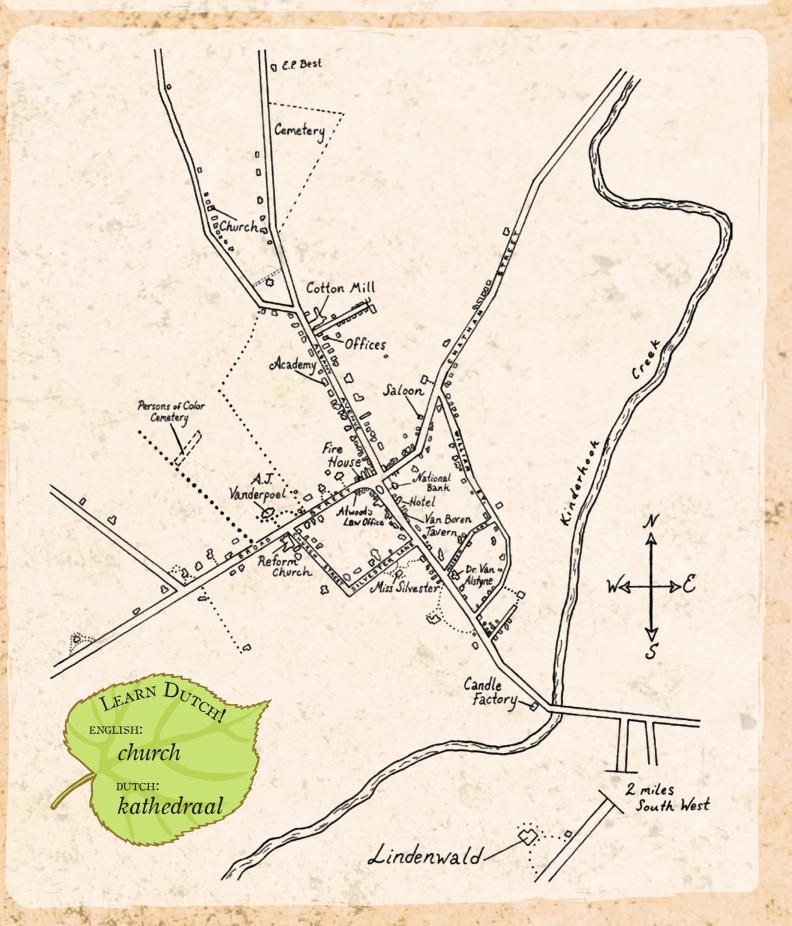


Create Your Own Family Tree

Write down the members of your family in the sections below. Draw lines between people who are married and between parents and their children. How big is your family compared to Martin Van Buren?

	Grandparents	
Aunts & Uncles	Parents	Aunts & Uncles
Brothers & Sisters	Me!	Cousins

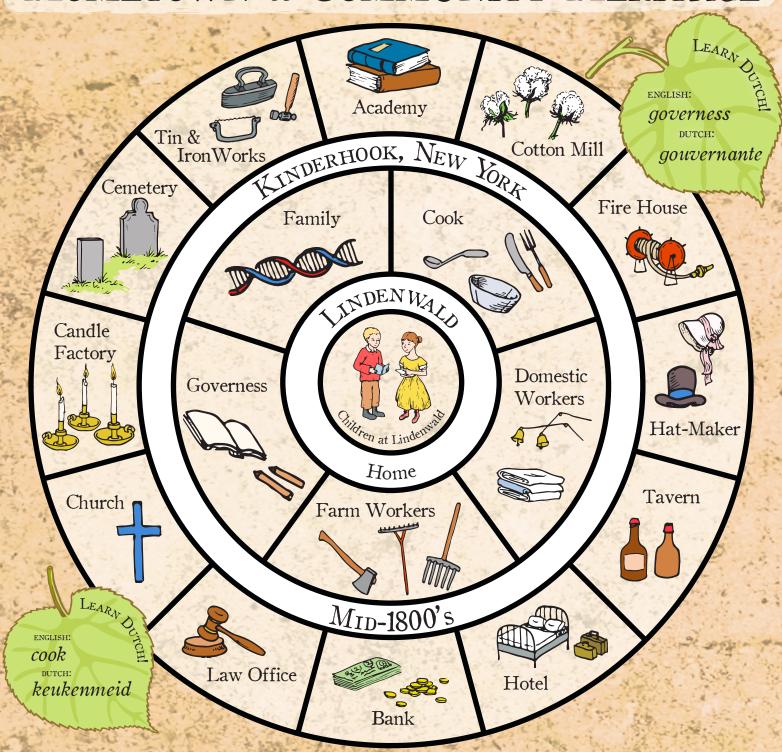
KINDERHOOK IN THE MID-1800s



Neighborhood Map

The world has changed a lot since the mid-1800s. What does your neighborhood look like now? Draw a map of notable places below.

Hometown & Community Heritage

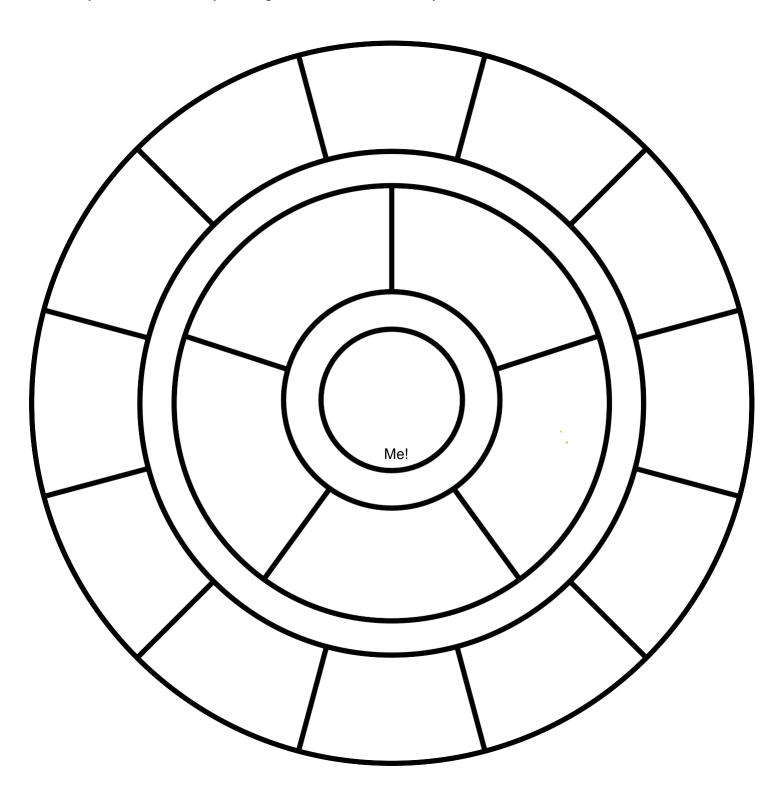


Martin Van Buren was deeply connected to Kinderhook and later to Lindenwald. He knew each intimately. This fostered a profound love and caring for his communities. The love for Kinderhook and Lindenwald in all their parts - people, structures, the land - created a desire to protect and serve his community, that is a civic sense.

This community wheel shows the people and places that surrounded MVB's grandchildren at Lindenwald and in the greater Kinderhook community. Compare this wheel with the map of Kinderhook on the previous. Then, think about the people and places that surround you today and create your own community wheel and neighborhood map on the attached activity pages.

Create Your Own Community Wheel

Using the community wheel about MVB's grandchildren as a guide, think about the people and places that surround you at home and in your neighborhood or town. Draw yourself in the center and then fill in the wheel!



Heraldic Symbols

These are some symbols that have been popular throughout history as parts of coats-of-arms, and their meanings. Use them as inspiration for designing your own coat-of-arms, or invent your own!

Colors:

Yellow or Gold: Generosity

White or Silver: Peace and sincerity Black: Constancy, sometimes grief

Blue: Loyalty and truth

Red: Strength, military fortitude

Green: Hope, joy and sometimes loyalty in love Purple: Royal majesty, sovereignty and justice

Orange: Worthy ambition

Maroon: Not hasty in battle, and yet a victor

Other Symbols:

Axe : Dutiful

Bridge: Signifies a governor or magistrate

Crosses: Christian sentiments

Crown: Authority

Fire: Zeal

Flaming Heart: Passion

Animals:

Bear : Protectiveness Bee : Industriousness Camel : Perseverance

Dog: Loyalty

Eagle: Leadership & Decisiveness Dragon: Defender of Treasure Falcon or Hawk: Eagerness

Fox: Cleverness

Griffin (part eagle, part lion): Bravery

Horse: Readiness to Serve

Lion: Courage

Pelican: Generosity & Devotion

Raven : Constancy Snake : Ambition

Stag, Elk, or Deer: Peace & Harmony

Tiger : Fierceness & Valor Unicorn : Extreme courage Wolf : Constant Vigilance

Fleur-de-lis (stylized Iris flower) - Purity (associated with France)

Hand: Faith, Sincerity, & Justice

Heart : Sincerity

Horns & Antlers : Fortitude Lightning : Decisiveness

Moon: Serenity

Oyster Shell: Traveler

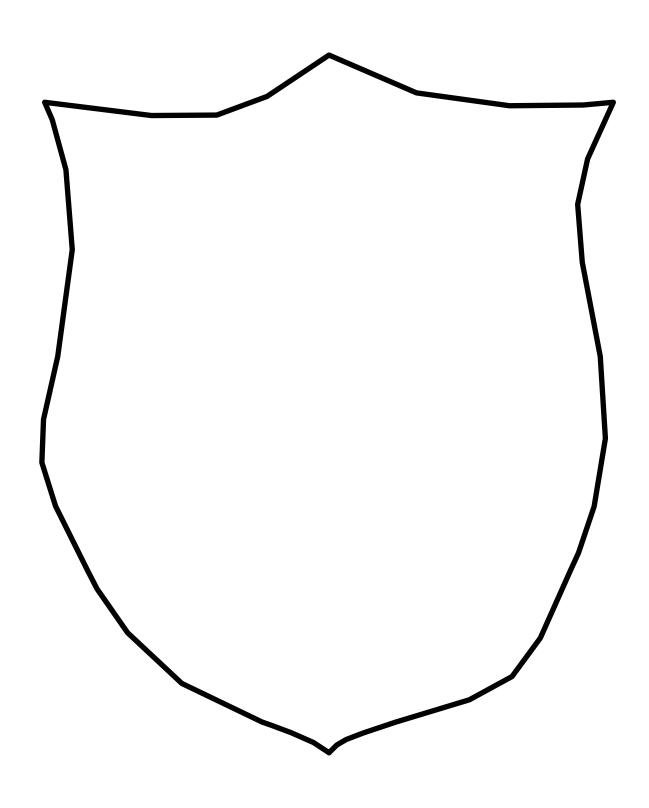
Ring: Fidelity Scepter: Justice Star: Nobility Sun: Glory Sword: War-like

Tower or Castle: Fortitude & Protectiveness



Draw Your Own Coat-of-Arms

The Van Buren family coat-of-arms features a sheild and imagery that symbolizes what the family stood for back when it was created. On the left is a greyhound for loyalty and on the right embattled stripes of red and gold for strength and generosity. Use the sheild template below to draw your own coat-of-arms, using symbols that represent you. You can use the list of heraldic symbols on the next page for inspiration, or make up your own!



Mother Goose Children's Songs and Rhymes

Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yessir, yessir,
Three bags full;

One for my master,
One for my dame,
And one for the little boy
That lives down the lane.

Hot-cross buns!
Hot-cross buns!
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot-cross buns!
If you have no daughters,
Give them to your sons;
One a penny, two a penny,
Hot-cross buns!

HOT CROSS BUNS!

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers;

A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked;

If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,

Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

WOOL!
BY THE BAG FULL
BY THE B

In our 21st century world, we have many different ways to learn and entertain ourselves. In the 19th century, President Van Buren's grandchildren and other children on the farm would read or sing or share rhymes. The children would have learned rhymes such as these from their parents as the family spent time in the parlor after supper. Give them a try!

What do you do for fun with your family?