

### Third Generation

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*Alternate spelling: Elizabeth Knickerbocker*

[17] Elisabeth Knickerbocker (Laurens, Harmen Jansen), no record of birth; d. 23 April, 1793, at Dover Plains, N.Y.; m. Gabriel Dutcher, b. 2 Feb., 1720, at Tackkanick, N.Y.; bap. 10

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April, 1720, at Lonenburg, N.Y. (New York City Lutheran Church Records), son of Roelof De Deutser\*\*\* and Jannetje Bressie.

Gabriel moved from Dutchess County, N.Y., to Salisbury, Conn., with his parents and there inherited his portion of the estate. He returned to Dutchess County after 1759, but after his wife's death in 1793, went to live with his son John at Cherry Valley, N.Y., where he died. His wife was buried in the old graveyard at Dover Plains.

Children:

- i. Lauwrenz, b. 17 Jan., 1740; bap. at Athens, N.Y.; m. 5 Nov., 1761, at Oblong, N.Y., Geertruy Wheeler.
- ii. Rulof, bap. 24 Aug., 1741, at Athens, N.Y.; "b. five weeks before at Camp;" spon.: Lour, and Marytje Knickerbocker, "the grandparents."
- iii. Mary, m. 8 Jan., 1765, at Oblong, N.Y., Edwardus Wheeler, formerly of Livingston's Manor. They had a son John, bap. 25 Dec, 1777, at Mr. Silas Belding's house (South Amenia, N.Y. records). It is not proved that Mary belongs to this family.
- iv. Benjamin, bap. 29 Jan., 1744, at Germantown, N.Y.; spon.: Pieter Ben and Malche Knickerbocker. Benjamin moved to Dutchess County, later to White Creek, Washington County, N.Y., and finally to Shaftsbury, Vt., where he d. He m. Thankful Benson. They had eight children for whose descendants see Ballou's *History of Milford, Worcester Co., Mass.*

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\*\*\* Roelof De Deutser, m. 17 Nov., 1700, at Kingston, N.Y., Jannetje Bressie, dau. of Christoffel Bressie and Styntje Claes. He d. 19 Jan., 1737, and his wife d. 26 July, 1749. The origin of the Dutcher family in this country is obscure. Two branches appear at Kingston. The first represented by Machteltje Roelofse De Deutser, who m. 19 Aug., 1683, at Flatbush, Long Island, Jan Hendricksen Oosterom, and had children bap. at Bergen, Flatbush and Kingston. She was dau. Of Roelof Willemsen (Van Heerden) of Albany, New York City and Brooklyn, and Willemptje Tyse, who m. (2).Jan Comelisen Buys. The second branch consists of the following De Deutsers:—Cornelia Janse, who m. prior to 1683, Jan Wels; Cornelis, who m. prior to 1693, Leonora de Hooges, widow of Willem de la Montague; Catharina, b. at Flatbush (Kingston), who m. 11 Feb., 1700, at Kingston, Jan Rolan,

widower of Judick Schirard; Dirick, b. at Hurley, who m. 19 Nov., 1699, at Kingston, Jannetje Bont; Roelof, who m. 17 Nov., 1700, at Kingston, Jannetje Brussy; Barent of Tarrytown, N.Y., who m. (1) prior to 1701, Maritje Conkele, and m. (2) 29 Dec, 1717, Dirckje Smit, widow of Hendrick Lammersen; and David, b. in Esopus, who m. 19 Feb., 1714, at Kingston, Elisabeth Deffenport. It is probable that they are brothers and sisters, for we find them standing reciprocally as sponsors at baptisms of each others children, and prominent among those children the names Johannes and Margrietje. "John Williamson, ye Duitcher," took the oath of English allegiance in Ulster County, 1 Sept., 1689, and "Cornelis ye Duitcher" failed to appear. Jan Willemsen Brant and Grietje Cornelise had children bap. at Kingston: Willem, 22 Jan., 1662, and Tys, 24 April, 1681. Further research may prove that the second branch of the Dutcher family are children of Jan Willemsen Brant and that he is a brother of Roelof Willemsen previously mentioned. For further particulars concerning the Dutcher family see *Our Colonial Ancestors and Their Descendants*, by Henry Whittemore.

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