, and two seasonal cabins.



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1ST LIEUTENANT DANIEL KATHAN

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Albany, N. Y. 23 November 1937

Mrs. Helen Boyd
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Rensselaer, New York

My dear Mrs. Boyd:

We are submitting herewith an abstract of the Revolutionary War service record of Lt. Daniel Kathan (Karthan, etc.) as it appears on the rolls of this state:

DANIEL KATHAN

Daniel Karthan commissioned, Feb. 26, 1776, 3d lieutenant in Capt. Jon'n Knight's company (Fulham) of the First or Lower Regiment of Cumberland County Militia under Col. Wm. Williams. Under changes in the above regiment, Aug. 18, 1778, Daniel Karthan appears as 1st lieutenant in the Fulham company with Josiah Allen as captain and Eleazer Patterson as colonel.

State Archives, v.1 (Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, v.15), p. 277.

Dan'l Kathan and others in a petition written at Fullam, December 13, 1775, addressed to Mr. Paul Spooner and to be presented to the Provincial Congress, protested against the choice of field officers which they stated was made illegally.

Daniel Karthan, 3d lieutenant in Capt. Jonathan Knight's company (Fullam), 1st Cumberland Regiment, according to return of the Committee of Safety for the County of Cumberland, Guilford, Feb'y 6th 1776 to the Provincial Congress.

Calendar of Historical Manu-

Mrs. Helen Boyd

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scripts relating to the War of the Revolution, v.1, p. 204; 280.

Sincerely yours,

Edna L. Jacobsen

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Head, Manus and History Section



FIRST FAMILIES OF VERMONT (1609—1791)



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In 1609, Champlain claimed the area now known as Lake Champlain for the Colony of New France. In 1690, a group of Dutch-British settlers from Albany, under the command of Capt. Jacobus deWarm, established the DeWarm Stockade, a settlement and trading post located at Chimney Point in 1690. The first permanent British settlement was established in 1724 with the construction of Fort Dummer in the far southeast corner of present-day Vermont. On March 4, 1791, Vermont was admitted to federal union. The Order of the First Families of Vermont recognizes those instrumental in the establishment of Vermont.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORDER

1. to identify and honor the memory of ancestors who were "First Families of Vermont,"
2. to associate the living descendants of these "First Families of Vermont," bringing them into close association through activities revolving around matters of

common genealogical and historical interest;

3. to collect and preserve records, documents and relics pertaining to the genealogy and history of the "First Families of Vermont";
4. to produce and distribute publications of all kinds relating to the genealogy and history of the "First Families of Vermont," and
5. to do everything and anything reasonably and lawfully necessary, proper, suitable or convenient for the achievement and furtherance of these purposes.

WHO MAY JOIN?

Men and women, over the age of 18 years, who are lineal descendants of men or women who, between 1609 and March 4, 1791, who

1. resided anywhere within the bounds of the present-day state of Vermont,
2. were engaged in commercial enterprise within the bounds of the present-day state of Vermont, regardless of their place of residence,
3. owned land situated within the bounds of the present-day state of Vermont, or
4. had military service of record that benefited or sought to secure the liberty of the territory comprising the present day state of Vermont, may be eligible for membership.

The fact that the land on which they lived was formerly claimed by another jurisdiction is immaterial.

THE EMBLEM OF THE ORDER

The emblem of the Order is comprised of a maple leaf (representing Vermont's industry) containing (i) the official name of the Order, (ii) a maple tree and two sheaves of wheat (for its agriculture), (iii) the head of a Morgan horse (representing sportsmanship), and (iv) a fleur-de-lis (symbolizing the French discovery of the territory). A ribbon at the top of the emblem contains the State's official motto, *Freedom and Unity*.

THE FOUNDING OF THE ORDER

In February 2010, Alexander Bannerman, Charles Owen Johnson and Patricia Sears Smith Wasilik, each having a direct ancestor who settled within the bounds of Vermont prior to its ratification of the Constitution of the United States on March 4, 1791, founded The Order of First Families of Vermont (1609-1791).

CONTACT

For an application, please contact the Governor,

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or the Genealogist,

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A one-time payment of \$190 is required for membership. The fee includes lifetime dues, a membership certificate and Insigne of the Order.

Find us on 



For our 2019 Reunion:

We plan to honor our military ancestors who are buried at the Kathan Cemetery and at other locations in the Dummerston and Putney area.

In addition to Col. Charles Kathan, there is also a William Divoll interred at the Kathan Cemetery.

On the left is the gravesite of William Divoll.





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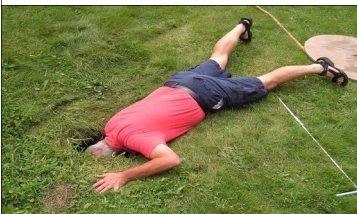
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groups/191218081597582/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/191218081597582/)

***Can't find that one
missing ancestor?
Send your inquiry to
Vickie
vstorlie@gmail.com***

Maybe she can help.



WE ARE THE KATHAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

OUR MISSION:

- To bring together descendants of Captain John Kathan, the first Kathan settler to this country. Arriving in 1729 at Massachusetts with his wife and infant child, then moving his family west to Worcester, north to Fort Dummer, and finally settling in 1753 in the area of Dummerston & Putney, (formerly Fulham) Vermont.
- To assist (our members and/or individuals) in identifying from which of the eight children of Captain John and Martha Kathan that they descend: Alexander (1729-1825), Margaret (1730-1803), John (1732-1802), Mary (1734-1822), Martha (1736-1810), Esther (1738-1779), Lieutenant Daniel (1741-1807), Col. Charles (1743-1793) and Joseph (1781-?), son of Captain John Kathan and 3rd wife Priscilla Winslow .
- To foster an interest in the Kathan Family History by creating a network of communication through the sharing of information – e.g. Old family documents, family photos and family stories, and by conducting periodic Kathan Family reunions.
- To preserve and perpetuate the heritage, history, and genealogy of our Kathan ancestors by means of establishing suitable memorials and publications for the benefit of future generations.
- To refurbish and maintain the Kathan Cemetery of Putney, Vermont, elevating it to a status of importance in the town's history and preserving it with a historic marker as part of a final resting place of the first Kathan settlers of the town.

SAINT CATHAN

*(St Cathan, St Cattán, St. Catán)
6th C. - ?*

He is an Irish monk who was the son of a King of Dalriada. Although little is known of his life, Cathan is associated with place names in Antrim and in the West of Scotland.

He is particularly connected to Kilchattan Bay in Bute, where he is thought to have lived and is linked to the foundation of a monastery which was developed by his nephew St. Blane, now known as St. Blane's Chapel. Cathan is thought to have tutored Blane and ordained him as a priest.

There is a St. Cathan's Chapel and Well on Gigha, Kilchattan Church on Luinig, a chapel at Lower Kilchattan on Colonsay and a further Kilchattan in Kintyre.

