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Joseph, b. July 16, 1737; m. before 1762, Rebecca Paxton, b. Dec. 16, 1738; d. March 4, 1816. He d. Dec., 1810.

Sarah.

Stephen.

Samuel.

*Vide further Visitation of Devonshire, 1620, p. 132, Harleian Society Publications; Genealogical Gleanings in England, Vol. II, pp. 1020-1, and Tuttle Family, p. 310.*

## THE SKILLMANS OF AMERICA AND THEIR KIN.

BY WILLIAM JONES SKILLMAN, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

(Continued from Vol. XXXVII., p. 26, of THE RECORD.)

In due order we come now to the third generation, to the children of Thomas<sup>s</sup> Skillman and Annetje Aten, and grandchildren of Thomas<sup>s</sup> Skillman and Sara Petit.

4. JAN<sup>s</sup> SKILLMAN (Thomas<sup>s</sup>, Thomas<sup>s</sup>), bap. June 24, 1696, in the Collegiate Church, N. Y.; Johannes Borgeers and Francina Stultheer, widow of Jan Wesselszen, sponsors, and next heard of not until a full generation later. A tract of land on the Millstone River, below Rocky Hill, Somerset Co., N. J., was then conveyed by John Van Horne and Catharine, his wife (deed dated Dec. 14, 1729), to Thomas, the father, who purchased the same, 500 acres and more, jointly for Jan and his brother Isaac. There in that wilderness Jan Skillman built his house, near where Beden's Brook (of to-day) joins the river. Peter Vanderveer lived there (and Lawrence Vanderveer across the road) over a century later, and there Jan d. about 1765 "of a lingering, painful disease," probably cancer. Jan Skillman may have married and had children long before on Long Island, but there is no record of it. Coming to New Jersey, he m. Anna Hull (b. 1710-12), dau. of Benj. (b. 1680) and his wife Sarah, who was a dau. of Rev. John Drake, first pastor of the Piscataway Baptist Church (Middlesex Co.), N. J. The father of this Benj., also Benj. Hull, and the latter's brother, Hopewell Hull, were pioneer settlers of that region, coming there from Piscataqua, Me. The Hulls were closely interrelated with the Dunns, Doteys (Doughtys), Fitz Randolphs, Folsoms, Runyons, and others. Sarah, becoming a widow, m. Israel Folsom (they lived near the "Landing," just above New Brunswick), and *her* will as Sarah Folsom, dated May 2 and proved May 22, 1749, names "my beloved dau. Anne, wife of John Skillman;" and the will of this "Anne, widow of John Skillman, Somerset Co.," dated Dec. 25, 1772, and proved before Gov. William Franklyn, Jan. 9, 1776, names 3 sons and 1 daughter. Children of Jan Skillman and Anna Hull:

- 11 i. Osie, b. 1730? Aaghje or Agatha?
- ii. Christopher, b. 1732; m. *circa* 1758, Ruth, 4th dau. (b. 1740) of Nathaniel Fitz Randolph and wife, Rebecca

Mershon, of Princeton. Nath. Fitz Randolph gave the original plat of land for the campus of Nassau Hall, and perhaps did more than any one else to plant the College of New Jersey at that point. He was 7th child (b Nov. 11, 1703) of Benj. Fitz Randolph and Sarah Dennis, who removed from Piscataway to Princeton, 1696-99. Edw'd, his father, was a native of Nottingham, Eng. The grave of N. F. R. was recently discovered (1902) in a corner of the University grounds. His sister, Ruth, aunt of Ruth Skillman, m. (1) John Harrison, of Griggstown, N. J. (2 child'n), and m. (2), in 1720, John Snowden, of Philadelphia (4 child'n). Christopher Skillman d. probably soon after m., and without issue. His name is not in the mother's will of 1772.

iii. Isaac. "To my loving son, Isaac, £50." So he is remembered in the will of Anne, his mother.

12 iv. Jacob, b. *circa* 1736.

v. Sarah. "My loving daughter," her mother calls her, "wife of Thomas Skillman, of Kingstowne." She was b. 1738, and m. 1762 her cousin, Thomas, 2d son of Benj. Skillman and wife, Margaret Coe, then of Dutch Kills. She herself gets her mother's "moveable estate" at death; and to *her* dau., Anne, the grandmother by will, as name-gift, bequeaths "one chintz gown." Later on, on becoming a widow, the name of Sarah appears in property transfers signed "Sallie Skillman" (Middlesex Co. Records, N. Brunswick), *i. e.*, "two lots or parcels of land at Kingston" sold for \$800, Capt. William Jones (great-grandfather of the writer) being witness to the deed. (See Thomas' Skillman, *post*.)

13 vi. Benjamin, b. about 1740.

14 vii. John, b. 1742.

5. ANNETJE' SKILLMAN ('Thomas', Thomas'), bap. Ref. Dutch Church of N. Y. (Colleg.), Jan. 13, 1703; Pieter Bant (Bond) and Catharine Davids, sponsors. By a blunder, the babe's mother at the bap. had been recorded as Annetje *Wijt*, instead of Aten. The wife of Pieter Bant was Martha Wijt, and it seems to have been assumed that she and the mother were sisters; hence the confusion. Annetje became the second wife of the widowed husband of her elder sister, Elizabeth Skillman, Hendrick, eldest son of Johannes Van de Water and his wife, Baafje Jans, bap. Nov. 23, 1692; Jan Siphens and Grietje V. de Water, sponsors. In the Collegiate Church Register are these two entries, marriages: (1) Johannes V. de Water, j. m., van N. Yorck, en Baafje Jans, j. d., als boven heijde wonende alhier, Aug. 5, 1692; (2) Hendrick V. de Water, j. m., van Amsterdam, en Margaret Van der Meulen, j. d., van Rotterdam, April 21, 1662. These were parents and grandparents of Hendrick, and grandma Grietje was sponsor at his baptism. Children of Annetje and Hendrick Van de Water:

- i. Anna V. d. Water, bap. Dec. 26, 1722; Thomas Skillman and Petronella V. d. Water, sponsors.
- ii. Pieterrella V. d. Water, bap. Nov. 4, 1724; Cornelis Kloppe and Pieterrella Bonnet, sponsors.
- iii. Maria V. d. Water, bap. Aug. 4, 1726; Jacobus Skillman and Maria Skillman, sponsors.
- iv. Albertus V. d. Water, bap. Nov. 22, 1728; Willem V. d. Water and Petronella V. d. Water, sponsors.
- v. Thomas V. d. Water, bap. July 4, 1731; Daniel Bonnet and Petronella V. d. Water, sponsors.
- vi. Pieterrella V. d. Water, bap. Aug. 5, 1732; Jacobus Quik and Pieterrella V. d. Water, sponsors.
- vii. Thomas V. d. Water, bap. March 27, 1734; Cornelis Kloppe, Sr., and Catharine Greveraet, wife of Cornelis Kloppe, Jr., sponsors.
- viii. Elizabeth V. d. Water, bap. Nov. 12, 1735; Cornelis Kloppe and Maria Skillman, wife of Johs. Band, sponsors.
- ix. Hendrick V. d. Water, bap. Nov. 13, 1737; Benj. Skillman and Rijntje Van Brakele, wife of J. Stevens, sponsors.
- x. Margrita V. d. Water, bap. Jan. 16, 1739; Cornelis Brouwer and Anna V. d. Water, j. d., sponsors.
- xi. Heijltje V. d. Water, bap. Feb. 8, 1744; Thomas Hollik and Heijltje Kloppe, widow of Jacobus Quik, sponsors.
- xii. Thomas V. d. Water, bap. March 6, 1746; Willem Pears and Maria V. d. Water, j. d., sponsors.

6 ABRAHAM<sup>6</sup> SKILLMAN (Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), bap. April 18, 1704; Jan Aten and Sara Breese, sponsors. Lijsbet Skillman, aunt of the babe, was wife of Jan Aten, and Sara Breese, now wife of Cornelis Breese, was his grandmother. Abraham m. Margaret Fine of N. Y. City. Notes of interest as to this New York family: Judith, dau. of Gov. Stuyvesant, was sponsor at the bap. Aug. 27, 1751, of Judith, dau. of Capt. Francois Fijn (*Val. Man.*, 1863). John Fine (*Nat. Man.*, 1864) had children bap. in Ref. Dutch (Colleg.) Church, N. Y.: Gerrit, Sept. 26, 1697; Jan, May 18, 1698; Gerardus, Sept. 3, 1699, and Willem, July 26, 1702; also, in strangely close succession, Barendius, bap. Dec. 7, 1707; Jacob, Dec. 14, 1707, and Maria, Dec. 17, 1707! How explain this? Then in a muster roll of "souldjers for y<sup>e</sup> Expedition of Albany, A.D. 1689, y<sup>e</sup> 13 March," is a Johannes Fine of N. Y. (*Doc. Mix.*, Vol. I, pp. 116, 117). Capt. Thomas Skillman (see Introduction, *ante*, p. 23) received "14 oz. of plate for services at Albany under Captain Lewis, 1689-90. Later, Thomas Fijn and Johanna Rúnjen (Runyon) had Joseph, bap. (Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y.) June 30, 1762, Egbert V. der Hoeve and Margarita Hendersly, his wife, being sponsors. Jacob Fijn also, May 11, 1703, is one of the Helgate Petitioners, along with Thomas Skillman and his step-father, Cornelis Breese, and others. Abraham Skillman's home during life was upon the ancestral farmstead (father's and grandfather's) at Dutch or Maspeth Kills. In the division of the land after his

father's death, he had the north half, leaving to his brother Benjamin the south half and the old-time home where all the children of this generation, and of the preceding one, perhaps, were born. In the Revolutionary War (long after) Abraham took refuge in New Jersey, probably with his brothers there. During that dark time the well at his home was poisoned, and some Hessian soldiers camped on the farm were victims; and, probably to shield the Patriots, this deed was charged to a negro. Abraham's fine apple orchard, cut for firewood during the War, was a sad regret to him the rest of his life. His home, built by him on these ancestral acres, where he, his wife and children lived, perched on its grassy slope, was swept away about 1840 by the growth of Long Island City, now, with Brooklyn, the whole of the Newtown region and its hamlets and villages, Maspeth or Dutch Kills, Newtown village, Middletown, and later, Astoria, besides regions beyond, to-day being swallowed up in the Borough of Brooklyn, Greater New York. This Abraham Skillman house was long conspicuous. "It stood, a celebrity for generations, on the roadside a few yards north of Thompson Avenue." (*L. I. City Star*, March 28, 1879.) Skillman Avenue, Brooklyn, owes its name to this ancient landmark. The dwelling stood at the highest point of the old (undivided) farm, a little north of the original homestead dwelling, the old stone house, where, as said, all the Skillman's in this country were born and up to this generation had probably lived some portion of their lives. Children of Abraham Skillman and his wife, Margaret Fine:

- i. Thomas: Some doubts occur here as to the record. Never m. and was lost at sea, is the tradition. But this is uncertain. Was b. *circa* 1730.
- ii. Hester, b. 1732; m. William Paynter, who came, a Quaker, from Philadelphia (others say from Southampton, L. I.), to whom his father-in-law (also inclined to Quakerism and never went to church), in a deed, 1788, conveyed his farm at Dutch Kills (see ab.); consideration, £767. This led to a law-suit and to sore trouble in the household. (Skillman's of N. Y., p. 18.)
- iii. Elizabeth, b. July 9, 1737; d. June 7, 1807; m. John Morrell. Two sons of theirs, John and Abraham, served in the Rev. War, on the Patriot side. A dau., Margaret Skillman Morrell, m. Thomas Cumberson, and d. at 12 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, April 28, 1878, ae. 101 yrs., 5 mos. and 19 days.
- iv. Catharine, m. Isaac Messerole, of Bushwick, great-grandson of Jean Messerole and his wife, Jonica, who in 1663 came in the *Bontekoe* (Spotted Cow) "with sucking child" (only son), Jean, from Picardy, France.
7. ISAAC<sup>s</sup> SKILLMAN (Thomas<sup>s</sup>, Thomas<sup>s</sup>), b. 1706; record of bap. lost. First public account of him is found in deed given at sale of his farm (Dutch Kills) of 24 acres to Samuel Alburdis, Nov. 25, 1729, for £140. Thomas, his father, was witness to this deed, and Isaac is described as Cordwainer. He is mentioned third in his

father's will, Feb. 23, 1739, and the following therefrom specially concerns him and his elder brother: "Whereas I have a conveyance of John Van Horne and Catharine his wife for a certain tract of land lying at Rariton, New Jersey, and my sons, John Skillman and Isaac Skillman, have paid part of the consideration money, my will and order is that if they shall pay the remaining part thereof, so as I and mine are fully discharged therefrom and acquitted thereof, that then my other sons, by name Abraham, Jacob, Benjamin, and Joseph Skillman, shall release the same unto the s'd John Skillman and Isaac Skillman." This "tract" (see *Ante*) on the Millstone below Rocky Hill, N. J., stretched upward toward Sourland Mountain, and contained 500 and odd acres. Isaac Skillman built his home, very much in the wilderness then, on the upper or western portion, near the present village of Harlingen. Just who Isaac's wife was we do not know. By one tradition she was "a Hull from Black River (small stream, near Peapack, N. J.) and was an Englishwoman." "The children were laughed at in Harlingen because they did not speak Dutch." There were Hulls in the Black River or Peapack locality, members of the family at Piscataway. By others it is thought that Isaac's wife was a Beekman. Neither tradition is yet established. He was certainly married before leaving Long Island, *circa* 1726, and with Jan, his brother (John), removed to New Jersey in 1730. Children of Isaac Skillman and wife (unknown):

- 15    i. Thomas, b. 1727.
- 16    ii. Benjamin, b. 1729.
- iii. Isaac: First gospel minister of the name; b. 1740. Prepared under care of the First Baptist Church of N. Y. City, at Rev. Isaac Eaton's School at Hopewell, Hunterdon Co., N. J., and was graduated at Princeton (a few miles distant) in 1766. He declined a call to the Hopewell Church (Bap.), tendered him July 26, 1773; but same year became pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., where he remained 14 years. In 1787 he returned to New Jersey, becoming, Sept. 18, 1790, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church in that State, dying suddenly June 8, 1799, "in his 59th year," and is buried in Salem Baptist Churchyard. He received the doctorate (D.D.) from Rhode Island College (now Brown University) in 1774, and never married.
- iv. Jacob, settled as a pioneer in Ohio, near Cincinnati probably, where he was visited by relatives (three grandchildren of his brother Thomas) on their way to Lexington, Ky., in 1817. They reported him "a well-to-do farmer with servants, and his wife a pleasant woman; but they had no children."
8. JACOB'S SKILLMAN (Thomas', Thomas'), b. 1708, and bap. in Brooklyn; record lost. When 18 he was one of the sponsors (Aug. 4, 1726) at the bap. in Ref. Dutch Church of New York of Maria Van de Water, his sister Ann's third child. In 1731 he

subscribed £2 15s. for building the first Ref. Dutch Church at Newtown. Had children afterward bap. there, and also at Flatlands. His pew (No. 10, n.w. side, middle aisle, in Newtown Church) was transferred, Jan. 8, 1757, to William Van Duyn, and some time before that he removed with his family to Kingston, N. J. There he bought land (600 acres says tradition), and built the first mill at that point, just where the Great Road to and from New York and Philadelphia (half-way between the cities) crosses the Millstone. There also he opened a store, and besides kept a tavern. Jacob Skillman's home on Long Island, previous to his removal, was a farmstead purchased by his father, near Hempstead Swamp, about 2½ miles south of Newtown Village, whereon he built him a house. About 1729 he m. Jannetje, dau. of Johannes Van Alst and Aeltje his wife. Of Netje's sisters, Leah m. John Parcell, and Geesje m. Abraham Rýcker (see Ryker's Newtown). The father of these three, Johannes (b. Aug. 5, 1667; d. 1749), was the only son (having issue) of Joris Stevenson Van Aalst de Caper, who came to New Amsterdam from Bruges, 1652, and settled at Maspeth, where he m. Geesje, dau. of Harman Hendricksen. He was originally from the Aalst or Alost district of West Flanders, the name "de Caper," doubtless because of sinister or ambiguous import, being soon dropped. Jacob d. about 1783 and Jannetje somewhat earlier. Children of Jacob Skillman and Jannetje Van Alst:

- i. Jane, bap. at Amersfort (Flatlands) Ref. Dutch Church (Vincentius Antonides, pastor), May 31, 1731. No further record.
- 17 ii. John, b. 1733.
- 18 iii. Jacob, b. 1735.
- iv. Sara, b. 1738. Vague tradition; the name a mere shadow of a shade; scarcely that.
- 19 v. Abraham, b. 1740.
- vi. Leah, bap. in Ref. Dutch Church of Newtown, 1742, and named for her mother's sister, Leÿa Van Alst, wife of John Parcell; father and mother witnesses.
- vii. Thomas, b. 1743? In "names of persons for whom marriage licenses were issued" prior to 1790 (Penn. Archives, Vol. II, p. 267), a "permit" was issued for Thomas Skillman and Mary Finney, Nov. 7, 1767; and in 1769, presumably the same person, classed "shopkeeper" and "rated £5 on 40 acres of land, 1 horse and 1 cow in Oxford Township, County of Philadelphia, Thomas Shallcross," assessor, is named. (Penn. Arch., Vol. XIV, p. 39.)
- viii. Mary, b. 1745? m. July 21, 1766, William Fullerton, Philadelphia (Penn. Arch.). All is conjectural (here as with preceding Thomas) except dates of record; but there is no place for these names elsewhere; they are of this generation, and I find warrant for setting them in this list.
- 20 ix. George, b. 1747.

*(To be continued.)*

I am much gratified at the action of the Trustees of the Genealogical and Biographical Society. I hope to be able to visit the Society occasionally, and thereby keep in touch with old friends for whom I have a great regard. I have read your admirable paper with much interest, both as to the valuable matter, and finished manner, in which the character of Mr. Van Rensselaer is portrayed."

About a month before his death, I spent an hour with the Consul-General, who, it may be mentioned, bore a striking resemblance to Henry Clay. He was in a reminiscent mood, and described some of his many voyages made as supercargo seventy years previous, and alluding to the fact that he remembered the arrival of the *Great Western*, on her first voyage across the Atlantic. He had seen John Adams when a schoolboy, adding the very interesting statement that he had known, or seen, all but six of our Presidents, not quite equal to Horace Binney's record, who, as he informed the writer, had known Washington and all his successors down to Grant inclusive, during whose second administration he passed away at the great age of ninety-six. Mr. Smith then described the grandeur of Webster's appearance and oratory, he having frequently heard him speak in Boston, New York and Washington, also alluding to the charm of Clay's oratory. He then gave me interesting particulars of the way in which he aided the Baptist missionaries during the Civil War, which has been already mentioned in this article. As I left the venerable Christian gentleman who had lived a spotless life, and whom I had enjoyed the pleasure of knowing for two score years, the words of the old poet occurred to me as not inappropriate to him:

Of no distemper, of no blast he died,  
But fell like autumn fruit that mellowed long,  
Even wondered at because he dropped no sooner;  
Fate seemed to wind him up for four score years,  
Yet freshly ran he on twelve winters more,  
Till, like a clock worn out in eating time,  
The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

The accompanying photogravure of the Consul-General is copied from a photograph made by Alman and Company of New York, in 1898.

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(Continued from Vol. XXXVII., p. 96, of *THE RECORD*.)

George<sup>4</sup> Skillman (No. 20), b. 1747, named at the close of the previous paper, it may be added, was the writer's great-grand-father. His full record will be given in due order. The names of his two uncles, his father's younger brothers, added, close up the present or third generation, and we then enter upon the fourth.



9. BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup> SKILLMAN (Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1710, bap. in Brooklyn. He was sponsor at the bap., 1737, in N. Y. (Ref. Dutch Church) of Hendrick V. de Water, 9th child of his sister Ann. With his brothers Abraham and Jacob, he was appointed executor of his father's will of 1739. His name also with Abraham's appears in a list (Newtown, May 26, 1755) of "owners of negro slaves." Benjamin's home from birth was the ancestral "stone house" (see *Ante*) of which the northwest corner, when the old Dutch Kills road (later, School Street, Brooklyn) was widened, jutted into the highway. These 78 acres fell to him as his share of his father's property, and this farm he sold, April 11, 1764, to Abraham Polhemus, (the deed being witnessed by Thomas,<sup>4</sup> son of Abraham<sup>3</sup> Skillman), and removed to Kingston-Princeton, N. J. Benjamin m. about 1731, Margaret, dau. of Samuel Coe and Margaret Van Zandt, his wife. Margaret Coe's grandfather, Capt. John Coe, was son of Robert,<sup>3</sup> and grandson of Robert<sup>1</sup> Coe, who, b. 1596, came from Norfolk, Eng., in the ship *Francis* to Watertown, Mass., in 1634, and to Boston the same year. (Huntingdon's *Hist. of Stamford*). The son Robert removed to Hempstead, L. I., in 1644, then to Jamaica in 1656, and finally to Newtown. Sam'l Coe, Margaret Skillman's father, removed to Haverstraw, N. Y., and d. there in 1742. By will, dated May 11, 1741, he left "Margaret, wife of Benj. Skillman of Newtown" £40. Benj. Skillman d. 1783, his wife earlier. By his will, June 5, 1777, probated Jan. 31, 1784, Jacob Skillman, Jr., Wm. Badcock, and Lemuel Scudder (great grandfather of the writer) witnesses; two sons and six daughters are named. Children of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> Skillman and Margaret Coe his wife:

- 21 i. Samuel,<sup>4</sup> b. 1732.
- ii. Ann, b. 1735, and m. at Dutch Kills her own cousin, Benjamin, 2nd son of Isaac of Harlingen, Somerset Co., N. J. He afterward was farmer and inn keeper for many years at Griggstown, N. J. Ann d. March 3, 1795, and her remains lie in the Beekman burying ground at Griggstown. They had four sons.
- iii. Margaret, b. 1737. To her was bequeathed, as to each of her six sisters, £60, by the will of 1777 of the father.
- 22 iv. Thomas, b. 1739.
- v. Elizabeth, bap. Oct. 4, 1741, at Newtown Dutch Ref. Church, by Domine Johannes Henricus Goetschius, Abraham, Benjamin's elder brother serving as one of the sponsors, and the babe's grandmother, Annetje Aten, as the other.
- vi. Mary, b. 1743.
- vii. Sarah, b. 1745.
- viii. Mercy, b. 1747.
10. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup> SKILLMAN (Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1712; record of bap. is non-extant. Joost, as he was called, was lame in one of his feet from childhood, and much kept within doors at home in his youth, and yet had spent apparently a rather robust out-of-door life for sixty years. He was "a farmer" in Bushwyck (heart of Brooklyn today), Skillman Street getting its name from this

family, and the farm on which he spent his life he gave at death to his 4th son, John, by will of Oct. 1, 1767, probated April 18, 1772. The witnesses to this will were William Craambos, Peter Vandewater, and Jno. Roosevelt, the executors being Sarah, his wife, Jacob Messerole, his brother-in-law, and his friend Theodorus Polhemus. By this will other small lots of land in Bushwick were bequeathed to his son Joseph, and varying sums of money to each of the remaining members of the family. To his wife (who survived him), the testator devised "also the use of my negro Tom to wait on her during her life." All the heads of families of this generation of Skillmans were probably owners of slaves, though they never called them such; Abraham and Benjamin as well as Joost or Joseph were, and quite certainly the others. Thomas,<sup>23</sup> their father, in his will of 1739, gave his executors full power "to sell my negro man Sam and my negro woman Dorcas, as soon as convenient after my decease." In 1735 Joseph m. Sara, dau. of Jan<sup>s</sup> Messerole and Elizabeth his wife, of Bushwick. Sara was sister of Isaac Messerole who m. Catharine Skillman, the dau. of Abraham, Joseph's elder brother. Isaac and Sara here were grandchildren of Jan<sup>s</sup> or Jean Messerole, Jr., the "sucking child" (and only son) of Jean Messerole and Jonica, his wife, brought with them in 1663 from Picardy. Their grandmother was Maritje Coevert. Children of Joseph and Sara (Messerole) Skillman:

- 23 i. Thomas,<sup>a</sup> b. 1736.
- ii. William, b. 1739? Governor Clinton (Dec. 22, 1780) pledged the faith of his State (N. Y.) to persons advancing money for American prisoners (Rev. War) on Long Island. Of those who made the advance or cashed these pledges, never perhaps expecting a return, were Thomas Skillman and William Skillman, first of that forename in the family. There were 149 men of Long Island on this roll of honor, and all were paid eventually (1785?). (See *N. Y. in Rev. as Col'y and State. Supplementary Vol. 2*, p. 169). Undoubtedly William belongs in this family, but he has no further record.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. 1741; m. May 28, 1762, her cousin, Albertus Van de Water, son of Hendrick and Annetje (Skillman) Van de Water of N. Y. City; was sponsor at bap. July 17, 1767 (Ref. Dutch Church, N. Y.) of Abm., son of Jeremia Brouwer and his wife Elizabeth, sister of Albertus. At same church their own dau. Petronella, was bap. Jan. 27, 1775, "Lucas C. Quik en de moeder getuigen" (witnesses).
- iv. Sarah, b. 1743; m. (1) Oct. 13, 1762, John Hubbard; m. (2) March 26, 1773, Rich'd Smith; m. (3) March 23, 1776, James Brush, of Huntington, L. I.
- v. Mercy, b. 1745; m. June 19, 1773, William Conselyea, descendant of Jan de Conchilier, immigrant from Holland with wife and five children in 1662. (*Doc. Hist. N. Y.*, Vol. III., p. 33).

24 vi. Joseph, b. 1748.

25 vii. John, b. 1750.

viii. Antje or Anna Maria, bap. at Flatbush, Oct. 22, 1752, dau. of "Joost Skillman en Sara Miserol;" m. Sept. 1, 1773, Benj. Brush of Huntington, L. I.

This closes our record of the third and brings us in proper order to the fourth generation of the descendants of Captain Thomas Skillman of Newtown, L. I. (Maspeth or Dutch Kills) and Sara Petitt, his wife, and of their only son, Thomas and wife Annetje Aten.

11. OSIE<sup>\*</sup> SKILLMAN (Jan,<sup>\*</sup> Thomas,<sup>\*</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 1730; m. (2nd wife) John Doughty, b. June 4, 1709. The Doughtys (Dotey, Doten) were from Cape Cod, descendants of Edw'd Doty of the Mayflower Company who m. Faythe Clark, b. 1619. Their son, Sam'l Doty, b. at Plymouth "on the High Cliffe," 1643; m. Nov. 5, 1678, Jane Harmon. Their son, Sam'l, b. 1679, m. 1700 (Piscataway, N. J.), Elizabeth, dau. of Sam'l Hull (son of Hopewell Hull) and Mary Manning, dau. of Joeffrey and Hep-saba Manning. John Doughty (he preferred Doty) was *their* 4th son. He and wife Osie Skillman lived at Basking Ridge, N. J. They had:

i. Thomas Doughty, b. 1750; m. a Skillman and had ten children. A blacksmith, he removed to Farquier (or Culpepper), Co. Va., and 1805 to Kentucky, and there d. 1841, æ. 90 years. His 5th child, Osie, m. Patrick Brady in Virginia, and his third child, Skillman Doughty, removed from Kentucky to Abingdon, Ia., where a dau. of the latter, Susan Doughty (1901) still lives.

ii. Skillman Doughty, b. Oct. 17, 1755 at Basking Ridge; m. there Hannah Hayden, b. Dec. 4, 1762, and had five children. In the Rev. War he was in a Militia Regt. of Somerset Co., and also artificer in the Quart. Mast. Gen's Dept. Removed, 1810, to Romulus, N. Y., and d. there, 1840; wife 1850.

12. JACOB<sup>\*</sup> SKILLMAN (Jan,<sup>\*</sup> Thomas,<sup>\*</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1736. In will, 1772, "item, to my loving son, Jacob, £100, and my negro wench, Dinah." With "Thomas Skillman, of Kingstowne" (brother-in-law) appointed executor; paid taxes (1790) on 200 acres in Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J.; afterward "removed to some German Settlement, near Allegheny Mts. Penn;" and later appears with family among early pioneers of Ohio (Miami Valley). He and wife Massa (Mercy?) had four sons. Other children may have remained in the East. These four sons were:

26 i. Isaac,<sup>\*</sup> b. 1770.

27 ii. Benjamin, b. 1776.

28 iii. Jacob, b. 1778.

29 iv. Abraham, b. 1782.

13. BENJAMIN<sup>\*</sup> SKILLMAN (Jan,<sup>\*</sup> Thomas,<sup>\*</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1740, and his mother's will (1772) gives "two sheep to him and his assigns forever." He paid tax on 220 acres (1790) at or near Mt. Airy, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Had:

30 i. Benjamin,<sup>\*</sup> b. 1773.

14. JOHN<sup>4</sup> SKILLMAN (Jan,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1742, and, grown up, purchased or inherited the home-farm (253 acres or  $\frac{1}{2}$  the tract bought by his grandfather Thomas<sup>3</sup> for his father Jan<sup>2</sup> and his uncle Isaac.<sup>2</sup> This he sold April 30, 1768 (deed witnessed by Thomas<sup>3</sup> Skillman, cousin, and Edw'd Van Harlingen), to Roelif Van Dyck for "£300 current money of the Province," and then with family removed to Londoun Co., Va., (near present Leesburg). In 1763, John Skillman m. Catharine, dau. of Christopher Beekman and Sarah Cox, his wife. This Christopher Beekman was 3d son of Christoffel Beekman (son of Gerardus of Flatbush) and Maria de la Noy (b. Jan. 4, 1681; m. Jan. 28, 1704). Catharine's father d. at his home, near Griggstown, of smallpox, and Sarah, her mother, being made a widow, in 1766 became the 3d wife of William Allen, with her five Beekman children besides Catharine. All these Beekmans and Allens with other families, under the lead of John Skillman, after the sale of his farm, removed to Virginia, as said, the next year, 1769. William Allen d. and John Skillman was the executor of his estate, and a few years later, near the outbreak of the Rev. War, he himself died, his will being proved Feb. 10, 1777. The property was left to his wife "for the benefit of our Child'n." In the course of time the widow m. Jesse Edwards and by him had five other boys and girls. The children of John Skillman and Catharine Beekman his wife, in addition to a dau. who m. a Hegeman and removed to Evansville, Ind., were these five sons:

- 31 i. Christopher,<sup>5</sup> b. 1767.
- 32 ii. Abraham, b. 1768.
- 33 iii. John, b. 1770.
- 34 iv. Isaac, b. 1772.
- 35 v. William, b. 1777.

15. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> SKILLMAN (Isaac,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1727 at Newtown; m. 1751 Mary, dau. of Gerardus Beekman (b. 1700) and his wife, Catharine Van Dyck; granddaughter of Christoffel (b. 1681) and Maria de la Noy; great granddaughter of Gerardus (Col. and Dr.) of Flatbush, son of the ancestor of the family in America, Wilhelmus Beekman (wife Catrina de Boog) immigrant from Overijssel, later a Schepin of New Amsterdam. The family home of Thomas and Mary was at Harlingen. Thomas d. in 1809, and Mary in 1819. Their graves are in the Beekman burying-ground at Griggstown. Their children were:

- 36 i. John,<sup>5</sup> b. 1753.
- 37 ii. Gerardus, b. 1754.
- 38 iii. Thomas, b. 1756.

iv. Ann, b. Aug. 20, 1757; m. Abraham Van Pelt, grandson of Johannes V. Pelt who was at Six Miles Run, N. J., in 1717, and great grandson of Teunis Janz Länen V. Pelt who, with wife and six children came in the *Rosetree* from Luick (Liege) Nederland, May, 1663 and settled at Gowanus, L. I. Abraham and his wife Ann moved early from New Jersey to Fairfax Co., Va. Around their original farm house on the banks of Bull Run the hottest part of the battle

of that name was fought a century later. A son of theirs, an old man, made his home with relatives in New Jersey during the Civil War.

39 v. Abraham, b. 1759.

40 vi. Isaac, b. 1761.

41 vii. Jacob, b. 1764.

viii. Catharine, b. July 30, 1766; m. Peter Voorhees, grandson of Peter (one of the first settlers of Blawenburg, N. J.) who was a son of Abm. Voorhees and wife (cousin) Leah Voorhees, grandchildren of Jan Steven V. Voorhees and Janet Kirshaw, all descending from the ancestral Voorhees, who, with wife and eight children came, April 16, 1660, in the *Bontekoe* from Drenthe, Holland, and settled at Amersfoort (Flatlands), L. I. Peter and Catharine joined by confession the Hillsborough (Millstone) Dutch Church (Ref.) in 1797. They had no children.

42 ix. Joseph, b. 1768.

43 x. Cornelius, b. 1771.

44 xi. Mary, b. 1772.

16. BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup> SKILLMAN (Isaac,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>4</sup>), b. 1729 at Newtown; m. 1751, Nancy (cousin), sister of Thomas<sup>4</sup> who m. Sally, dau. of Jan and Anna (Hull) Skillman (cousins also), and daughter of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Margaret (Coe) Skillman; and was a farmer and innkeeper at Griggstown. The Marquis de Chastellux, Member of the French Academy, and Maj.-Gen. in the French Army under Count de Rochambeau, travelling in America (*Travels, &c.*, Vol. I.), says: "We stayed all night at Somerset Court House (Millstone Village) and then crossing the River once more and getting out of a horrible slough, we halted at Gregg Town. That night we slept at Skillman's Tavern, an indifferent inn, but kept by very obliging people." Benjamin's will, probated 1807, Cornelius Simonson, Garret Nevius and Jacob Van Doren, witnesses, names four sons and three granddaughters. Nancy d. May 3, 1795, æ. 60 years, the graves of both being in the Beekman burying-ground at Griggstown. Had:

45 i. John,<sup>6</sup> b. 1752.

ii. Benjamin, b. 1754. Was left \$10 in his father's will (1807) conditioned that it be "deducted from moneys which he owes me." There is no further record.

46 iii. Thomas, b. 1756.

iv. Abraham, b. 1766; m. Catharine Voorhees, Harlingen, "upper part of congregation;" was witness to a deed, given Dec. 14, 1803, by his father to Francis Feurt of Franklyn township, conveying 26 acres; d. March 1, 1807; had one son, Abm.,<sup>7</sup> who d. an infant, and three daus., Mary, Gitty, and Ida, to whom their father's share in their grandfather's estate was devised. Gitty (Gitty Ann) m. Thomas Q. Skillman (her second cousin, son of Isaac) and with the mother all the family removed to the Miami Valley (near Cincinnati), about 1816. Mary d. young, unm.,

and Ida m. — Ten Eyck and lived near Indianapolis.

17. JOHN<sup>4</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 15, 1733; m. June 15, 1753, Nancy Paynter (second cousin), dau. of Wm. and Hester (Skillman) Paynter. He removed from Newtown, L. I., to Kingston, N. J., preceding his father, and was both farmer and tanner, his home being in later years known as the Storey Place, then the Rutherford Place. Had ten children:

- i. Margaret,<sup>5</sup> b. Dec. 10, 1753; bap. at New Utrecht, L. I. (parents credited to Bushwick), Jan. 27, 1754, name recorded as Magritta; m. Sam<sup>1</sup> (second cousin), son of Sam<sup>1</sup>, eldest son of Benjamin, then of Kingston.
47. ii. Jacob, b. 1755.
- iii. Abraham, b. March 13, 1757-8; d. inf.
48. iv. Abraham, b. Sept. 13, 1760.
- v. John, b. April 26, 1762; never m.; inherited the homestead, which, at his death went to Dick, his nephew, eldest son of his own younger brother, Isaac. John W. Morrel of Green Point (Brooklyn), said (1875): "John Skillman, of N. J., from a place near a Theological Seminary (Princeton), a cousin of father, paid us a visit of a week once, and with him was his nephew, Dick, who was to be his heir, he said. This John was the son of the John Skillman who m. his cousin Nancy." John W. Morrel was a grandson of Abm.<sup>3</sup> Skillman, b. 1704. Among claims for damages in Rev. War. was one "to 6 tons of hay, to beds, tools, and 14 sides of leather taken from tan vats, belonging to John Skillman," was sworn to by John Skillman, Jr., before Joseph Olden, Esquire, Oct. 19, 1782.
- vi. Thomas, b. Dec. 13, 1765; the only one of this family personally known by the writer. He lived on "The Ridge" about one mile southeast of Kingston Village. Had two children, William and Susan; both d. unm.
- vii. Jane, b. Oct. 14, 1768; unm. and never moved from her birthplace; was housekeeper for her brother John and nephew Dick.
49. viii. Isaac, b. 1770.
50. ix. Samuel, b. 1773.
- x. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 31, 1776.

This John Skillman and his wife Nancy, had a strong attachment to the old church of their fathers; for though they lived near the Kingston Presbyterian Church, they travelled all the long and tedious road over Little Rocky Hill to Six Miles Run (now Franklin Park), and further, even to Three Mile Run where the church originally stood, to have their babes baptized among people of their lineage and language. Domine Johannes Leydt was pastor of the Dutch Ref. Church there at that period.

(*To be continued.*)

- Hamilton, Jane E., dau. of James & Elizabeth, d. Feb. 17, 1831, age 2 yrs.  
 Margaret, dau. of James & Elizabeth, d. Feb. 10, 1831, age 1 yr., 2 mo.  
 Hanna, Alexander, son of Robert & Jane, d. Nov. 2, 1852, age five yrs.  
 David, d. Dec. 9, 1853, age 80 yrs.  
 David, d. March 27, 1847, in 47 yr.  
 David, son of David & Elizabeth, d. May 26, 1826, age 12 yrs., 6 mo.  
 Margarete, dau. of Robert & Jane, d. Dec. 14, 1857, age 3 yrs.  
 Mary Ann, wife of Robert, b. Aug. 17, 1812, d. March 17, 1855.  
 Nancy, wife of David, d. Nov. 11, 1857, in 55 yrs.  
 Nancy, wife of Robert, d. June 2, 1858, age 86 yrs.  
 Polly, dau. of David & Elizabeth, d. July 11, 1805, age 9 yrs., 6 mo.  
 Robert, d. Feb. 15, 1851, age 80 yrs.  
 Robert, son of David & Elizabeth, d. July 5, 1805, age 4 yrs., 9 mo., 16 dys.  
 Robert Alexander, son of Robert & Mary Ann, d. Feb. 21, 1852, age 1 yr., 12 dys.  
 Thomas, b. Oct. 21, 1854, d. April 25, 1855.  
 Hardenburgh, Andrew, b. Apr. 24, 1832, d. Aug. 17, 1832, ae. 3 m., 24 d.  
 David, d. Sept. 2, 1839, ae. 34 y.

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## THE SKILLMANS OF AMERICA AND THEIR KIN.

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(Continued from Vol. XXXVII., p. 173, of THE RECORD.)

18. JACOB<sup>4</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1735, and m. Ann — *circa* 1767. A witness to his uncle Ben's will, Jan. 5, 1777. Claim for Rev. War damages, covering, besides beds, bedding, only trifling household articles was sworn to by Ann, the wife, before Esquire Nathaniel Hunt, Oct. 18, 1782. Jacob d. Feb. 8, 1790, ae. 55, and Ann, Jan. 27, 1815, ae. 75. Their graves, and of their two daughters, Mary and Tamsen, are in the old churchyard on the hill at Kingston, marked by neat marble slabs. Known children:

- 51 i. Robert,<sup>5</sup> b. 1769.
- ii. Mary, b. 1771; never m. With her sister, "Tammy," lived for years on (now) Witherspoon St., Princeton. By confession of faith joined the Presby. Church of Princeton, Jan., 1807; d. Aug. 29, 1834.
- iii. Jane, b. 1774?; m. — Merrill, and lived at Pleasant Corners (now Larisons) near Ringoes, N. J. The Merrill family is today represented in that region. Had at least one child, Mary Ann.

- iv. Tamsen, b. 1777; never m. The property of the two unm. sisters, at their death put in charge of John Davison, attorney, was left to their two neices, Mary Ann Merrill and Ann Skillman, dau. of George, their brother. The will was witnessed, May 26, 1837, by James S. Green and W. D. Skillman. Tamsen joined by confession the Presby. Church of Kingston, May 22, 1802, and d. Nov. 16, 1836.

52 v. George, b. 1780.

19. ABRAHAM<sup>1</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. 1740, on Long Island; m. Anne Johnson, 1765, and *circa* 1771, with his man (negro) "went to Natchez, Mississippi, to engage in the cultivation of indigo and there was poisoned and died." Anne, left a widow, soon after m. her cousin, Tom Johnson. Her son Abraham Johnson of Little Rocky Hill, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sam'l Skillman, Jr. (b. 1765) of Kingston, and 1827, was an administrator of the estate of Tom, his father, then deceased. Children of Abraham and Anne:

i. Margaret,<sup>4</sup> b. 1766.

ii. Ann, b. 1768. (Sisters unm., known as "Peggy and Nancy.")

53 iii. Jacob, b. 1770.

20. GEORGE<sup>1</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 1747, on Long Island, named for his mother's folk, Joris (George) being a common name among the Van Alsts of Newtown; a Revolutionary soldier, member of Capt. Teunis van Middlesworth's Company in Team Brigade. In 1782 m. (1) Rebecca Gracie, by tradition of Jamaica, L. I., but the family was early in New Jersey, of Scottish origin, but came from Liverpool, Eng. In Vol. XXIII, *N. J. Archives*, Matthew Gracie is credited to Monmouth Co.; a resident of Kingston for a period prior to 1800; name also spelled Gracy. George and Rebecca, after m. went to Virginia and their first child was b. there. Returning to New Jersey, at their home in Newark, (diagonally opposite the Presby. Church) the young wife d. 1784, ae. 31, and was buried in the old Presby. Churchyard on Broad St. George m. (2) Catharine Packer, of the "Packer Neighborhood," Neshanic, N. J. County records (Somerville) show George's name (April 13 and May 15, 1812) in property transfers. Was a cooper and farmer, and lived at Post Town (now Plainville) N. J., and there d. 1837, ae. 90. Had three sons:

54 i. William Henry,<sup>4</sup> b. 1783.

ii. John (of 2d wife), b. 1788; never m.; lived always with his "own" brother at Post Town.

55 iii. Abraham, b. 1790.

21. SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> SKILLMAN (Benjamin,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>) b. 1732. First of this surname among the Skillmans, named for his mother's father, Sam'l Coe. Early m. his 2d cousin, "Magritta," dau. of John, and his wife, Nancy Paynter, and was the farmer in the household, coming with it from the ancestral home at Dutch Kills, in 1764, to Kingston. The father's will (1777, proved 1784), witnessed by Lemuel Scudder and others, gives "my son Samuel, all my Mansion House and Plantation near



Kingstowne," etc., etc. This farm on the "Great Road" (also near Princeton or Queenston, now long a part of Princeton) Samuel sold after his father's death in 1784 when it became the home of the writer's great grandfather, Capt. William Jones who d. there in 1824. After this Samuel is lost track of; probably removed with other Skillmans to Pennsylvania (near Allentown), then westward, later on becoming a pioneer in the Miami Valley in Ohio. One son was:

- 56 i. Samuel, b. 1753.
- 22. THOMAS' SKILLMAN (Benjamin, Thomas, Thomas') b. 1739, at the old Long Island home, became a blacksmith and in 1762, m. his cousin Sally (b. 1738), dau. of Jan and Anne (Hull) Skillman; with Jacob (brother-in-law) was executor of the will of Anne Skillman, his wife's mother (1772). Himself d. before Sally, she being granted at Somerville, July 9, 1795, letters of administration. Their home was at Kingston on the Somerset side of the "Great Road," and they had nine children:
  - 57 i. Benjamin, b. 1763.
  - 58 ii. Samuel, b. 1764.
  - iii. John, b. 1767. "Killed by accident at Penn's Neck or Hightstown, a young man, unm."
  - 59 iv. Thomas, b. 1768.
  - v. Ann, b. 1770?; m. "a minister named Van Doren of Basking Ridge, some connection of the Gulicks." This is the Ann Skillman who is remembered in her grandmother's will of 1772, with a name-gift.
  - vi. Margaret, b. 1774; m. Henry, brother of Major John Gulick of Kingston. Had one son, Joachim, who m. Mary, dau. of Judge Cruser of Rocky Hill, and they had three daughters: 1. Rebecca, m. John Van Tilburg of Kingston. 2. Sarah, m. Phineas Withington (from Jamaica Plain, Mass.), inn-keeper at Kingston. 3. Mary, m. John Van Dyke. The Gulick family was first in New Jersey at Six Mile Run, in 1717. The ancestor came from Holland and settled at Gravesend in 1653.
  - vii. Sarah, b. 1776; d. unm. April 14, 1830.
  - 60 viii. Isaac, b. 1778.
  - ix. Mary, b. 1779; m. — Wessels. For years kept a dame school one mile east of Kingston village on the "Great Road" to New Brunswick; d. Jan. 5, 1852. Her grave, her sister Sarah's, her brother Isaac's, and her elder brother Benjamin's with that of the latter's wife, Rachel Stockton, are all in the same plat in the old yard (Presby.) at Kingston.
- 23. THOMAS' SKILLMAN (Joseph, Thomas, Thomas'). b. March 13, 1736; m. (1) Janitje, dau. of Francis Titus and wife Ida de Bevoise, granddaughter of Francis who first settled at Bushwick (m. Antje Fontyn), the ancestor being Capt. Titus Sÿræchs de Vries, part owner of the grist mill at N. Utrecht, 1660, whose sons were Sÿræch Titus (great grandfather of Janitje), and Teunis Titus, head of the New Jersey family of this name.

Francis Titus was a tory, while his son-in-law, Thomas Skillman, was Lieut. in the Militia on the patriot side in the Battle of Long Island. At Kip's Bay (34th Street, N. Y.), the latter was taken prisoner, 1776, and confined in New York, but his royalist father-in-law interceded, and both he and his brother John took advantage of Lord Howe's proclamation, and returned to their homes in Bushwick. Their uncle Abraham then also came back to Dutch Kills. Janitje d. previous to 1797, and with the sister and mother of Thomas was buried at Red Hook, L. I. The same year Thomas bought a 200-acre farm at Aquebogue and m. (2) Jemima Wells. Children of Thomas and Janitje.

61 i. Joseph,\* b. 1763.

62 ii. Francis, b. 1764.

63 iii. Sarah, b. 1766.

64 iv. Thomas, b. 1770.

24. JOSEPH\* SKILLMAN (Joseph,\* Thomas,\* Thomas'), b. 1748; m. (1) unknown, New York; m. (2) in Episc. Church, Hempstead, L. I., May 11, 1774, Catharine Pratt; d. Aug. 27, 1821, ae. 72. In *New York Directory*, 1796, Joseph is "waterman," Pump St. (Walker); in 1802, "boatman," 4 Pump St.; 1806-7, "dockbuilder;" d. 1811? "Wid. Joseph," 1812-13, is at 3d St. (Eldridge); then is "Widow Skillman," 133 Leonard St. Children of Joseph:

65 i. Joseph,\* b. 1772.

ii. Jonathan, b. 1775; m. Elizabeth —; in 1807, is with his father at 38 Pump St.; in 1812, is "butcher" in Bear Market (Greenwich St.), h. upper end of Mulberry St.; then in Fulton Market, h. 204 Mott St.; "a prosperous business man;" d. 1832. His wid. Elizabeth (1833-1836) is at Delancy St. The elder children were girls. Was Edward Skillman (butcher, 14 Thompson St.), in 1846, a son?

66 iii. Thomas, b. 1777.

25. JOHN\* SKILLMAN (Joseph,\* Thomas,\* Thomas'), b. April 19, 1750; bap. May 13, Brooklyn (Ref. Dutch Church), as "Jan, child of Joost Skillman and Sara Messerole;" Ensign in a Bushwick Company at the Battle of Long Island; m. (1) Debora Conselyea, June 17, 1769; m. (2) Hannah Van Cott (b. June 17, 1768; d. Oct. 9, 1843.) John inherited the ancestral farm at Bushwick (now heart of Brooklyn), the house on Front St., between Union Ave. and Lorimer St. He was a J. P. and later Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Kings Co. Debora's grave is with the Conselyea's; he is buried at Mt. Olivet with others of the family. Debora had five children of the list following and Hannah the two remaining:

i. Sarah,\* b. March 3, 1770; m. — Hazzard.

ii. John, b. Feb. 19, 1773; d. inf.

iii. Joseph, b. 1776; d. young, unm.

iv. Jane, b. Sept. 4, 1779; m. — Van Ranst.

v. Deborah, b. Oct. 3, 1783; m. Bernard Bloom.

67 vi. John, b. 1787.

vii. Eleanor, b. March 6, 1798; m. Dec. 15, 1818, Bernard Messerole of Bushwick.

This completes in condensed form the muster-roll so far as known, of the fourth generation of the Skillmans, and we now enter upon the fifth.

26. ISAAC<sup>a</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>a</sup> Jan,<sup>a</sup> Thomas,<sup>a</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. in New Jersey, 1770, and there m. (1792) wife unknown; about 1795, with entire family (three younger brothers), or even preceding them, perhaps, he migrated from Amwell Township, Hunterdon Co., N. J., across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania, near Allentown, by tradition, or "some German settlement near the Alleghenny Mountains." Separating from the others, with his growing family, he possibly journeyed to the extreme western line of the State, but eventually brought up (joining the others) as a pioneer in the Miami Valley at Glendale, near Cincinnati—but he did not remain there. He soon took his family to Union Co., Ind., and there settled permanently near Liberty; a farmer. The children were:

- i. Mercy,<sup>a</sup> b. 1793, in New Jersey; m. — McIntosh, Pittsburg, Pa.
- ii. Jacob, b. 1795? No record.
- iii. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 8, 1797; m. Alexander McKillup; he received from Governor of Pennsylvania "a medal for bravery and patriotism in the naval action under Commodore Perry on Lake Erie;" b. 1786; d. 1849. Had ten children: 1. Alex., d. 1895; son Richard lives at Liberty, Ind. 2. William. 3. David. 4. Dan'l. 5. John. 6. James. 7. Isaac. 8. Patrick. 9. Elizabeth. 10. Mary.
- 68 iv. William, b. 1799.
- v. Benjamin. No record.
- vi. Sam'l, Indianapolis; d. —; dau. Mary E. m. J. M. Keltner, Eaton, Ohio.
- vii. David, drowned at Mill Creek.
- 69 viii. Allen (Obadiah Allen), b. 1805.
- ix. Jane, m. Stephen Kellum, blacksmith, Clay Co., Ind.
- x. Mary, came to Ohio in 1820 from Washington Co., Pa., and m. (then or previously) Ezekiel Macauley—home at Cummins ville. She d. "last of the family," Feb. 21, 1898—so writes their son Rich'd, of Cincinnati. The above may not be the true order in the list of children.

27. BENJAMIN<sup>a</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>a</sup> Jan,<sup>a</sup> Thomas,<sup>a</sup> Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b. in New Jersey, May 4, 1776; d. May 21, 1829; m. Nancy (Bevis?), b. 1782; d. April 28, 1861; graves at Transit, Ohio. Pioneer settlers at Glendale, with father Jacob and two brothers following. From Pennsylvania, originally from New Jersey. Children were:

- i. Margaret,<sup>a</sup> b. 1800; m. John Williamson; son David now (1903) living at Hamilton, Ohio.
- 70 ii. Thomas, b. 1805.
- iii. Sarah, b. 1809; m. Dan'l Robinson.
- iv. Massa (Mercy) Ann, b. 1811; m. Harrison McCausner. May be other children, as Nancy Bevis of Bevis, Ohio, is a granddaughter.

28. JACOB<sup>s</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>s</sup> Jan,<sup>s</sup> Thomas,<sup>s</sup> Thomas<sup>s</sup>), b. May 13, 1778; d. April 20, 1831; m. Sarah Barber (b. Dec. 10, 1782; d. June 22, 1840); came with father and brothers from Pennsylvania to Ohio about 1800. Brother Isaac from wider wanderings, perhaps, to the same point, then removing to Ind., their relationship being thus obscured. Children of Jacob and Sarah:

- 71 i. Jacob,<sup>s</sup> b. 1802.
  - ii. Margaret, b. Oct. 11, 1804; m. John Miles.
  - iii. James Barber, b. Jan. 28, 1807; m. Sarah Smiley. Had three sons: 1. James. 2. Andrew. 3. Ferdinand. The two latter from Cincinnati.
29. ABRAHAM<sup>s</sup> SKILLMAN (Jacob,<sup>s</sup> Jan,<sup>s</sup> Thomas,<sup>s</sup> Thomas<sup>s</sup>), b. March 30, 1782; m. Abigail Tucker. First settled at Tucker's Station. Had:
- i. Mary<sup>s</sup> (Ann), m. Wm. Pendry. Their children: 1. Newton. 2. Wilson. 3. Elmer. 4. Benj. 5. Charlotte. 6. Ann. 7. David.
  - ii. Isaac Newton, b. 1816; m. (1) Mary Ann Pendry. Had: 1. Mary. 2. John. 3. David. 4. Abm. 5. Charles. Next m. (2) Mary Tucker. Had: Annie and Clarence.
  - iii. Charlotte, m. James Brower. Had: Lizzie and Emma.
  - iv. Henry, m. Augusta V. Foster. Had: 1. Albert N. 2. George. 3. Harry. 4. Frank F.; lives at Hamilton, Ohio. 5. Emma L.
  - v. Jacob, run over by a loaded wagon, at 12 years, and killed.
  - vi. Mercy Ann, m. Thomas McGregor. No children.
  - vii. Sarah Ellen, m. J. E. Morris. Had: 1. Bertha M. 2. Mary L. 3. Helen. 4. William T.

(To be continued.)

## LETTER OF COL. PETER SCHUYLER.

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Anything relating to the personality of a character who has been prominent in our history, or who has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the Country in his day and generation, is a common matter of interest.

Col. Peter Schuyler, sometimes known as "Quidor," the early Colonial Governor of New York, and the friend and advisor of the Indians, is a historical character whose imprint upon the early destiny of the New York Colony was most important.

Appended is a letter written by his son, Col. Philip Schuyler, born Jan. 15th, 1696; died Feb. 16th, 1758, written to his uncle and aunt, Robert Livingston, Jr., the nephew, and his wife Margarita Schuyler, born Nov., 1682, half sister of the writer of the letter, and the only surviving child of the first marriage, in 1681, of Col. Peter Schuyler, born Sept. 17th, 1657, to Engeltie Van