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10:30 AM

1841 Historic Courthouse

101 Main Street

Goshen, NY

“Sarah: An American Pioneer”

Presented by: Julie Boyd Cole and Sarah Brownell

Julie Boyd Cole is an award-winning journalist and best-selling author. She was raised in Orange County, N.Y. and recently moved back to her home county. She is a 9th generation descendant of Sarah Wells Bull. She is the managing editor of the West Milford Messenger, a Straus News publication.

Sarah Brownell is an editor, writer, photographer, and researchers. She was raised in Orange County, N.Y., where she now lives. She is a 9th generation descendant of Sarah Wells Bull.

In the year 1712, young Sarah Wells' future in the New World didn't look very promising. She was an orphan, an indentured servant, and at the mercy of her master in the tiny new settlement of Manhattan. When she reached 21, she would have just two choices _ marry or sell herself to a new master for another seven years. Instead, she changed her fate. Her master, a land speculator with a sketchy reputation, offered her an unprecedented 100 acres if she would serve as his representative to make a claim in the wilderness of the Hudson River Highlands. She set aside her overwhelming fear and headed north with a handful of hired carpenters and three Native men in a single-mast sloop. Not only did the young woman survive the journey into the wild, but she thrived for nearly a century in Orange County, N.Y. In the wilderness and with the assistance of the Munsee tribe of Indigenous people, she eventually married, had 12 healthy children, built a stone house that still stands today, survived the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, outbreaks of yellow fever and small ox and the unbelievable uncertainty of frontier life.

Julie Boyd Cole and Sarah Brownell dig into the circumstantial and documented evidence of her courageous life and share her true story in this phenomenal work, Sarah, An American Pioneer. The Circumstantial and Documented Evidence of the Courage Life of Sarah Wells Bull, that ranked as a best seller on Amazon's colonial history list.

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