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Victorian Judge's Stand finds its way back to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds

The Victorian Judge's Stand came from the old Dutchess County Fairgrounds located in the Town of Washington on Rt. 44 by the Troop K Barracks. It sat on half logs and was used as the Judge's Stand.

In the early 1950's, George Corrin Jr., a set designer from NYC, purchased the Judge's Stand. He then had it dismantled piece by piece and transported it to his seasonal property located on Halstead Road, Salt Point, NY.

Once there he reassembled it along the bank of the Little Wappinger's Creek and set it upon concrete pillars to keep it off the ground. He preserved the original colors and installed screening around perimeter.

There it sat for over 60 years and he, his wife Jean and family had many summer picnics in the old gazebo.

The property was sold to Kevin and Marie Halton in 2013. By this time it was in need of restoration but more importantly they felt it was part of history and truly should belong once again to the Dutchess County Fairgrounds and be seen by many. Kevin contacted the Board of Directors of the DCF and an interest was displayed in having it returned and set up in the Olde Village along with the other historical buildings.

So, the Victorian Judge's Stand was once again dismantled, placed on a trailer, transported back to the DCF located in Rhinebeck. It was then unloaded, rebuilt and restored piece by piece, and painted just as George Corrin Jr. had painted it so long ago. You can view the whole process and pictures by going to www.haltonconstructioninc.com and clicking on the icon for Dutchess County Fairgrounds on their home page.

The Haltons would like to thank all those involved during the reconstruction process, including all their employees, A-W Coon & Sons Inc., Sylvester Painting Inc., and John and Tippy Stensrud and Steve Tonnesen for all their effort in restoring the old Judge's Stand. A special thanks to Edward Hackett, Dick Ellis, Andy Imperati, and David Fountain for all their efforts in generating community interest in this project.

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