

The Knickerbocker

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Welcome to the **Knickerbocker Family Newsletter!**

The tremendous turnout at the 1st annual get-together at Schaghticoke on July 16th got me curious to see if there is enough interest to support a family newsletter. The crew at Schaghticoke provided a list of the attendees and this is the only way I have of helping their efforts from CT. I've volunteered to print at least 4 quarterly newsletters to get us to the next reunion. I will print what folks send in and have very little idea where we go from here. I am really depending on everyone to provide enough material (and suggestions) to make this work.



150 **Knickerbocker** cousins making the most of the first annual get-together at the old Schaghticoke mansion. (Is that the secret barbecued chicken I smell?)

I suspect that a newsletter will mainly appeal to the genealogists, but hopefully we can drum up some support for the **Knickerbocker Historical Society** along the way. My long term goal would be to print a family history & genealogy for the Society. We can certainly help everyone who is searching for **Knickerbocker** ancestors with a help wanted column. I'll add my 5000 ancestors worth of miscellaneous facts. Please send names of everyone you can think off who might enjoy receiving a copy and I'll make sure a sample is sent.

A contribution of \$10 for a year's subscription to pay for postage and supplies would be most appreciated. We can adjust it later when I get a feeling for the real costs. Any extra money goes to the Mansion.

Send all money and membership related correspondence to the:

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Everything else (threats, offers of marriage, etc.) relating to the newsletter, please send to me:

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Early Family History: The Bogerts

This section is reserved for sorting out what we know - and don't know about the first few generations.

The following is an excerpt from James Riker's *History Of Harlem*, pp. 447-48.

Jan Louwe Bogert, otherwise from the place of his nativity, called Jan Louwe from Schoonderwoerd, claims a place among the patentees, for reasons given in the annexed note.* Many references to him will be found in the preceding pages. Having spent nine years at Bedford, Long Island, he came to Harlem in 1672, as proprietor of the Montayne farm, the history of which, up to its purchase by Bogert, has also been given. He was chosen a magistrate in 1675, was re-elected in 1676 and on November 30th of this year, with his wife Cornelia Everts, was received at New York as a member of the Harlem church. In 1677 Bogert drew lot No. 6, on Hoorn's Hook, but sold it December 9, 1679, to Joost van Oblinus. He drew, in 1691, lot No. 25, adjoining his farm on the south side, and which in the deed from the town, March 21, 1701, is thus described:

"There is set off for Jan Louwe Bogert, for the right of sixteen morgen of land and an erf right; a piece of land lying in the bend of Hellgate, beginning from the southwest corner of the Hop Garden, by a birch tree, till to a white oak tree, which stands by a small swamp (creupelbosje) marked I L B and I D L; thence towards the river, past a rock marked I L B and I D L, and so on to the beach, till the end of a meadow north of a rocky hill; as it is at present fenced in" The initials (I and J) are those of Jan Louwe Bogert and Jan De Lamater.

Bogert having spent 35 years at Harlem, sold his farm to Captain Johannes Benson, September 21, 1706, for £650, and the next spring removed to New York; with his wife uniting with the church there by certificate from Harlem, on May 27, 1707.

JAN LOUWE BOGERT (1) HAD ISSUE:

2. Peter, born 1656 at Leerdam, Holland, married Fytie (Sophia) Vlierboom, September 29, 1686, had nine children.
3. Gysbert, born at Bedford, L.I. 1663, baptized September 30, 1663, at Brooklyn, N.Y., married Annatie (Laurens) Jansen, of Harlem, had six children.
4. Claes (Nicholas), born at Bedford, L.I., in 1668, married first Belettie Van Schaick, June 28, 1695, had four children. He married second Margaret (Consilyea) Van Tilburg, February 23, 1707, by whom he had nine children. He lived in New York, was a "baker and bolter", and died January 5, 1727.
5. Johannes, baptized September 15, 1675, died young.
6. Johannes, baptized August 16, 1679, married Claessie Van Schaick, June 16, 1700, but died without issue in 1711.

7. Elizabeth, who married Harmen Jansen Knickerbocker before 1688, had eight children.
8. Catherine, who married Elbert Harmense (also known as Lieverse).
9. Margaret, who married Pieter J. Haring, December 4, 1687, had twelve children.
10. Jenneke, who married Jooris (George) Holmes, July 8, 1704, had three children.
11. Cornelia, who married Wouter (Pieterse) Quackenbos, of Albany, N.Y., on October 4, 1696, had five children, and died November 21, 1736.

Ancestry Matching:

I'll print folk's ancestry in hopes that you can match up with some near cousins. Please send as much as you have in as this is as good as writing individual queries. Can you believe this match up from the only listings I have from the reunion (3rd Cousins). I feel shorted as I am a 7th Cousin to both (hope I figured those right). Looks like we have to straighten out the birth dates of Lawrence & Cornelius. Birth date & place of birth are listed if available from the submitter.

1.	Harmen Jansen			
2.	Laurenz	3 May	1681	Albany, NY
3.	Cornelius		1717	Albany, NY
4.	John C.	12 Nov	1752	Rhinebeck, NY
5.	Andrew (Andrus)	2 Oct	1792	Pine Plains, NY
6.	John W.	5 Sep	1836	Elba, NY
7.	Harvey Orsamus	6 Nov	1874	Mt. Morris, MI
8.	Carl Fred	30 Oct	1910	Detroit, MI
9.	Carl George	18 Sep	1933	Chelsea, MI
10.	Sharon	8 Sep	1962	W. Covina, CA

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1.	Harmen Jansen			
2.	Laurence		1685	
3.	Cornelius		1714	
4.	John C.		1752	
5.	Andrus		1792	
6.	John Walter		1836	
7.	Henry Wallace		1865	
8.	Clare Henry		1895	
9.	Bruce Gordon		1917	
10.	Jerry Bruce		1939	

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1.	Harmen Jansen			
2.	Laurence			Albany, NY
3.	John		1710	Dutchess Co., NY
4.	Lawrence	1 Sep	1739	Salisbury, CT
5.	Solomon (not proved)	28 Feb	1773	Salisbury, CT
6.	Solomon		Jun 1812	Salisbury, CT
7.	John H.	1 Jan	1850	Salisbury, CT
8.	Harry	23 Jun	1893	Hartford, CT
9.	Howard Lester	11 Feb	1915	Hampden, MA
10.	Howard Lester, Jr.	25 Mar	1941	Hartford, CT

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Salute to the Volunteers: *Nick & Marion Schnurr*



Nick & Marion attend to a late fall cleanup in the family cemetery. They are the “official” volunteer caretakers of this final resting place for so many of our Knickerbocker ancestors. They have reclaimed the cemetery from the weeds and brush that overtook this area and have future plans to expand the cleanup to surrounding areas. They mow the grass, trim around the stones and plant the flowers. I was most impressed with the condition of the yard in July.

Nick & Marion previously built, owned and operated the Dutch Haven Golf Course in Johnsonville, NY. After selling the golf course, Marion worked for the State and Nick worked for Senator Bruno. The Society and the Knickerbocker family are most fortunate in having these two tireless workers devote so much of their retirement to our benefit.



The roof restoration project has swung into high gear (check out the scaffolding!). The contractors, Duncan & Cahill of Troy, NY, hope to have the new roof installed by late November. Completed so far is the removal of the old slate roof, replacement of the deteriorated support wood, rebuilding of the dormers to the original style shed roof rather than the Victorian era peaked roofs. Work in progress....rebuilding the east chimney above the ridge (the mason was in the plastic enclosure as

the picture was snapped), rebuilding & restoring the cornices. Work left to do...the installation of the original style wooden cedar shingles. Keep those nickels and dimes headed towards Schaghticoke as this phase of the restoration brings the total expenditures to date to over \$400K. We'll soon be saying “The New Mansion at Schaghticoke!”. (Pictures by Stana Iseman, Oct. 1995)

Queries:

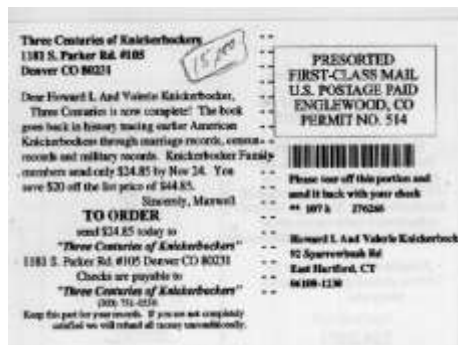
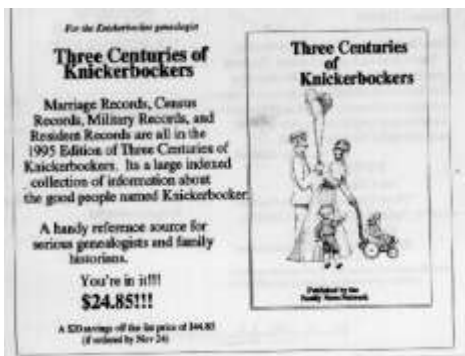
This is the section where anyone can request help in their search of the **Knickerbocker** family tree. I won't get carried away by abbreviations. Please send all family information to me so it can be included in the family data base for searching.

Request info on parents of Solomon KNICKERBOCKER b abt Jun 1812 @ Salisbury, CT. He m 1st Clarrissa ROOT @ Cornwall, CT 16 Oct 1832 (Barbour collection) . They had 10 ch b @ Salisbury and had rem to West Hartford, CT by 1870. Clarrissa d there 21 May 1882. Solomon rem to Plainville, CT and m 2nd Ruth Atwood BRISTOL. He d there 31 Mar 1892. Both Solomon & Clarrissa are interred @ Ashley Falls, MA, just north of New Cannan, CT where their eldest daughter Sarah Jane resided. I also need all info on Clarrissa.

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Were Philo (b 1816) and Milo KNICKERBOCKER (b 1819) Solomon's brothers? From the 1820 census, it would appear likely that the parents of Solomon⁶ were Solomon⁵ (sometimes Salmon) b 28 Feb 1773 (son of Lawrence⁴) and Lucy OLDS. 3 males under 10 are in the household, but I lack any other documentation from this period.

Abbreviations: b = born, m = married, d = died, ch = children, rem = removed. (did I get to monopolize this one or what?)



Beware of the ripoffs. I received this recently and out of curiosity called to get the details. They publish these for 15,000 different family names. Better genealogy in a phone book.



Dorothy (Dot) Stewart (seated - with cool hat) from Norwich, CT helps some folks with genealogy. Dot has been acting as a repository for Knickerbocker family history for more than 20 years. My #1 son Brian (cool dude, tee shirt) looks on.

Revolutionary War:

Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files - pp. 1973-74

- ◆ KNICKERBACOR, Samuel, Judith, S 13662, BLW #43504-160-55, CT Line, sol was b 12 Jan 1762 at Salisbury CT & he lived there at enl & in 1792 he moved to Saratoga NY & in 1796 he moved to Rome in Oneida Co NY & in 1800 he returned to Saratoga, NY & in 1805 he moved to Seneca NY & in 1810 he moved to New Fane in Niagara Co NY & he appl there 7 May 1833, sol m Judith Wright in Feb 1781 at Sharon in Litchfield Co CT & sol d at Woolwich in Waterloo Co in Upper Canada in Feb 1842, wid appl 25 Oct 1855 Niagara Co NY aged 98 a res of West Woolwich in the province of Upper Canada; a Susan Streeter & Michael Isenhour both of West Woolwich Canada were witnesses to wid's 1855 aff'dt.
- ◆ KNICKERBOCKER, Harmonus or Harmanus, S 44236, MA Line, sol enlisted at West Point NY, appl 20 Apr 1818 at Gorham in Ontario Co NY aged 56, in 1824 sol referred to his 7 children; Eli of OH, Sally wife of David T. Bristol who had 5 children (no names), Larry who was m & had 3 children (no names), John & William both m & were living in OH, Hannah & Harman both sgl & living at Hopewell in Ontario Co NY.
- ◆ KNICKERBOCKER, Phillip, Hannah, R 6020, NY Line, sol m Hannah Harder 5 Jul 1806 at Gallatin in Columbia Co NY & sol d in 1826 or 1827 in Columbia Co NY, wid appl 20 Aug 1852 Madison Co NY aged 80.
- ◆ KNIERBECKER, Herman, BLW #4509-100-21 Apr 1796, srv as a Pvt in the MA Line.

Biography:

The following was found in *The Leading Citizens of Litchfield County*, published in 1896 by the Biographical Review Co. of Boston, MA

WILLIAM H. KNICKERBOCKER, who has conducted a successful blacksmithing business at Woodville, in the town of Washington, for many years, was born in Kent, Conn., November 26, 1836, son of William and Harriet (Johnson) Knickerbocker. Mr. Knickerbocker's father was a native of Dover, N.Y.; and when a young man he learned the tailor's trade which he followed during the active period of his life. He settled in Kent, where he resided for many years, becoming well and favorably known as an industrious and useful citizen. His last days were spent in

Providence, R.I., where he died at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, Harriet Johnson, who was a daughter of Hezekiah Johnson, of Kent, became the mother of the following children: Julia, who became Mrs. Monroe and has two children - George and Mary; Frederick; Oscar; Delia, a twin sister of the latter who became Mrs. Taylor, and had five children, namely - William, Mary, Ida, Louis and Martha; William H., the subject of this sketch; and Edward, who was twice married, his first wife being Ellen Varney and his second Ellen Huntley. The

mother lived to reach the age of seventy-six years.

William H. Knickerbocker received his education in the district schools, and at the age of fifteen began work at the forge. After learning the blacksmith's trade he worked as a journeyman, and finally settled in Washington in the village of Woodville, where he has carried on a thriving business for over thirty years. During his long residence in Woodville he has acquired a

high reputation as a skilled and reliable workman, and has met with the usual reward of well-directed industry.

In 1871 Mr. Knickerbocker was united in marriage to Emma Briggs, daughter of David Briggs, of Washington, and has one son, Harry by name. Mr. Knickerbocker is a Democrat in politics, and has well served the town as grand juror, Constable, and in other offices. He attends the Congregational church. (End)

Vital Records:

The following list of Knickerbocker deaths is from the Hale Cemetery Collection at the State Library at Hartford. The listing is of headstones found and indexed in CT cemeteries during the 1930s as a project of the WPA. Obituary records from early CT newspapers are also included in this listing

Y,M,D is the age at death in years, months and days. Ae is a given age in years at time of death and is probably less exact. Cemetery # and page refer to the master listing which is in multiple large volumes by town. A 3x5 card index is available for searching. When the age at death is given, I have estimated (abt) the year of birth.

ID	Name	Born	Died	Y,M,D	Ae	Town	Cem. #	Page	Note
1	Adelaide	1853	1932			New Cannan	1	18	
2	Adelin	abt 1850	2 Aug 1853	3,3,4		Salisbury	7,8	128	
3	Albert G.		Feb 1838			Salisbury	22	150	son of #55
4	Ann Catherine					Darien	1	8	
5	Caroline	abt 1823	2 Mar 1882		69	Salisbury	7,8	124	
6	Caroline Chester	26 Jan 1801	20 Apr 1869			Wethersfield	1	53	
7	Casander	abt 1845	30 Jun 1853			8 Warren	1	9	
8	Catherine A.	4 Mar 1835	20 Oct 1870			Hartford	5	130	
9	Clara M.	1864	1912			W. Hartford	3	79	
10	Clarrissa Root	abt 1812	21 May 1882		70	New Cannan	11	104	wife of #55
11	Cornelius	abt 1692	7 Mar 1776		84	Sharon	1,2	24	
12	Cornelius		12 May 1812						Ct Herald
13	Elizabeth F. Damon					New Britain	1	218	
14	Elmer	*30 Nov 1866	29 May 1890			Sprague	2	17	*Could be 1886
15	Elsie M.	18 May 1879	24 Apr 1881			Darien	1	17	
16	Emeline	abt 1805	6 Feb 1839		33	Bethel	3	128	
17	Emma	2 May 1844	23 Apr 1865			Salisbury	7,8	129	
18	Emma L.	8 Oct 1834	25 Jul 1865			Salisbury	7,8	129	Same as 17?
19	Eulah M.	abt 1873	9 Aug 1891	16,9,		Hartford	4	254	
20	Everett, Mrs.		Mar 1858						Housatonic Repub.
21	Fannie E.	1882	1887			New Britain	1	218	
22	Florence L. Bissell	15 Oct 1889	9 Jan 1916			E. Hartford	1	138	
23	Frances Somes	1838	1914			Darien	1	8	
24	Francis	1808	1871			Salisbury	6	52	
25	Frank D.	1845	1923			Bristol	9	359	son of #55
26	Franklin P.	1852	1909			New Britain	1	218	

27	Frederick		12 Jan 1900		Wethersfield	1	99		
28	George A.	Jul 1840	9 Jul 1883		Hartford	4	254	son of #55	
29	Grove	9 Jun 1853	17 May 1891		Salisbury	7,8	129		
30	Hannah J. Cole	abt 1820	12 Dec 1910	90	Salisbury	7,8	128		
31	Harriet C.	1833	1911		Andover	1	7		
32	Hattie J. Welton	1863	1929		Waterbury	5	680		
33	Henry L.	1831	1923		Darien	1	8		
34	Irene Barley	1809	1891		Salisbury	6	52		
35	Irene J.	1846	19..		Salisbury	6	52		
36	Irving W.	1878	1892		New Britain	1	218		
37	John F.	abt 1852	20 Dec 1857		5 Salisbury	5	29		
38	Kathlyne	1853	1924		Ridgefield	12	83		
39	Laura A.	abt 1847	11 Aug 1867		20 Litchfield	3	114		
40	Laura L.	abt 1873	6 May 1874	1,1,18	Litchfield	3	114		
41	M. K.		25 Jun 1855						Winstead Herald
42	Margaret		12 Jun 1862						Hartford Courant
43	Maria P.	1880	1887		New Britain	1	218		
44	Mary F.	abt 1843	28 Sep 1860		17 Salisbury	6	47		
45	Mary J. Scoville	1846	1918		Bristol	9	359		
46	Mary Louise	abt 1859	7 Oct 1866		7				N. London Weekly
47	Milo	19 Jun 1816	20 Jul 1880		Salisbury	7,8	129		
48	Nettie M.	1858	1930		Bristol	9	235		
49	Paul L.	7 Jul 1887	19 Feb 1932		E. Hartford	1	138		
50	Philo	abt 1819	5 Mar 1899		80 Salisbury	7,8	128		
51	Sarah J.	9 Nov 1813	8 Mar 1893		Salisbury	7,8	129		
52	Sarah Jane	abt 1839	1 Oct 1841	2,4,	Salisbury	5	29		
53	Silas	3 Jun 1843	26 Jul 1906		Salisbury	7,8	129		
54	Simon	1836	1894		Darien	1	8		
55	Solomon	abt 1812	31 Mar 1892		80 New Cannan	11	104		
56	Whiting H.	abt 1809	27 May 1881		72 New Cannan	1	18		
57	William H.	abt 1837	1 Feb 1909		72 Litchfield	3	114		
58	(son)	May 1788	May 1788		Salisbury	6	43		

Census:

The following records are extracted from the 1920 Census for New York. The family number indicates a family group and is assigned in random order for sorting purposes. Individuals are also included. I have finished cataloging about 50% of the 1920 census for the entire US. I could use some help on the earlier ones even if it is just your state. 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 are the ones to get done as finding aids for family searches. Please drop a line if you can take some of this on. Once entered into a database, the searches are greatly simplified back to 1850. AE=age, YOB=year of birth, PB=place of birth, rel=relation to head of household.

FAM	KN	AE	YOB	PB	REL	VOL	SHT	ED	TOWN	CNTY	ST
67	FRANK B	65	1854	NY	H	1	5	7	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
67	RACHEL M	63	1856	NY	W	1	5	7	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
67	MAUDE MAGGS	32	1887	NY	D	1	5	7	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
67	ETTA BUSH	27	1892	NY	NI	1	5	7	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
67	HOWARD MAGGS	8	1911	NY	GS	1	5	7	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
93	HARRIET M	81	1838	NY		2	12	41	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
99	HARRY P	28	1891	NY	H	3	6	70	ALBANY	ALBA	NY

99	ELIZABETH	28	1891	NY	W	3	6	70	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
113	IRVING	80	1839	NY	H	2	2	33	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
113	HENRIETTA L	74	1845	NY	W	2	2	33	ALBANY	ALBA	NY
19	CATHARINE	21	1898	NY		5	8	169		ALBA	NY
2	ADELBERT	44	1875	NY		8	7	9	ANDOVER	ALLE	NY
14	ARTHUR	40	1879	PA	H	9	3	37		ALLE	NY
14	MARY	44	1875	PA	W	9	3	37		ALLE	NY
14	ETHYL	9	1910	IO	D	9	3	37		ALLE	NY
14	ROY	7	1912	IO	S	9	3	37		ALLE	NY
14	LUCY	4	1915	NY	D	9	3	37		ALLE	NY
81	GEORGE	36	1883	PA	H	10	10	10	BINGHAMTON	BROO	NY
81	ERMA	32	1887	IL	W	10	10	10	BINGHAMTON	BROO	NY
81	MARY L	1	1918	NY	D	10	10	10	BINGHAMTON	BROO	NY
85	GEORGE W	63	1856	NY	H	12	6	54	BINGHAMTON	BROO	NY
85	ETTA L	64	1855	PA	W	12	6	54	BINGHAMTON	BROO	NY
98	HARRY J	18	1901	KS		11	7	25	BINGHAMTON	BROO	NY
90	GRACE A	42	1877	NY		9	3	83	DEPOSIT	BROO	NY
18	CARL	20	1899	PA		13	4	97	JOHNSON CITY	BROO	NY
120	JAMES L	34	1885	PA	H	13	7	99	JOHNSON CITY	BROO	NY
120	ETHEL M	30	1889	PA	W	13	7	99	JOHNSON CITY	BROO	NY
120	EARL LYON	29	1890	NY	BL	13	7	99	JOHNSON CITY	BROO	NY
120	EVA LYON	22	1897	PA	SI	13	7	99	JOHNSON CITY	BROO	NY
41	EARL	41	1878	NY	H	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	MINNIE M	37	1882	NY	W	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	ETHEL K	10	1909	NY	D	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	MARGARET C	8	1911	NY	D	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	LILLIAN M	7	1912	NY	D	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	DOUGLAS G	6	1913	NY	S	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	ALICE R	4	1915	NY	D	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	LOUISE E	4	1915	NY	D	312	4	71		BROO	NY
41	RICHARD R	2	1917	NY	S	312	4	71		BROO	NY

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