

The Female Ancestors of Losee Van Cott in America & Europe,

By Mrs. Annie Anderson Van Cott

Whose husband Frank V. Van Cott is a direct descendant of

Claes Van Cats and Catalyn Jans

[I seem to have two different copies of this book. There are different pages for the same info.]

A full table of contents enables the reader to turn at once to any branch or family and the index will give any name mentioned in the book. All are arranged in alphabetical order.

I am with all respects for my husband's ancestors and their descendants -

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I found it in 1989, in possession of Barbara and Bob Van Cott, Hillcrest Ward, Mesa, AZ.

I also have pages copied from other copies of the text.

One from Isabelle Cluff; one from the Mesa Family History Center.

I copied many pages -

The book contains many handwritten notes added to the text.

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"Stoutenburgh in his 'Documentary History of Oyster Bay', says, 'These early Dutch people in America were a home loving people and lived very much to themselves and intermarried much. They were very much devoted to their children and kept them under the family roof; building additions to their homes when they married. They were good and loyal citizens and love their God and their country.'

"If the husband or wife died it was customary for the survivor to marry again, often within a month or two and the children from both marriages were gathered into one house. Sometimes a widower with a number of children would marry a widow having as many or more, and to these new ones would soon be added. There were of course, a great many deaths among the children but after the period of early youth, the chances for life were good and many reached extreme old age. Many men were killed in battle or accident."

"In contracting marriages it was the fashion for two or more children of one family to select partners from children of some other family. Sometimes the parents took part in the promotion of these multiple family alliances.

"If a child died the parents had habit of bestowing its name on the arrival of the same gender and this was often repeated several times in case of a succession of early deaths. If either husband or wife died it was considered polite to name the first child of the new marriage after the departed spouse. The first son was almost always named for his paternal grandfather, and the second after his maternal grandfather and after these the uncles were honored. The girls maternal grandmother was first honored then the paternal grandmother and so on. This makes it comparatively easy for the genealogist to locate family names. Certain names were thus maintained through many generations.

"In the matter of spelling names each man spelled according to his fancy. Down to about the time of the Revolutionary War there seems to have been no fixed rule for spelling. ..."

[I have copies of-] Maps on page vi, vii, viii, ix
[filed in Cornelius section]
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The LOSEE FAMILY
FIRST GENERATION

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The name has been spelt: Losey, Loosie, Losie, Loyse, Lowsye, Loszie, and Losee, the later being the most commonly used. The progenitor of the Losee family in America was **Cornelius** who emigrated from Utrecht, Holland, to Brunswick, Long Island, in 1651. The record of this family has been very difficult to set and very little information has been very difficult to get and very little information has been found. Many of the birth dates of the children have been estimated from the marriage dates as found in the records. In the Holland Society Year Book for 1897, page 133, it says, 'A number of volumes of records of the Dutch Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. were lost, having been carried away by the village clerk together with the village records at the close of the Revolution.' The records of the people of Brunswick were kept at Brooklyn at that time. The marriage records are more perfect. Much information has been received through correspondence and the best judgment has been exercised in placing some of the children and where there has been any doubt it is indicated.

Cornelius Losee took an oath of allegiance in Bushwick [note added: about 1626] in 1687 as having been in the country 36 years. [note added: 1687-36=1851] He was one of the soldiers sent to Albany in 1689 and was on the Bushwick census list in 1698 as having a wife [note added: **Grietje Tilburgh**] and six children. The **Losees'** at first lived on Long Island but after the first two or three generations many of them went to Dutchess County and other places in New York State. Some went to Canada about the time of the Revolutionary War. This record is only of the Losees on Long Island.

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Children of Cornelius Losee born in Brunswick:

- X2. Pieter b. abt. 1660; md. 14 Mar. 1680 Sarah Colfs.
- X3. Jannetje b. abt. 1662; md. Adriaen de la Forge.
- X4. **Cornelius Jr.** b. abt. 1664; **Geertje Denton.**
- X5. Jacobus b. abt. 1666; md. Lysbeth - - -.
- X6. Jan b. abt. 1668; md. Maritie Koeck.
- X7. Marritje b. abt. 1670; md. Gerrit Janse.
- X8. Dorothe b. abt. 1673; md. Cornelis vande Water.
- X9. Sarah b. abt. 1675; md. Jan Bras.

References: Holland Society Year Book 1897, 1904, p.160.

N.Y. Historical Society Collection, vol. 2, p.215.

Settlers of Kings County by Bergen.

Kings County Genealogical Club Collections p 84.

[note added on the back of Page 54]

Simon Losee, yeoman, was overseer of the highways in Oyster Bay in 1740. At a town meeting in Oyster Bay in April 1748 he was chosen as overseer of highways for Wheatly and again chosen in 1749. In June 1742 he sold land in Oyster Bay to Rowmone Townsend. Sampson Crooker was justice of the peace for Queens County.

*Indenture made 3 Nov 1763 between Laurence Losee of the Manor of Cortland in Westchester Co.; Peter Losee of Hempstead, in Queens Co., and Joseph Ireland of Huntington, Suffolk Co., and James Losee of Oyster Bay, Queens Co., executor of the will of **Simon Losee**, lately deceased of Wheatley in Oyster Bay of the one part and Isaac Rushmore Oyster Bay of the other part, witness that **Simon Losee** in his last will did empower them to sell and dispose of his lands, appeared May 13, 1760. Will executed 2 Nov 1772.*

From Oyster Bay Town Records vols 5 & 6

[My notes added: Children of **Cornelius Losee** and **Grietje Tilburgh** I don't think they are listed as a group here.]

1654-64	Oyster Bay	Cornelius Losee, son of Cornelius and Grietje Tilburgh is born
1659 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Peter Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Married 14 Mar 1680 Sarah Coeff or Colfs – he was buried 1768
1655 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Jacobus Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Later married Lysbeth or Elizabeth
1659 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Jannetje Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Later married Adriaen de la Forge
1668 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Jan Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Later married Maritte or Marytje Koeck
1670 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Marretje Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Later married Gerrit Janse
1671 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Sarah Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Later married Jan Bras or Brass
1673 abt	of Bushwick, L.I., N.Y.	Dorthea Losee is born to Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh
		Later married Cornelius VanderWater

Family Group Sheet for Cornelius Losee & Grietje Tilburgh s. Mrs Claude Flander

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SECOND GENERATION

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*Pieter Losee, son of Cornelius, [note added: & **Grietje Tilburgh**] took the oath of allegiance in Brunswick in 1687 as a native ...*

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Children born in Brunswick,...

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*15. Lysbeth bp. 1 May 1698. Wit.: **Cornelius Losee** and **Geertje Losee** his wife. ...
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***CORNELIUS LOSEE Jr.**, son of **Cornelius** [note added: & **Geertje Tilburgh**] took the oath of allegiance as a native in Brunswick in 1687 together with his father and brother, Pieter. He married **Geertje Denton** of ~~Oyster Bay~~ sup. [note added: Jamaica] sup. A daughter of **Richard Denton Jr.** (see Denton Family) and lived in Oyster Bay and was alive in 1742.*

Children born in Oyster Bay, not sure all are right:

19. **Simon Losee** b. abt 1688; d. 1763; md. Twice [note added: **1) Margaret Koeck**
[note added: - will proved 15 Oct 1763 in Queens Co. N.Y.]
 20. **Jonathan Losee** b. abt 1690 married Antje Heptonstal
 21. **James Losee** b. abt 1692 married Elizabeth Denton
 22. **Daniel Losee** b. abt 1694 married Hannah Denton
 23. **Hannah Losee** b. abt 1696 married 10 Sept 1733 Henry Burtis, Hempstead,
 24. **Abraham Losee** b. abt 1698 married Anne Dircksen
- [note added: *Isaac Losee, Cornelius Losee, Elizabeth Losee, and Jane Losee.*]

Third Generation

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"**Simon Losee**, son of **Cornelius Jr.** and **Geertje Denton**, lived at Flatbush and Wheatly. He married first **Margariet Koeck** bp. 15 Oct 1693, Bushwick, daughter of **Laurens Koeck** the emigrant and **Margariete Barents** (see Koek Family). He married second 5 Mar 1759 at Hempstead, **Margaret**

[Here the author seems to confuse **Simon** the grand father with **Simon** the grandson. Note **Simon Losee** the son of **Cornelius & Geertje Denton** married **Margariet Koeck**. The **Simon Losee** who married **Margaret Brush** is his grandson, child of **Peter Losee** and **Abigelje Lewis**.]

[note added: **Margaret Brush** was bp 28 Oct 1739: dau. of **Jonas** b 1702. Huntington & **Amy Pearsall** of Hemp. She was a sister of Ann Bush who md Tunis VanCott]

Brush of Huntington, buried 11 July 1776.

His will dated 13 May 1760, proved 18 Oct 1763 (N.Y. Hist Soc. [1897] Coll vol [4] 79, Abstract of Wills, page 272) says: "I, **Simon Losee** of Wheatley in the town of Oyster Bay, Queens Co., being very far advanced in years and well knowing that in a short time I must yield unto death, but my understanding and memory is good as can be expected, and am willing to set my house in order. I leave to my wife, **Margaret** [note added: Brush NOT! Prob. **Koeck?**] one of my best featherbeds that I have in the house, with full furniture. My executors may sell all lands, meadows, and houses and rights of land and all personal estate. I leave to my daughter, Martha, a bed and furniture and also a cow. My executors are to put 25 lbs. at interest for my wife for her support and if the interest is not sufficient, my executors are to pay more. After her death or marriage the principal to be paid to my sons, **Laurens** and **Pieter**, and my grandsons, **James** and **Simon**, sons of my son **Simon**, deceased. To my daughter **Martha**, 25 lbs. After paying debts and funeral charges of all the rest of my estate, I leave to my sons **Laurence** and **Pieter** 1/13 (out of this is to be taken 59 lbs. 5 s, 6d, which I have paid to **Lewis Hewlett**, as being bondsman for my son-in-law, **John Huff**, and the remainder to the children of my said daughter, **Sarah Haff**, viz., **Pieter**, **Sarah** and **Martha**, and her grandchild, **Martha Sammis**). To the children of my son, **Simon** deceased, **James**, **Simon**, **Ann** and **Sarah**, 1/13. To my daughter, **Margaret Crooker**, 1/13. To my daughter, **Hannah Albertus**, 1/13. To my daughter, **Mary Walters**, 1/13. To my daughter **Elizabeth Ireland** 1/13. To my daughter **Ann Totten**, 1/13. To my daughters **Charity Titus** and **Phebe Weeks**, each 1/13. My wife is to have the use of all estate until sold. I make my sons, **Laurence** and **Pieter** and my son-in-law **Joseph Ireland**, and my grandson **James Losee**, son of my son **Simon**, executors." **Simon Losee** bought land at **Wheatley**, 29 Jan 1719, and removed to that place. [note added: 2nd wife had no issue]

Children of the first 4 b. in Flatbush: rest in Wheatley:

52. **Elizabeth** b. abt 1712 died 22 Apr 1802, age 80. [note added: married **Joseph Ireland**][1735]

53. **Sarah** bp 4 Apr 1714: died before May 1760 [note added: married **John Haff** - right]

54. **Lawrence** b. abt. 1716 Live in 1763

55. **Peter** b. abt 1718 Later married **Abigeltje Lewis**

56. **Simon** b. Abt 1719 d. before 1760: married **Phebe Lewis**

57. **Ann** b. abt 1720: married **Josiah Totten**

58. **Mary** bp. 27 June 1722; married **William Walters**

59. **Margaret** bp. 4 Oct 1724; Sampson **Crooker**

60. **Charity** bp 18 Aug 1724; married **Timothy Titus** (see **Titus**)

61. Hannah b. abt. 1726; married Seamans Albertus [note added: son of Sam Jr & Elizabeth.]
 62. Phebe bp 7 Apr 1727; married - 30 Sept 1750 Jacob Weeks of O.B.
 63. Martha b. abt 1729; married Daniel Duryea
 64. Jannetje b abt. 1731; not mentioned in her fathers will.

[18 May 1753 - note added: married Johannes Boerum]

References: Doc Hist. of the Dutch Congregation of Oyster Bay
 by Stoutenburgh, pp 289, 290. NY 012A
 Adventures for God by Haight, p165 -
 Records of Huntington, p94
 N.Y. record 12 pages 79, 81, 142 [note added: & 66 f 363.]

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Fourth Generation

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"**PIETER LOSEE**, son of **Simon Losee** and **Margaret Koeck**, married about 1753 **Abigeltje Lewis** of Flatbush. He later moved to Dutchess Co. N.Y. (where he supposedly married a second [NO] wife and had a son.) [note added: parenthesis added and the word NO in 2 places.]

"Children of first wife [note added: wife crossed out] born in Oyster Bay, last 3 not sure:

138. Grietje Bp 14 May 1754.
 139. Phebe b abt 1756 md a Mr Queen.
 140. Martha b abt 1758; d 19 Dec 1817 md Van Velser.
141. Simon b abt 1760 md Margaret Brush.
 142. James ? b abt 1762 md 17 Mar 1784 Rachel Bedel of Hemp.
 143. Margaret b abt 1766 md 8 Nov 1787 John Lawrence of Hemp.
 144. Mary b abt 1764 md 20 Aug 1782 Epenetus Wood of Hemp
 [note added: NO] Re (Child of second wife born in Dutchess Co.) [note added: parenthesis added and Margaret Brush]
 [note added: NO] 145. David bp 10 Sept 1783. [note added: is a grandson. Son of no 141]

References: Adventures for God by Haight, p193-5-6 -200-204.
 Doc Hist. of Oyster Bay by Stoutenburgh, pp 289.
 Holl. Soc. Year Book 1896.
 N.Y. record vol 15 pages 78, 112, 176.

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Fifth Generation

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SIMON LOSEE, son of **Pieter Losee** and **Abigeltje Lewis**, married **Margaret Brush** of Huntington, 5 Mar 1779. They moved first to Dutchess Co. N.Y. and later to New Brunswick, Canada where this son was born, may be other children:

194. David b 10 Sept 1785/3; d Sept 1844; md 1813."

[Abigail Ann Losee is from this family.]

References: Records of Huntington p 94

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DAVID LOSEE, son of Simon Losee and Margaret Brush, married about 1813 Lydia Huff born 6 June 1799, Encunes, Dutchess Co. N.Y.; died 28 Dec 1874, Toronto, Canada.

Their children were born in Toronto, Canada.

[children are numbered and listed. - they are Abraham, Isaac Huff, Mary Jane, Jemima, John, Rebecca, Sarah, Matilda, Lydia Margaret.

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Seventh Generation

[Lists two children of David & Lydia Losee and their children. These people were in Nauvoo with David's sister **Abigail & John Lamoreaux**. John was with David after Abigail died.]

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THE KOECK FAMILY

First Generation

[note added: temple work done for this family]

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The name was variously spelt as Kouk, Koek, Koeck, Kok and sometimes also with a "C" which makes it very hard to trace the family as there were so many English Cocks in Long Island also. Only the first generation has been found. A **Lourens Corneliszen Koeck** son of **Cornelis Koeck**, emigrates in 1661 from Dennemarken, ~~Holland~~ [note added: Denmark] to Long Island where he lived in Flatbush and also Bushwick. He married 5 Mar 1676, **Margrietje Barents** [note added: - Flaesbeek? - b abt 1642] who was most likely a daughter of **Barent Arentszzen** and **Marrietje Cornelis** as they were witness to the baptism of **Margrietje's** first child, Cornelis, who would be named after his paternal grandfather and also his maternal grandmother. [this part is crossed out here. - One record says they were married about 1690 which can't be correct according to other records and the records of the birth of their children.] **Lourens Koeck** was on the assessment rolls of Flatbush of 1676, the year he married, and also of 1683. He took the oath of allegiance in Brunswick in Sept. 1687, being 26 years in the country. 'Feb. 2, 1677-8 or Dec. 29, 1687, **Laurens Cornelise**, a farmer of N. Arnheim in Boswyck, bought of Stoffel Janse, carpenter, 2 lots of woodland nos. 32 & 33 in the new lots of Flatbush for 300 gl., bought by said Stoffel of Minne Johannes.' Both he and his wife had their names on a mortgage of land in Bushwick 24 Jan. 1692. [children are listed here]

Children [of **Lourens Corneliszen Koeck** and **Margrietje Barents**] born in Bushwick: baptized in Flatbush:

2. Cornelis .bp. 28 Mar. 1677 Wit. Barent Arentszzen and Marrietje Cornelis his wife.
3. Grietje bp. 21 Dec. 1678; d. y.
4. Marrietje bp. 19 Dec. 1680; md. Jan Losee (see Losee family.) [note added: p56]
5. Grietje bp. 19 Nov. 1682.

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[note added: 3 children penciled in here at bottom of the page.

12. Martha b abt 1700 md Laerence Huff
11. Abraham b abt 1698
10. Jan b abt 1695]

6. Gerrit bp 23 Nov. 1684. [note added: md Gertje Losee?]
7. Barent bp. 1 Mar. 1691.
8. Marrietje bp. 22 June 1686 [note added: child] Wit.Sarah Barents; Henricus deForest.
9. **Margrietje** bp. 15 Oct. 1693(some records call her Marritje);
md. **Simon Losee**. (See, Losee Family).
10. Pieter bp.16 June 1702. [note added: md Magdalinaje]

References: Holland Soc. Year Book, 1897, pp. 165, 179.
 Holland Soc. Year Book,1898, pp.127, 134.
 N.Y. Record vols. 10, p.165 and 15, pp. 85, 86.
 Early Settlers of Kings Co., Bergen, pp. 73, 175.
 N.Y. Gen . & Bio. Soc. Coll. Vol. 1, p. 40.
 N.Y. Gen. & Bio. Soc. Coll. vol. 2, pp.48, 127, 135, 180, 206, 294.
 Doc. Hist. of O.B. ,Stoutenburgh, p. 658.
 Scandinavian Emigrants to New York.
 History of Long Island, Whitney.
 Cox Genealogy, Cox.
 [note added: N.Y. B14A1 vol 1 to 4 pt 1&2]

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Richard Denton - emigrate from England
 Shows a pedigree type chart

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THE DENTON FAMILY FIRST GENERATION

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[paragraphing added]

The Rev. Richard Denton of Catherine Hall, Yorkshire, England, was born in 1586. He was a graduate of Cambridge University in 1623 and became the minister [note added: for 4 years] of Halifax, [note added: Parish, Colby Chapel] Yorkshire. [note added: He was living in Jurton Parish of Bolton in 1627] In 1630 he emigrated to America in the in the "Arbella" with Gov. Winthrop, landing at Boston, Mass. [note added: Religious persecution drove him to America.] Shortly after this he led a party of people to Witherfield, Conn. as their minister. In 1640-1 he led another party to Stamford, Conn. where he founded the Congregational Church.

From the history of Stamford we learn that in 1644 a colony composed of Richard Denton, father and sons and several-of his parishioners, [note added: Samuel, Richard, Nathaniel & Daniel (historian) & Thos Ireland & Wm Washburn.] aggrieved at the limited franchises granted the town of Stamford by the New Haven Colony, left the jurisdiction of England and took up land under the Dutch Government on the south side of Long Island. [note added: in 1647] They named the town Hempstead after Hummel Hempstead, a town near London, England, where some of the people came from.

Denton became the first minister of Hempstead and is said to have been the founder of Presbyterianism in America. He had been ordained in the Church of England but was won over to the Puritain [sic] side. In L. I. he did not please a large part of the settlers, many of whom had been accustomed to forms of language and style very different from his and they were so

widely scattered that they could not readily attend church at one place.

By 1650 the orders to attend church could not be enforced and his wages were not paid so in 1659 he returned to Eng. [note added: with his wife. She died there.]

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He was blind in one eye. Cotton Mather said of him, "... And though he were a little man yet had he a great soul and wrote a system of divinity." He came from a very good family. He died in [note added: Essex] England in 1662-3. [note added: The following line is crossed out.] ~~He must have married very late if the record of his children's ages are right.~~ The name of his wife has not yet been found. Their children were as follows:

[note added: 1 girl, Sarah b 1624, md Daniel Thorne

1. Timothy bp 25 July 1627, Parish Church of Bolton, Eng, d.y.]

X2. Daniel b. abt. 1630 Halifax, Eng. D. 1703 [note added: bef. 1695-6] Jamaica, L.I.

x3. Richard b. abt. 1620 " " ~~Boston, Mass.~~ md. Ruth, Tileston.

x4. Nathaniel b [note added: 9 Mar 1628] ~~Wetherfield, Conn.~~ [note added: 18 at] 17?? Ja.

..... [note added: b same as Timothy]

x5. Samuel b. abt. 1630, Wetherfield, Conn.; d. 1713 Hempstead.

x6. John b. abt. 1618 [note added: Parish Church of ??ton] ~~nothing know~~

[note added: is ancestor of East Shore of Va. Dentons.]

References: Compendium vols. 1, 2, 4. V p156 Savages.

History of Hempstead. [note added: Correspondence of U.B. Denton, 1937 of Detroit N.Y. Record vol. 10 p. 10. & of David W Pellram, N.Y. 1936 & 1950]

Jamaica Town Records ,pp. 248-9 [note added: vol. 1-2-3 all films]

[note added: Queens Co. Recorder 2. 1 p 146.]

SECOND GENERATION

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RICHARD DENTON Jr., son of **Richard Denton** Sr., married at Dorchester, Mass. 11 Dec. 1657, **Ruth Tileston** daughter of **Thomas**, He died 28 Dec. 1658. They moved to Jamaica. Very little has been found about him, and only two of his children who were born in Ja. He ~~must have~~ married second as a Richard Denton and his wife **Mary** sold land in Ja. 1697.

[note added: His will dated 16 Apr 1699, Hemp. Mentions wife, Mary, & children but no names under age. & no Nathaniel.]

26. Phebe b. abt. 1662; md. 29 Aug. 1693 Richard Thorne d. 1706 son of Wm. of Flushing d. 1688 and Winifred Livingston.

7. **Geertje** b. abt. 1664; md. **Cornelis Losee**. (See. Losee). [note added: F5b???

[note added: References: N.Y. Record vol. 2: 142: 10 p. 10; 65.

Compendium vol. 3 pp 158, 491

Savages arm? 264 vol 1&2 nothing

Jamaica Town Records, vol 2 p. 248-9 (N.Y. J. 3a - 3 vol]