

Grants From Society of Daughters of Holland Dames Support NNI Web Efforts

A grant from the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames, Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Families of New Netherland, will help sustain and expand NNI web efforts over the next three years.

NNI was awarded a Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Families of New Netherland Project Assistance Grant that provides \$25,000 per year over three years. The grant will ensure that NNI is able to continue making all relevant material emanating from the NNRC and elsewhere available to scholars, researchers, educators, and the general public.

NNI's Stephen McErleane will oversee the project. McErleane has served as the NNI Projects Manager and Web Content Editor for the past three years. He holds advanced degrees in history and information science and is currently a doctoral student in history at the University at Albany.

The Society of Holland Dames has also agreed to fund the \$40,000 metadata component of a project that will digitize the remaining records of the government of New Netherland in the collection of the New York State Archives. The metadata portion of the project facilitates online access to the manuscript scans. This work is expected to take less than two years. Work began in December 2015.

Founded in 1895, the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames supports excellence in historical research relating to the Dutch in America, New Netherland, and the Atlantic World and seeks to increase awareness of the people and culture of New Netherland.



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NNI Projects Manager and Web Content Editor Stephen McErleane will be expanding and developing the NNRC website for research with support from the Daughters of Holland Dames.