

A LINE OF HUYCK DESCENT

BY

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(DIED 3-19-1959)

GIVEN BY HIM IN

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TO ALICE BURRIDGE HOBART
(MRS. GEORGE HOBART)

OF HIGH POINT. NORTH CAROLINA.

(HER MOTHER WAS ADA HUYCK BURRIDGE)

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Henrie Huyck (Huighen, Huygh) was born sometime between 1550 and 1575, probably not far from Dusseldorf on the Rhine. He married and had at least eleven children. In 1616 he became a citizen of Nymegan, Holland. For some years he lived in Wesel, about 30 miles from Dusseldorf.

One of Henrie's sons was called Jan (John, Hanse.) Jan left Wesel, where he had spent most of his youth, in 1625, in company with one Peter Minuit, to embark on a small Dutch vessel for America where they were to take charge of the affairs of the West India Company, which was active in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in New Netherlands on what is now Manhattan Island at the south of the Hudson River. Minuit was to be the Director of the company and Huyck his assistant and "Koopman" or Storekeeper.

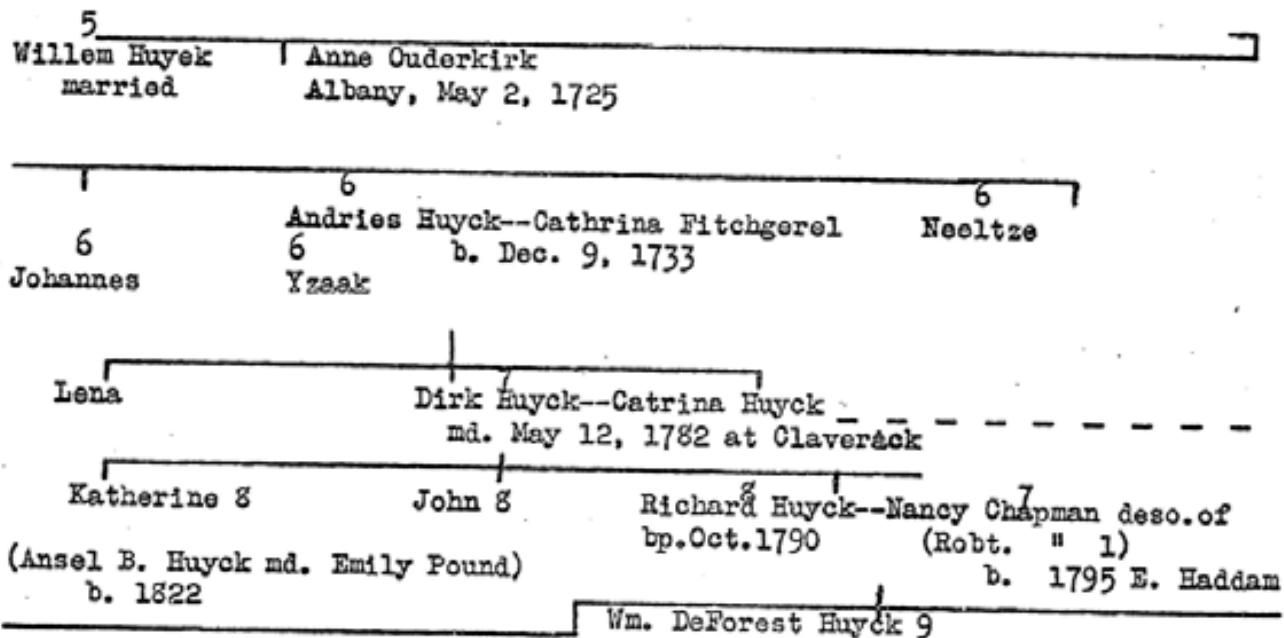
They embarked on the small ship "Seagull" and on the 4th day of May, 1626, landed on the site of the present City of New York. They brought supplies and news from Holland and were welcomed by the colony.

The Director and his Storekeeper took up quarters in the counting house, a stone building thatched with reeds, and there they transacted their business. There being no ordained minister in the colony, Jan Huyck was chosen as one of two "Ziecken Troosters" who conducted divine services and comforted the sick. Later, when a minister arrived, he became one of the church elders.

From historical data it appears that Jan Huyck was a religious, honorable, intelligent and reliable man and that he was the brother-in-law of Peter Minuit.*

A CHART OF HUYCK LINE

- I. HENRICK HUYCK TO NYMEGEN, 1616
- II. Jan 2 Huyck to New York 1626; md. Elizabeth Pieters 1616
- III. Andries 3 Hanse Huyck; will 1705; md. Catalin Lammerse Van Valkenburgh
- IV. Johannes 4 Huyck



CHD. OF WM. DEF. HUYCK

- (1) Mary Ann York; See records
1. Edgar N. 2. Florence A.
3. Lyman W. 4. Fred 5. Lillian I.
6. Fred I. (six chd.)
(2) Jane Finch Cook (two chd.) md.
1. Edw. Colfax Huyck, od. Joe
b. 10-18-65; md. Elise Marti, Coloma, 1890; dau. Gottlieb of Switzerland
2. Ada Belle Huyck; b. Feb. 6 or 7, 1869, Coloma; d. 1906, Chicago, Ill.
md. (1) 9-25-87, Benton Harbor, Mich. Lewis Alden Burridge 4
Alden 3, John 2, 1-Rev. sol. Braintree, Vt. Md. (2) Chas. Coleman,
1. dau. Florence Alice Burridge, b. Bent on Harbor// 1, son of "
Chas. Harrison Coleman, Jr.; b. Nov. 17, 1895, Omaha, Neb.
(see other fuller records)

(To Generation 9) From Chart 26, the Bolton Huyck Genealogy, A PEDIGREE OF HUYCK OF NEW YORK STATE. Descended from HENRIC HUYCK, from Roemund, Holland, who became a citizen of Nymegen, Holland in 1616. (Another authority says they were Belgian French. ABH)

It seems evident that Jan settled permanently at New Amsterdam, now New York City, and that his wife was Lizabeth Peters, who after his death married Dirck Weijerts in 1757, as recorded in the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New York City.

Among the first members mentioned in the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany are Andries Hanse Huyck and his wife, Cathalin Lammerse Van Valkenburgh. The name also appears as Huyk, Huygh, and Huighen in the records. It appears almost a certainty that Jan Huyck was the father of Andries Hanse "inasmuch as the spelling of his name is derived from precisely the same source, by adding the plural ending (on) to the name. It was customary in those days also for the sons to use the father's christian name as their middle name. It therefore seems quite likely that Andries did so, thus forming the name Andries Hanse (Andrew John)." The foregoing quotation is from the writing of Chas. Van Hoesen, who made a genealogical study of ancestors of F. C. Huyck of Albany, published in 1896. So, while it cannot be proved, there is little doubt that Andries Hanse Huyck migrated up the Hudson Valley to the neighborhood (this is accepted by the Holland Soc. of N.Y.) of Albany, eventually settling at or near Kinderhook, about 30 miles below Albany on the opposite side of the river. He acquired landed property there by a patent granted by King James II, March 14, 1636.

Andries Hanse and Cathalin probably had ten children. Ten are mentioned in his will dated the third and twentieth of August 1705. One of them, Johannes, probably the eldest, and another, Burger, probably the third son, will be referred to later.

Willem Huyck (Huyg) is recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany records as marrying Anna Ouderkerk on May 2nd, 1725. Willem and

Anna had at least four children, Johannes, Yssak, Neeltze, and Andries. Andries, probably named after his grandfather Andries Hansa, was baptized at Kinderhook December 9, 1733.

While no record of Andries' marriage has been found by the writer, he married Cathrina Fitzgerald (Fitcherel, Fitcharles, Fitchgerel, etc.) as indicated by the baptismal records of his children and other records.

Andries and Cathrina had at least two children, Lena and Dirk. Dirk was baptized at Kinderhook November 25, 1764. He was married on May 12, 1782 to Catrina Huyck (note the name Huyck) at the Dutch Reformed Church at Claverack about twelve miles from Kinderhook. Dirk and Catrina had at least three children, Katherine, John, and Richard. Richard was baptized at Kinderhook on October 3, 1790. He married Nancy Chapman of East Haddam, Connecticut. Richard and Nancy had nine children, including Ansel B., born in 1822, who was the writer's grandfather.

It is now proposed to bring out some points in connection with what has been narrated, with particular reference to a conclusion that Willem Huyck was either the son or grandson of Andries Hanse - probably the grandson. There are many circumstances which indicate that to be the case, no one in itself conclusive but all taken together making up a reasonable conclusion. In the first place, there is no other family of record in that part of the country Willem could belong to. All of the other Huycks recorded were descendants of Andries Hanse. Andries lived in or near Kinderhook and all his property centered there. His wife was still living there in 1705 and the Kinderhook records are full of the doings of his children and grandchildren. Three of Willem's four

children were baptized there, as were his grandson Dirk and his great-grandson Richard. They all lived in the same community and attended the same church for nearly a hundred years. On several occasions Willem or his descendants witnessed baptisms of Andries Hanse's other descendants. Also the reverse occurred.

It appears most likely that Willem was the grandson of Andries Hanse and the son of Johannes, Andries' eldest child. The fact that Willem named his first born male child Johannes, apparently after his father (Willem's) and his second born male child Ysaak, apparently after his wife's (Anna's) father, supports this. (Anna's father's name was Yzaak Ouderkerk.) This was customary in early Dutch families. (This is accepted by the Holland Soc. of N.Y.)

Mr. L. B. Eacker of Sheridan, N.Y., a direct descendant of Willem Huyck, makes an interesting statement. He says that he remembers clearly his grandmother (the wife of Richard Huyck) telling him that her mother-in-law and father-in-law (Dirk and Catrina) were cousins and were married at the age of seventeen. The Claverack records state that Dirk married Catrina Huyck, as previously noted. These records also indicate that they were 18 when married. That is close enough to be a confirmation of Mr. Eacker's statement rather than otherwise.

Catrina Huyck's father was Burger Huyck, her mother Jannetje Hoogeboom. The writer has not found a record of Burger's baptism and so cannot identify his father. There are several Burgers in the Kinderhook records. The rest of them are all descendants of Burger, the son of Andries Hanse, so there is reason to believe this one is. When Catrina was baptized the witnesses were a Kirk Huyck and Sara Van Deusen. This Dirk was the son of the original Durger. As a matter of fact, Catrina's

father could have been the son of the original Burger. He is recorded as Burger, Jr., in at least one record.

So if Burger, the father of Catrina who married Dirk, was a son or grandson of the original Burger, and Dirk and Catrina were cousins, as Mr. Eacker's grandmother said, that is another indication that Willem was the son or grandson of Andries Hanse.

Before leaving Willem's parents one thing might be added. Not a scrap of evidence can be found to indicate that Willem was not the grandson of Andries Hanse. The fact that Willem was not mentioned in the will of Andries Hanse supports the idea that he was the grandson rather than the son.

It is interesting to tie some of these people into the history of the times in which they lived. There is no question but that the Huyck family, the descendants of Andries Hanse Huyck, was violently disrupted by the Revolution, some of them taking one side, some the other. Many of them of their own volition emigrated to Canada where their descendants still live, while others tried to stick it out in the Hudson Valley but were eventually forced to leave. The writer's ancestor, Andries, the father of Dirk, was a Loyalist, lost his property and was forced to leave in 1783. Burger, the father-in-law of Dirk, was also a Loyalist and went to Canada. Andries and a brother, Yzaak, emigrated to Delaware County, New York. His son Dirk went with him and presumably the rest of the family. As Dirk's son Richard was baptized in Kinderhook in 1790, they evidently went back there for that ceremony. Andries probably died in Delaware County as did his brother Yzaak, who is buried there near Sidney.

Dirk and his two sons, Richard and John, lived at or near

Sidney until he and John emigrated to Michigan in 1825. Dirk and his wife, Catrina, are buried at Tecumseh, Michigan. Richard, who was a woodsman and farmer, emigrated to Sheridan, Chautauqua County, New York, about 1830, settled there and died in 1869. He and his wife are buried about five miles from there, near Silver Creek.

It will be noted that it cannot be proved that Andries Hanse was the son of Jan, or that Willem was the son of Johannes. All the known circumstances indicate both to be the case, however, and both are accepted by the Holland Society of New York in connection with qualification for membership.

It is the writer's opinion that all of the Huycks in America, and there are more of them than is realized, are descendants of Jan Huyck or of his nephew, Hendrick Huyck.*

*"About 1632 Peter Minuit - left the colony and went to Sweden - and in 1638 he returned to the South or Delaware River, New Netherlands, where he, as Commander for Her Royal Majesty of Sweden, built the first Swedish fort which he named Christina (New Wilmington, Delaware) where he died and was buried in the year 1641.

"His nephew, Deacon Hendrick Huyck (Huygen) born probably at Cleff about 1618, having obtained in 1643 the rank of Royal Commissary under the Swedish crown, and was sent to their Colony about 1645 or 1646, during the administration of Governor Prince.

"From the foregoing sketches it is evident that Jan (Hanse) was an honorable, intelligent, and reliable man. Peter Minuit, the Director of the West India Company, was his brother-in-law; undoubtedly Hendrick Huijghen, the Swedish Commissary, was his nephew."

The above is a quotation from Charles Van Hoesen's book on the ancestors of F. C. Huyck, published in 1896.

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