

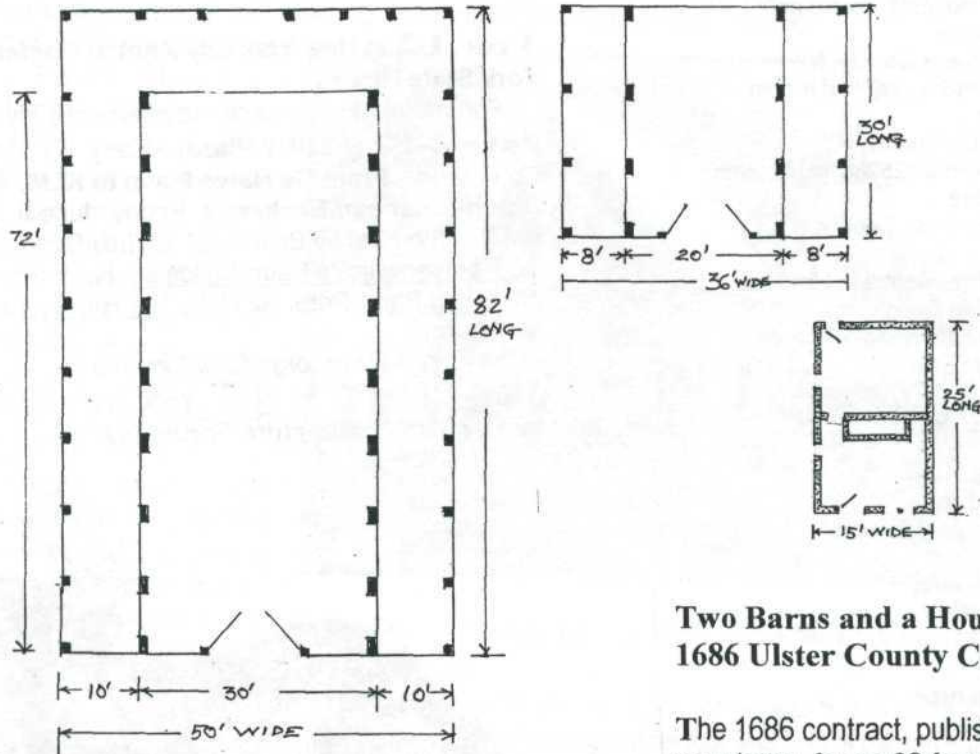
George found another description of a 1685 Ulster County barn in the Zimm manuscript in the Ulster County Genealogical Society Library. It is reproduced here as typed. The previous contract was for a large, 50-foot wide by 82-foot long barn with two side-aisles and a back aisle. It might be called a plantation barn. The new description is the house and barn of a tenant farmer.

Jacob Rutsen, the landlord, grants a ten-year lease to John Arney. He is to clear 60 acres and build a house and barn. No materials are specified for the small, what might be a two room house, perhaps built of logs. The small 36' wide by 30' long barn follows the classic wider-than-deep proportion of the three and four-bay New World Dutch barns into the 19th century. The 8-foot side aisles are the shortest recorded.

14 October 1685, Jacob Rutsen in the county of Ulster shoemaker, to John Arney of Marbletown, yeoman, doth lett land in Mombackus containing 300 Acres or thereabouts for ten years: John Arney to occupye improve and clear 60 acres of said land and put it in good sufficient fence According to the custom of the said county: and doth engage himself to build or cause to be built a good sufficient dwelling house 25 foot long & 15 foot bread of a Story and a half high - And alsoe a sufficient barne 30 foot long And 20 foot wide with two Lean-tos 8 foot wide on each side - and doth further engage that he shall pay $37\frac{1}{2}$ bushels winter wheat for each year of the two last years. N.B. That this bargaine not to begin before the 25 march 1686 and John Arney is to pay 5 bushels of wheat more every years. Signed, John Arney, Jacob Rutgerson. Wits: cornelius hoogeboom, John Ward, in presence of me, Thomas Chambers.

Transcribed in condensed form from Deed Books in the County Clerk's Office, Kingston, N. Y. by

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**Two Barns and a House
1686 Ulster County Contracts**

The 1686 contract, published in the last newsletter, for an 82-foot long 8-bay Dutch barn

(A. left) with two side-aisles and a back-aisle, might be termed a plantation barn and was funded by Manhattan money. It makes an interesting comparison with the 1641 9-bay Achter Col barn/house contract from Bergen County, New Jersey (see *DVA/NA* plate 6.). This 43 by 90-foot long barn had 9 and 10-foot wide side aisles. A T.C. DeWitt 1670 contract for a slightly shorter and wider 6-bay barn at Kingston measured 50-feet wide and 60-feet long. When all of these early contract are compared we have a picture of conformity of structure but variety in size and profile.

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Detail of a Rembrandt Etching
(collection Amsterdam, Rembrandthuis)

COMING EVENTS 2006=====

Saturday, April 15, 1:30 PM at The Albany Institute of History and Art, Key Conference Center, **John Stevens, Lecture and Book Signing.** Also HVVA **Monthly Meeting.**

(518) 463-4478 or <information@albanyinstitute.org>

April 26-29 at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, **Annual Meeting of Early American Industries Association (EAIA)** This event is jam-packed with historic trades, behind-the-scenes tours, new interpretive programs and a tour of the Jamestown Settlement.

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or phone Judith McMillan (518) 462-1264

May 12-14, 2006 at the Eastover Resort, Lenox, Mass. **Annual Meeting of the Traditional Timberframers Research and Advisory Group (TTRAG)**

Contact: Will Beemer, <will@tfguild.org> (413) 623-9926

May 22-26, 2006 at the Palatine Farmstead, Route 9, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, NY.

A 5-Day Barn Restoration Workshop will be held. This will continue last year's work of restoring the frame of the 1770 Dutch barn and rebuilding the foundation. We will also be shaving shingles, making doors and hope to have a blacksmith making nails and hardware. Lunch will be provided and fun is guaranteed. The project will be developed over the next two months. If you have suggestions or are interested in participating or supporting the workshop please contact HVVA and we will keep you informed.

June 1-3 in New York City **Annual Conference on New York State History**

For information contact: <conference@nyhistory.net>

June 8-10 at SUNY Plaza, Albany, NY. AANS/NNI Conference; **From De Halve Maen to KLM; 400 Years of Dutch-American Exchange.** Friday, June 9, 8:30 -10:00 AM "Hudson Valley Buildings". Shirley Dunn, Rensselaerswijck's Farm Buildings, Keith Cramer, Defining the Dutch Barn, Peter Sinclair, The Hay Barrack, Ned Pratt, Moderator.

Contact <www.nnp.org> for information.

June 14-17 in New York City **Meeting of The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF).**

