

The Knickerbocker

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> ATTENTION - ALL KNICKERBOCKER KIN <
**** JULY 13, 1997 – 3rd ANNUAL REUNION ****
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM – The Mansion – Schaghticoke, NY

1997 SCHAGHTICOKE CALENDAR

- MAY 3** **An Evening with Ben Franklin** – 6:30 PM - A Buffet of Colonial Dishes and Paul Stillman as Ben - at the Mansion - Candlelit.
- MAY 11** **Mothers Day Spring Festival** – 8:00 am ⇒ 4:00 PM - Spring Plants & Flowers
Baked Goods, Snack Bar, Mansion & Cemetery Tours
World Famous Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 ⇒ 11:00
- JULY 13** **Family Reunion** - 8:00 am ⇒ 4:00 PM -
8:00 ⇒ 11:00 - Pancake Breakfast (World Famous!)
12:30 [World Famous] Chicken Barbecue
11:00 ⇒ 4:00 - Snack Bar (For those that can't make it to lunch)
Mansion & Cemetery Tours - Petting Zoo (KNICKole the Cow)
- SEPT 27/8** **Knickerbocker Harvest Festival** - All the above + More

The Knickerbocker is published sporadically, depending on the workload and ambition of your editor. The purpose of this newsletter is to support the restoration of the Knickerbocker Mansion and further the goals of:

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And to provide an exchange for Knickerbocker Family research and information. Please contact:

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for all matters dealing with the newsletter and family genealogy. All queries, genealogical material submittals, contributions, comment or observations relating to the Knickerbocker Family, The Society or the Newsletter are welcomed.

I apologize to all for not finishing this third newsletter in a much timelier manner. My partner and I run a small Laser R&D Company that needed all our efforts for the last several months to secure our near term future. I'm happy to report that our efforts were successful and we were awarded the first ever Small Business Innovative Research "Fast Track" Program by the U. S. Government. That will keep us going for quite awhile. We've also licensed some of our Laser Technology to a large California Co. that will use our ideas in a brand new Dental Laser that is undergoing approval by the FDA. It will replace the dental high-speed drill for many procedures and initial tests indicate near painless operation (without Novocaine).

I hope to see everyone at Schaghticoke on July 13th. With any luck we won't have another Storm Bertha the day before to scare everyone away. Mother's Day 96 was a real washout. The road to the Mansion was underwater where the old creek bed crosses and it snowed on the way up from CT. I've included a few pictures so folks from warmer climes can share vicariously in the suffering. I hope everyone can donate a little extra to the restoration effort to compensate for these lean days.

Remember to bring or send pictures, biographies and genealogies. I recently sprung for a portable computer (the price is getting down to where mere mortals can afford them) and will bring that along to help with finding Kn kin. I just ordered a 24-inch plotter for doing engineering drawings along with the adapter for roll paper. With any luck we'll have continuous descendancy charts in July.

The Internet and Computer Genealogy continue to get more useful. Dennis Howard and Dave Knickerbocker both have neat World Wide Web sites at Broderbund's Family Tree Maker support site (<http://www.familytreemaker.com>). They have their genealogies posted to attract others that may be working the same lines. A very helpful web site that contains early Dutch history & passenger lists is sponsored by Lorine

Schulze (Olive Tree Genealogy Homepage) at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/>. We have a small, very informal Kn e-mail group for exchanging information. Send your e-mail address if it is not listed on the member role.

I just purchased a CD-ROM, which contains 152,000 NY marriages. These CDs are quite inexpensive and hold millions of facts on the Census and other genealogical information. While computers are a great aid in organizing your research, the only permanent way to preserve your records and family histories is to publish on paper – and get it put places where people can find and use it 50 years from now. The technology changes so fast, who knows what form electronic data storage will take 10 or 20 years in the future. How many can recover data files done on a CPM or TI-99 based computer, circa 1988. Floppy disks maintain data for only a few years.

I recently went through the *History of Dutchess County, New York* by James H. Smith, published by D. Mason & Co., Syracuse 1882. On page 337 I found the following reference. "The Families of Knickerbocker and Van Deusen were in the south part of town" (Amenia, NY) "at an early period. There is a deed, written in the Dutch or Holland language, bearing date 1711, from Herman Knickerbocker to Cornelius Knickerbocker. It appears to be land occupied by Van Deusen, whose house was a short distance east of George T. Belding's." Isaac Hunting also references the deed in *Little Nine Partners*. This is the latest date referencing Harmen Jansen. There is a Knickerbocker graveyard at this site and I suspect family lived here for 150 years. I pulled out all the miscellaneous Kn. listings and will publish them at a later date.

The first time I found mention of George A. Knickerbocker of Michigan is in the October 1936 *New England Historical & Genealogical* where he submitted what appears to be a Bible record for Cornelius Kn. (1788-1844) and family. I recently sent copies of the newsletter to George but they were returned – forwarding

**** Mother's Day 1996 – Schaghticoke ****



Stana Iseman Giving Tour. She Is In Front of One of the 2 Chimneys In Attic. Note Rain Slicker and Frostbite.



View From Attic Window Showing Extensive Flooding In Old Hoosic Creek Channel Beside Mansion.



My Son Brian Guarding The Homemade Pies In Front Of Barn. (Handsome Lad)



The Spray Of Water Is A Car Approaching The Mansion Down Knickerbocker Road.

order expired? He corresponded widely on the Knickerbocker family and I know that Paul, Dot Stewart, Neva Schiltz and Sarah Hartman were in contact with him. He proposed the parents of Harmen Jansen as Johan VanWie and Jannetje Jansen (of the Jansen family of Masterlandt). If anyone can provide backup material from George substantiating this, we would all be most grateful. I have 13 group sheets from George by way of Dot. He mentions Mrs. Rosalyn Hayes of Benton Harbor, MI (about 1985) as a storehouse of information on the Kns. I can't tie in to her name with the current phone listings. He also mentions Mr. Arthur Burris as a source. I have some communication concerning John Kn. and his wife Annis Ingrahm between Mr. Burris and Mrs. Mary Hart, Town Historian at Schaghticoke, in 1979.

Does anyone know where the Fred Chamberlain research material ended up? I have a reference

to a daughter of his in CA in 1979 and can't match up to the current listings (Mrs. Robert Tafoya, 10350 Baseline Rd, SP 15, Alta Loma, CA 91701). I believe someone mentioned the material might be in a library in NY. He made references to connections in that genealogy that I would love to dig out. If you are going to publish a genealogy, make sure you have all references and sources listed. The research is meaningless without them. I had the genealogy copied off the microfilm at the local Mormon FHC. Dot Stewart and Marc Archer have copies.

Next issue – I hope to finish the next newsletter in time for the reunion. I will distribute it there first, as it looks like it will be 30 pages long. I'll save on some postage. Included will be the facts on the –

GREAT KNICKERBOCKER TRAIN WRECK.

BOGAERTS

The following is taken from a very nice letter from Sally Hartman, 180 N. Main St., Apt #511, Mechanicville, NY 12180.

I have one correction on your Bogart line. #11 - Cornelia Bogart m. Wouter Quackenbush, Jr. of Albany, 4 Oct 1696. The following is from *The Bogart Family* by John Albert Bogart, 1959.

Gijsbert In Den Boogaertman: Early court records of Schoonrewoerd, District of Vianen, Province of South Holland, 3 miles from Leerdam. Birthplace and date unknown. He had at least one son.

Theunis Gijsbertszn In Den Boogaertman: b. Schoonrewoerd in 1562. d. There 1647, AE 85 years. He owned considerable property, but had financial difficulties as found in court records.

m₁. – Neeltjen Laurens who d. before Dec. 1646.

m₂. - Maayeken Meertens (Martins)

10 Dec 1646 – Division of property of the late Neeltjen Laurens between her husband Theunis Gijsbertszn In den Boogaertman, and their children, Louw Theunisz, Gijsbert Theunisz and the late Cornelius Theunisz.

26 Dec 1646 – Theunis, then over 80, petitioned the court to relieve him of guardianship of Cornelius' children. Court records give the names of children as Bogaert. The court named Louw Theunisz as guardian of his brother's two children.

Jan Laurens (Lourens) Bogart (of Harlem) b. in Schoonrewoerd, son of Louw Theunisz Bogart. He was a passenger on the Bonte Coe (Spotted Cow) that sailed from Amsterdam, 16 Apr 1663 with wife Cornelia Everts, and sons Gysbert and Pieter. Jan first settled in Bedford, Brooklyn remaining nine years. Then purchased farmland in New Haarlem at the foot of 125th Street and East River, Manhattan. Sold his farm in 1706 and settled near Chatham Square in lower Manhattan, where he died in 1708.

Children of Jans Laurens Bogart:

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| 1. Pieter, b. Leerdam 1656 | m. Fytje Vierbloom, 28 Sep 1686 |
| 2. Gysbert, b. Leerdam 1657 | m. Annetje Jansen |
| 3. Elizabeth, prob. b. Leerdam | m. Harmen Janse Knickerbocker, ca. 1678 |
| 4. Marritje (Greetje – Margaret) | m. Pieter Haring (Albany RDC) 4 Dec 1678 |
| 5. Claes (Nicholas), b. 1668 | m ₁ . Beeltje Van Schaick, 28 Jun 1695
m ₂ . Margaret Conselye, 28 Feb 1707 |
| 6. Cornelia | m. Wouter Quackenbush, Jr., 4 Oct 1696 |
| 7. Johannes, b. 16 Aug 1679 | m. Classie Van Schaick, 16 Jun 1700 |
| 8. Catalyna | m. Elbert Harmense, 10 Aug 1701 |
| 9. Jannette | m. Joris Holmes, 8 Jul 1704 |

There were 10 children, another Johannes b. before 1679 died young. The order of the births is uncertain, and I have arranged the list by date of marriage except Pieter and Gysbert. Elizabeth and Marritje must have been born in Holland before 1663 if they married in 1678. Most of the marriage dates were found in S. V. Talcott's *Genealogical Notes of N. Y. & New England families*, 1883. Catalyna's was in the Albany RDC records, banns announced in New Harlem and New Albany.

(I have always wondered if any connection existed between Gysbert's wife, Annetje Jansen, and our tribe. So often you see brothers and sisters marrying into the same family – HK)

From: Stan Hixson of Alexandria, VA
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Howard - I saw your query 1996-8 in *The New Netherlands Connections* mentioning the Bogerts, I don't know whether this will help your search for the Knickerbockers, but the Bogert family is in the line of Teddy Roosevelt according to *Ancestry Of American Presidents* by Boyer. If you want more details, let me know. I am distantly related to the Bogerts and Roosevelts through common heritage with Phillippe Du Trieux.

From: Frances Van Scoy, 782 Meadowbrook Road, Morgantown, WV 26505.
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I read your query 1996-8 in *New Netherlands Connections*, volume 1, number 1, about the husband of Elizabeth Bogert, daughter of Jan Louwe Bogert. Are you aware of a Jan Louwe Bogert who is an ancestor of Martin Van Buren? [Ref: Gary Boyd Roberts, *Ancestors of American Presidents*, 1995 NEHGS]

I've recently become interested in the Bogart family after finding Bogart ancestors in eastern (West) Virginia. For example, Guisbert Bogart's will was dated 1778, Hampshire county, Virginia. He appears to have been born in Minisink Valley, NY or NJ, and married Catrina Dekker in Esopus, NY in 1772.

David Samuelson sent me a line from the actor Humphrey Bogart back to Tunis Gysbert Bogart (1625) and Sarah Jorise Rapalje.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Howard,

Since I last wrote to you, I have been busy chasing my Knickerbockers. I started in earnest last November. I think I've accomplished quite a lot, but I have many mountains yet to climb.

First, I obtained a Packard Bell Platinum computer with 1.2 gigabytes of memory with 16 Ram. I'm enrolled on Prodigy at 14,400 BPS because that's the local phone line speed.

Being on-line has helped me to network in looking for Knickerbocker researchers. Since January, I have been in touch with at least 10 serious researchers. Also I have done some research at the genealogy library in Fort Wayne, IN, on my Knickerbockers. I have sent letters to various sources across the U. S. and I've been getting information.

What I know now about my great-grandfather Reuben Willis Knickerbocker is that he was born on March 10, 1827, in Genesee County, New York, possibly in Pavilion. His father was David, formerly a captain in the New York State Militia and a farmer. David's father was John, possibly of Dutchess County, who reportedly drowned in the Hudson River shortly after David's birth.

David's wife was Susannah West Covell, a daughter of Richard Covell of Massachusetts who was in the Revolutionary War. Covell moved to Rensselaer County, New York before 1790. He lived in Hoosick. Susannah's mother was Penelope West, daughter of Ichabod West. Richard Covell moved to Genesee County before 1830.

While researching the indexes of New York census, I found several David Knickerbockers, but it was difficult to know which was the correct one, as I didn't have time that day to check the microfilm. I did find a Simeon Covell Knickerbocker in the 1860 census of Ontario County, NY. I was attracted to the name "Covell," thinking he might be a relation.

Simeon was Reuben's older brother, born in 1824 in Pavilion, NY. He was married to Emma L. Cooper who was born in Wellington, OH, in 1836. They had at least six children. I am awaiting more details on this family from the Jefferson County Genealogy Society in Watertown.

Through my cousin Miranda deKay in New York (whom you know), I obtained the address of our second cousin in Kansas City, a Laura K. Lloyd. Laura's father-in-law, Stuart P. Lloyd, of Berkeley Heights, NJ, had done some research on the Knickerbockers in 1981. He was kind enough to send me details of his labors.

Reuben had gone to Louisiana in 1852 after attending college in New York, first at Union College in Schenectady and then at Normal School in Albany. He was working for the railroad as an engineer when he led the train in New Orleans. Later, he went to Mississippi where he went back to college (don't know where) and obtained his law degree (it must not have been as rigorous then).

Reuben went to Baton Rouge to practice law and to marry for the first time in 1857. His wife died five years later (without issue) and a somber Reuben joined the Confederate Army. He was placed in charge of munitions shipments from New Orleans to Atlanta. After that, he reported on the war for The Associated Press. I haven't been able to confirm that, but the AP may have a record of their correspondents.

In 1867, Reuben married Emma Larguier (Lar-gay) of Baton Rouge. She was 24 and he was 43. My great-grandmother gave him six children, five sons and a daughter. In 1880, the

**** Scenes From Schaghticoke Reunion - 1996 ****



Pat Geh?
Stan Iseman
My wife Val

family moved back to New Orleans where he prospered as an attorney. Some historical journal gave him a nice write-up in 1892. I have received copies of his briefs in cases before the Supreme Court of Louisiana. In 1900, Mr. Lloyd found him in Crowley, LA, where I think he died after the census was taken that year. So far I have not found the exact date of his death, nor of his wife's, but I am tracking them. At the present, the New Orleans Public Library has my request for their obituaries.

In the meantime, I have written to all the Larguiers in Baton Rouge. That was on Feb. 6. Only one answered with no information. A Larguiere relation answered my query in the Baton Rouge newspaper looking for this family, but he didn't know too much. He thought Emma died in about 1924 or 1925.

Just today I decided to call Buddy Larguier Sr. in Baton Rouge to see what he remembers. Although he is 82 years old, he was able to converse nicely. He gave me a source of family history to whom I will write.

I have obtained their marriage record. It did not give much. Mr. Lloyd had some background material on Larguier and Emma's mother, Martha Erwin Larguier. The Erwins were from Scotland. I have posted all my surnames on the RSL, which is sponsored by rootsweb on the Internet.

While researching my own family, I have corresponded on-line with Knickerbocker descendants. Recently, these proud people sent me print-outs of their lineages, as many have traced their ancestors back to Harmen Janzsen van Bommel van Wyckerbacke HIMSELF. In fact, everyone seems to have a DIFFERENT story of how the name of Knickerbocker evolved. Probably a book could be written on that.

One of my correspondents, Lewis Knickerbocker of Fort Myers, FL, is researching the origins of Harmen Janzsen because he has been confused by all the reports. He wrote to

The Netherlands for the official records of the battles that Harmen was in and exactly when he may have Emigrated to New Netherlands and so forth. Lewis has been dubious of some of the reports we have been getting.

Back to the lineages. I received them from several different sources So I put them together to create what we knew of the descendants of the seven children of Harmen. Of course, if I had all the known descendancies my database would be a MONSTER. As it is, I have long lineages for some, like Pieter from Lawrence and Cornelius from Lawrence, and short lineages from Harmen's son Evert and the others.

But what we are trying to do is know where everybody goes. This is a project I took upon myself because I don't connect with any of these lines. And we discovered that one lady who claimed she descended from so-and-so actually did not. She accepted the defeat graciously after spending years doing research. But we aren't trying to dispel anyone's research. We are trying to FIGURE IT ALL OUT for the good of all.

So, Howard, I am offering myself to you to help with your newsletter project. If there is anything that I can do to help you, I will. I have promoted your newsletter to everyone I meet on the Internet.

My wife and I have talked about coming to Schaghticoke this summer. I don't know if we can at this point but I would like to see the place and nose the hallowed ground.

Kindest regards, B. K. Macpherson

[My first volunteer, meet your new Co-Editor of *The Knickerbocker* – HK]

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Dear Howard.

I don't know if you remember meeting me at the 1995 Schaghticoke reunion but I certainly remember meeting you. I was representing the Knickerbocker Collectible Bear Co. and spent quite awhile talking genealogy with you and others. After returning to California, I sent you our computer disk of our fairly extensive records. Since then, I have thoroughly enjoyed your newsletter and have been meaning to write.

I'd like to update you on what I am currently doing with the teddy bears and how these efforts contribute to the restoration of the mansion. First, 1% of net sales is paid quarterly to the Knickerbocker Historical Society. Although I am a "west-coast" Knickerbocker, my roots are the same as many eastcoasters. My line goes Harmen Jansen¹, Laurenz Harman², Cornelius³, John C.⁴, Andrus (1792-1873)⁵, John W.⁶, Harvey Orsamus⁷, Carl Fred⁸, Carl George⁹, me¹⁰. My grandparents (Carl Fred) moved west from Michigan around 1947. They never forgot their roots and made sure that their family was proud to be part of an American tradition. They visited the mansion several times and made a large donation in 1964 in a last ditch effort to save it from demolition. Visiting Schaghticoke last year was quite moving for me and every bit as emotionally powerful as I'd been led to believe. However, in the tradition of tale-telling, it was described to be a museum with guided tours and I expected that I'd go broke in the glamorous "gift shop" while waiting in line for my turn to tour. The gift shop was of course a table in the barn and the tours were refreshingly homespun and authentic. I was inspired by my distant cousin's efforts at keeping our family history alive and perhaps a bit jealous that I didn't live right there in Schaghticoke.

The opportunity to visit this place resulted out of the opportunity to "bring back" the abandoned Knickerbocker Toy Co., which originated in Albany. Louis Knickerbocker discovered that the toy company had been abandoned and battled in the court system to obtain the rights to use the Knickerbocker Toy Co. name and reproduce many of its products. As many of you know, the company was one of a few prominent American bear manufacturers that was licensed to produce Raggedy Ann & Andy, Smokey the Bear, manufactured Walt Disney's first Mickey Mouse that he liked (designed by Charlotte Clark) and many other toys which are a part of American history. Louis Knickerbocker has asked me to be the spokesperson for the company which resulted as much out of fate as it did out of my love for our family history and my love for teddy bears. To date, we have 6 anniversary edition bears, which are reproductions of Knickerbocker Bears from the 1920's - 1960's. These bears celebrate the upcoming 75th anniversary (1997) of bear making for the company. We also, have about 10 other bears in production now. What I really want to share with you is what our newest line will be about. We want to make tribute to who the Knickerbockers were and, for example, have designed a bear which will hold a postcard showing the mansion in one paw and the peace tree in the other. The back of the postcard will briefly describe the significance of both. The other bears will depict other significant Knickerbocker achievements. If you or your readers know of something truly "Knickerbocker", we would love to know about it. Any correspondence may be directed to me at the above address. As an aside, there are always skeptics as to the fraudulent use of the Knickerbocker name. This is not the case. Louis Knickerbocker has a public company, which is accordingly scrutinized. He is in the business of celebrity product development and works with Marie Osmond, Annette Funicello, Farah Fawcett and many others. All bears are designed by prominent bear artists and are limited in edition size. Also, since they are sometimes shown on QVC (home shopping via TV), they have to pass rigid quality control. My writing to

you is not for the purpose of promotion but for the purpose of Knickerbockers getting the opportunity to share their personal sense of Knickerbocker history.

I would like to be of any help that I can be with your newsletter. I have an interesting position as to why the Knickerbocker family crest at Schaghticoke does not match that peddled by computer artists everywhere and will share that at another time. I apologize for my lengthy letter but when I am passionate about things I tend to be long-winded. I look forward to a response from you.

Sincerely, Sharon Knickerbocker Curreri

[My cousin, Sue (Knickerbocker) Carpenter, is a Bear nut and was quick to point out the very nicely illustrated article in the March/April 1997 *Teddy Bear Review* magazine describing The Knickerbocker Bear Line with decorative connections to Schaghticoke. - HK]

From: Mr. David M. Riker
The Holland Society of New York
122 East 58th Street
New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Knickerbocker,

I have enclosed information on the Knickerbocker family you may or may not have seen already. This article was published in *De Halve Maen*, magazine of the Holland Society in 1972/73 and was written by Mr. Chase Viele. Chase is a member of the Holland Society and is President of our Buffalo, N.Y. area branch. According to Viele, it is thought by some that the name Knickerbocker was derived from Herman Janszen's supposed trade, as a translation is Knikker (Marble) Bakker (baker).

I am preparing a directory of New Netherlands settlers and enclose my page for the Knickerbocker family. Any additions and/or corrections would be appreciated.

Any male direct lineage descendant of Herman Janszen Knickerbocker is eligible for membership.

Sincerely,

David M. Riker, Chairman,
Committee on Genealogy
442 Woodcrest Drive
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(I wish to thank David for his very thoughtful contribution of the Knickerbocker article- HK)

ANCESTOR CHARTS

Elenor Kn. (Possibly d. of William Winne Kn.)
John Walter Smith 1822-1909
Frank Joseph Smith 1866-1949
Otto Richard Smith 1887-1951
Franklin Webster Smith 1915-
Donnale (Smith) Rathjens

312 W. Upright St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Peter Kn. -
Amasa Kn. 1823-1897
Hannah Harriet Kn. 1855-1940
Elizabeth Ann Shaw 1877-1945
Sanford Loren McCallum 1895-1953
Norma (McCallum) Moberg 1933-

237 N.E. Floresta Dr.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

Solomon Kn. 1812-1892
Sarah Jane Kn. 1835-1927
Jennie Wilson Ham 1879-1969
Dorothy D. Kellogg Stewart 1911-

335 Hamilton Ave.
Norwich, CT 06360-4836

Harmen Jansen
Jannetje Kn. Abt 1680-
Maria Bogardus 1712-
John Groesbeck 1742-1820
William Groesbeck 1764-1835
John William Groesbeck 1785-1861
Cordelia Groesbeck 1824-1899
Arthur Hemstreet 1852-1925
Ellsworth Sydney Hemstreet 1893-1974
Stanley Wendt Hemstreet 1925-
Stana (Hemstreet) Iseman 1949-

2nd Line

Harmen Jansen
Johannes Kn. 1679-1749
Johannes Kn. 1723-1802
Johannes Kn. 1751-1827
Elizabeth Kn. 1788-1849
(m. John William Groesbeck above)

Stana Iseman
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Queries: Please send a copy of all answers and communications generated by these queries to the newsletter. Please include all information you might have, as it might click with someone.

Query #10 - Dennis Howard
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Seeking parents of William Kn., b. abt. 1809 & d. before 1870 @ Crawford Co., PA. Marr. Rebecca McGuire 18 Jan 1838 @ Spring Twp, Crawford, PA. 7 ch. this marriage.

(There is a possible connection to Solomon Kn, b. 1754 @ Salisbury, CT., and his son James and possible other sibling. - HK)

Query #11 – Dave Knickerbocker
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knick235@aol.com

I am looking for the parents of Alvin Kn., b. abt. 1816 @ Tioga Co., NY. Marr. Phebe Pratt @ Whitneyport, NY 28 Jan. 1841. 10 children are William Ervine, Almira, Rudolph Orville, Francis L., Arrietta, Laverne, Ira Pratt, Alvin B., Jennie S. and James.

Query #12 – Linda Porter
1070 Georgetown Ave.
Turlock, CA 95382-0836

My great grandmother was Leta Kn. and her father was Thomas Kn. Thomas was b. in NY and d. in MI. Thomas M. Kn. was b. in 1842 and his 1st wife was Hattie Cole. I would appreciate any information.

Query #13 – George F. Walker
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I have been researching the family history of my mother, Harriette Estelle Kn. I know that her father was Orville Pratt Kn. who was b. in Broom Centre, Schoharie Co., NY in 1886. Her grandparents were Ira P. Kn. and Isaphine Tompkins b. in 1855 and 1857 respectively, and were living in Lapeer Twp., Cortland Co., NY in the 1900 census. I would appreciate any hints, direction or insights anyone might have to help me tie my family to the Knickerbockers.

Query #14 – Marrian P. Ahrens
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Kalama, WA 98625-9609

Capt. Adam Hoysradt (Huysradt) Revolution
b. 5 Aug 1737
d. 1793 @ Ancram, Columbia Co., NY
m. Mary Knickerbocker, abt. 1759

Children:

1. Henry A. b. 20 Feb 1765, d. 4 Jan 1829, m. Eve Strever 27 Mar 1785

I hope you might have some information on Capt. Adam Hoysradt and his wife Mary Kn. I have been able to trace the line back to Arthur MacArthur Hoysradt, b. 1805 @ Hudson, NY.

(Jane [Knickerbocker] Wisner is the daughter in law of Marrian and daughter of Paul Kn. She wrote a charming note asking if her divorce is imminent due to the Kn. connection on her husband's line. – HK)

Query #15 – Norma McCallum Moberg
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I would appreciate any help on Peter Kn., b. CT abt 1789, and Hannah wife of Peter believed b. in PA abt. 1799.

I also am looking for information on Matilda Ives, wife of Amasa, who was b. and m. in PA.



Fred & Norma Moberg

Correspondence

Thank you for the invitation to the Kn. reunion. The letter was received by Kenneth Knickerbocker's widow in Minneapolis who forwarded it to me. My name is Luella Lorraine (Knickerbocker) Duntley and Kenneth was my brother. While I am sorry I cannot attend the reunion this year, I would be interested in attending in 1997. It would be wonderful to meet family members. The following is information on my branch of the family:

William Kn. 1801- m. Prudence Beadle
Charlotte 1828-
William R. * 1830-
Lydia J. 1832
Mary A. 1833
James 1835?
Doris 1836

William Russell Kn 1830 – Smithsville, NY?
m1. Caroline Lyon, d. 1862
Charles
Bradley
m2. Helen Marie Burgess.
Nellie 1872
Irene
Clarence* 1874
Eleanor 1880

Clarence Kn. 1874 – m. Martha Marie Stuhberg

I am the sole survivor of their twelve children. In addition to the above information, I have the majority of the maiden names and family names of Kn. spouses going back to 1801 and their descendants.

Sincerely, Luella (Knickerbocker) Duntley
4503 Big Eagle Lane
Redding, CA 96003

(Luella, please send all the other family information you have. One of the other lines might be just the information that someone else is missing – HK)

Dear Howard:

Would you please place me on the mailing list for "The Knickerbocker"? I'm so glad you have taken on the project, please continue.

I'm another Knickerbocker – before marriage. My line: Harmen Jansen, Laurence, Cornelius, John C., Andrus, John W., Henry W., Clare H., and Margaret. I've been doing genealogy for 11 years. There were five sons of G.G. Grandfather Andrus Kn. of Genesee County, NY that came to Genesee County, MI between the late 1830s and late 1860s. These brothers and their descendants have been my main focus. There were also six sisters in the family for which I have information. It has been so much fun getting all these families in order.

Sincerely,

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(I have a note on Margaret's letter to get all her family sheets and information – HK)

Dear Howard:

My sister Barbara attended the (1996) Reunion. She is from West Chester, PA and is probably already on your list. We have a brother, E. Ripley, in Hampden, ME.

The William S. Knickerbocker quoted in Issue #2 was my grandfather. The "S" stands for Skinkle, which he said, was a family name. His mother was Lucy B. Skinkle (1859-1937), a descendant of one Peter Knickerbocker, hence he was a "double Knickerbocker", if you will. His father was Thomas Henry Kn. (1857-1906), and there were 12 children, one of whom was John Howard Knickerbocker, Historian at the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg.

I don't remember when my grandfather was born, but he was born at Albany. He died in

Woburn, MA in 1972. He married Frances Wentworth Cutler in 1921 and they had 2 children, Richard Wentworth and Charles Herrick. Richard, who was the younger, died about 10 years ago. Charles is my father, and he was born in Syracuse, NY, 18 April 1922, and he now lives in Northeast Harbor, ME.

Incidentally, John Howard Kn., my grandfather's brother, was apparently involved with the Knickerbocker Historical Society when it purchased the Mansion.

Sincerely,

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(Wendy sent her Ancestor Chart and I will include it in the next issue. Wendy, please send the other information you have on the extended families of William Skinkle Kn. – HK)

I hope to be at Schaghticoke on Mother's Day, as long as Stana promises no repeat of last year's weather. I'll get some pictures of the doings (eat a large homemade breakfast) and the new addition of the handicapped entrance to the mansion.

I have much information that hasn't been printed yet and my apologies to those that have been waiting. I hope to catch up in the July issue. Bertrand will help out on the next one, so it should go much quicker. Keep the material coming in, especially some family snapshots and biographical information. I want to publish an old fashioned Knickerbocker "Mug" book with a family sketch of all our members, and known lineage for all the genealogy nuts. It should be a great \$ raiser for the restoration and everyone will get a kick out of seeing all their cousins. (Sounds like a Macpherson special project!). I hope to see you all in July with tremendous appetites and box loads of Kn "stuff" for me. -Howard



Knickerbocker Road – May 1996

This following is a list of all “Cousins” who receive the *KNICKERBOCKER* newsletter. I have included both a list sorted by name and a second by location. The first column contains a number that is assigned as I receive sign up requests for the newsletter and/or a contribution of genealogical information. At some point I will be forced to stop sending the newsletter to those that haven’t responded by word or deed. If no number appears in front of your name, please contact me if you wish to continue receiving this pamphlet.

The second column denotes that I have your ancestry chart (A) or more detailed genealogical information (G). An asterisk indicates that the ancestry chart has been printed in the newsletter. The third column (Q) indicates a Query has been printed.

Please contact me if this information is incorrect or you haven’t received the first two copies and would like them. If you’re a newcomer to genealogy and don’t quite know how to get started, I will send enough forms and information to get you hooked. There are plenty of Cousins to lend a hand to a novice.