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Ulster County Turns 325! County Clerk And County Historian Host Commemorative Postmark Cancellation Ceremony

Nina Postupack, Ulster County Clerk, and County Historian, Karlyn Knaust Elia will host a Pictorial Postmark Cancellation Ceremony on Friday, October 31, 2008 at 3:30 PM, on the 2nd floor of the Ulster County Office Building. The ceremony will commemorate the 325th anniversary of the County of Ulster, founded November 1, 1683. A United States Postal Service representative will be on hand to officially cancel postage with a special anniversary postmark.

Any first class mail presented at the temporary Post Office will receive the commemorative postmark. The postmark will also be available for thirty days after the ceremony at the main branch of the Kingston Post Office at 90 Cornell Street, Kingston, New York.

The County of Ulster was formed November 1, 1683 at Fort James, New York during the first general assembly of elected representatives. Representing Esopus were delegates Henry Beekman and William Ashford. During the assembly, the province of New York was divided into twelve counties and Ulster was one. Ulster County is believed to be named in honor of James Stuart, the Duke of York, who held the Irish title of Earl of Ulster.

The Ulster County Office Building is at 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York. The cancellation ceremony will be held on the 2nd floor directly outside the main office of the Ulster County Clerk. For further information about the ceremony and other programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040.