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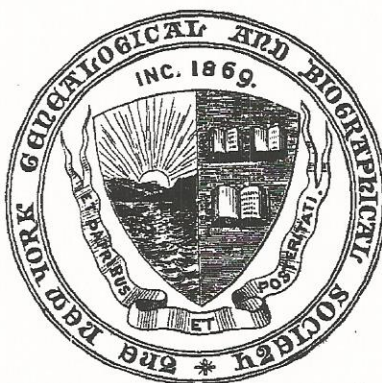
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## ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF BARENT HENDRICKSE SPIER AND HIS WIFE CATALYNTJE JACOBS HENDRICKS.\*

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The descendants of Barent Hendrickse Spier and his wife are so numerous that there must be many who should be interested in any new light thrown upon the genealogy of this family. It is well known that Barent Hendrickse Spier was the son of Hendrick Jansen Spier by his wife Magdalena Hans; but the ancestry of his wife, Catalyntje Jacobs Hendricks, has never been segregated and published, although the facts themselves have been available in print for many years, awaiting the eye and comprehension of the discoverer. Catalyntje Jacobs Hendricks was a daughter of Jacob Hendrickse Haften by his wife Geesje Bartels; and her maternal grandparents were Bartel Claesen "van Ruynen" and his wife Hildegonde —? all of which will be amply proven subsequently in this article.

The late William Nelson in his unfinished *History of Paterson, N. J.*, gives a partial genealogy of the descendants of Hendrick Jansen Spier (P. 182-208). Since this work was written, a number of newly discovered facts have come to light—especially relative to the descendants of Barent Hendrickse Spier—and a few errors of statements therein made have also been detected; and it is the purpose of this article to record these additional facts and corrections.

It has generally been conceded that Hendrick Jansen Spier, the father of Barent Hendrickse Spier, arrived in this country on *De Trouw (The Faith)*, which sailed from Holland, December 23, 1660. His name appears on the list of passengers, viz: "Hendrick Jansen Spier, wife and two children, 4 and 5 years old" (*Hol. Soc. Year Book*, 1902-16). But this belief seems to be an error, as we have ample proof that the said Hendrick Jansen Spier was

\*NOTE: As the references to authorities in an article of this nature must be quite numerous, it has seemed best to represent these various authorities quoted each by a reference letter, which letter with the number of the page, will enable the reader to quickly find the exact location of the passage referred to. The following authorities are therefor thus listed with reference letters, and the numbers which in each instance follow these letters in the text of the article refer to the page of the authority,—except in the Bergen Birth, Marriage and Death Records, in which case they refer to the item in the authority.

B=Baptismal Record, Bergen, N. J. (*Holland Soc. Year Book*, 1913).

D=Death and Membership Record, Bergen, N. J. (*Holland Soc. Year Book*, 1915).

H=Hackensack, N. J. Church Records (Coll. *Holland Soc.*, Vol. I, Part I).

K=*Early Settlers of Kings County*, by Teunis G. Bergen.

M=Marriage Records, Bergen, N. J. (*Holland Soc. Year Book*, 1914).

N=Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y. City, Marriage Records (*N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Coll.*, Vol. I).

P=*History of Paterson, N. J.*, by William Nelson.

Q=Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y. City, Bapt. Records, Vol. I (*N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Coll.*, Vol. II).

R=Reformed Dutch Church, N. Y. City, Bapt. Records, Vol. II (*N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Coll.*, Vol. III).

S=Schraalenburgh, N. J. Church Records (Coll. *Holland Soc.*, Vol. I, Part II).

T=Staten Island, N. Y. Church Records (*N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Soc. Coll.*, Vol. IV).

V=*History of Hudson County, N. J.*, by Charles H. Winfield.

W=*History of the Land Titles of Hudson County, N. J.*, by Charles H. Winfield.

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in New Amsterdam for some years before 1660. Firstly, on November 18, 1659, "Hendrick Jansen Spier requests by petition that Aafie Leenders shall be ordered to pay him 30 gl. balance of rent" (*Records of New Amsterdam*, III. 78). Secondly, we have the record of the sale of a lot on the Heere Graght (Broad Street) from Pieter Pietersen Menist (Van Nest) to Hendrick Jansen Spier on February 14, 1660 (*Valentine's Manual*, 1865-668). And thirdly, we have the record of his marriage in New Amsterdam, and the baptism of his children, which will be duly recorded here-following, the earliest of which baptisms recorded in New Amsterdam is in the years 1653 and his marriage is recorded in New Amsterdam in 1652.

It is, of course, possible that Hendrick Jansen Spier, shortly after Feb. 14, 1660, on which date he bought the lot on Broad Street, sailed back to Holland with his wife and family, and later returned with them on *De Trouw*, sailing from Holland, December 23, 1660. It is also possible that the Hendrick of *De Trouw* was another person altogether. Hendrick Jansen was in those times a very common name—it is to be noticed that there was another passenger of that name on *De Trouw* on that same voyage—and the early records make mention of at least six of the name that can be fully distinguished one from another.

Possibly Hendrick Jansen Spier built a house on the Heere Graght lot; for there was a house on it when he sold it on May 9, 1662, to Cristoffel Van Laer, shoemaker (*Hol. Soc. Year Book*, 1900-141). On May 29, 1663, he figures in a dispute regarding this house (*Records of New Amsterdam*, IV, 249). Notice also that he is called as of "Gemoonopa" (Communipaw), for about July, 1662, he had bought twenty-five morgens (fifty acres) of land "on the west side of the North River," from Annatien Dircksen, widow of Pieter Kock, which was one half of the land that originally had been granted to Klaes Karstensen Noorman on March 25, 1647 (*Hol. Soc. Year Book*, 1900-154). This land was undoubtedly the twenty-five morgens at Mingackqua, near Communipaw, which Gov. Carteret confirmed to Hendrick Jansen Spier by his patent of May 12, 1668 (W-64), although Winfield says that was originally owned by Jan Lubbertson (W-notes, 64-5). Hendrick Jansen Spier was evidently living on this land in 1662, when he was one of the three residents there who, as Nelson says "enjoyed the melancholy distinction of being alone in their refusal to contribute toward the support of a clergyman at Bergen" (P-183). A photographic reproduction of this petition, showing the name of Hendrick Jansen Spier, appears in the *Year Book of the Holland Society for 1913* (16-19). But, although a resident of New Jersey, he appears with his wife in numerous litigations in the *Records of New Amsterdam*, the last date being March 30, 1669 (VI, 176).

On June 15, 1674, Joost van der Linde, Hendrick Jansen Spier, Hendrick De Backer and Harmen Edewartse petitioned for land on Staten Island; and on July 7, 1674, Joost van der Linde and Hendrick Spiers were granted 25 morgen "beginning opposite Schutter's Island and further westerly along the Kill van Kull." (*Documents Relating to the Colonial History of New York*, Vol. II, pp. 721 and 729.) On Sept. 4, 1674, however, the patent of the Staten Island property was granted to Jans and Hans Spieringh (*Cal. N. Y. Hist. Mss.*, II-30). This last item of information tends to show that Hendrick Jansen Spier possibly died in 1674, although it is not of course positive proof. We know however that he was dead before May 12, 1679, the day of death of his son, Abraham,<sup>2</sup> on which date his wife was mentioned as a widow (D-50).

His widow "Maddeleentje Hanse," was married in Brooklyn, Dec. 11, 1681, to Jan Aertsen Van der Bilt (M-49; *Hol. Soc. Year Book*, 1898-89) and Bergen says she bore him a son, Jan Jansen (K-321). She died June 12,



1697 (P-183), and her second husband died in Bergen, N. J., Feb. 3, 1705 (D-190).

Among the marriage records of the Dutch Church in New Amsterdam there appears the following entry: "Hendrick Janszen, Van Aschwaerde in't Stift Bremen, en Magdaleen Jans Van Swol. September 14, 1652" (N-17). That this is the marriage record of Hendrick Jansen Spier and his wife there can be no doubt. Riker accepts this as a fact (*Revised History of Harlem*, 96, note). The baptisms of all of their children, except that of Barent,<sup>2</sup> appear on the records of the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam.

Children of 1. HENDRICK JANSEN<sup>1</sup> SPIER and his wife Magdalena Hans, 8: 4 sons and 4 daughters:—

2. i. Johannes,<sup>2</sup> bapt. Oct. 5, 1653 (Q-35); m. Aug. 12, 1679 (M-39), Maritje Franse, from Beest in Gelderland. She was a dau. of Franse Jacobson and Geertie Gerrits, and came with her parents in *De Bever*, which sailed from Amsterdam, May 9, and arrived in New Amsterdam, July 29, 1661 (Riker's *Revised History of Harlem*, 96, note). She joined the Bergen, N. J. Church, Oct. 3, 1681 (D-778).

Children: 10 (Spier), 3 sons and 7 daughters:—

1. Hendrick<sup>3</sup> (B-90).
2. Frans<sup>3</sup> (B-121).
3. Geertruyt<sup>3</sup> (B-144).
4. Maddeleen<sup>3</sup> (B-169).
5. Jannetje<sup>3</sup> (B-198).
6. Rachel<sup>3</sup> (B-236).
7. Marritie.<sup>3</sup>
8. Garrete.<sup>3</sup>
9. Lea.<sup>3</sup>
10. Jacob.<sup>3</sup>

The marriages of these children and their descendants, and the will of "Jahn Spear" is recorded in full by Nelson (P-184, etc.).

3. ii. Sytie,<sup>2</sup> bapt. July 25, 1655 (Q-39). Of whom we have no further record, unless she is the Zeytje Hendrickse who m. Hendrick Van Reynne, whose daughter d. Sept. 4, 1682, and who m. (2) April 12, 1702 (M-145), Poulus Douwes.
4. iii. Tryntje,<sup>2</sup> bapt. March 25, 1657 (Q-45), Nelson says that she d. young (P-184).
5. iv. Hans,<sup>2</sup> bapt. April 8, 1663 (Q-69); m. Aug. 1, 1683 (N-53; M. 56) Tryntje Pieters, dau. of Pieter Casparzen Van Naerden Mabie and Aechtie Jans (*N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record*, XXXVIII-102; LII-252), who was bapt. Dec. 17, 1662 (Q-67).

Children: 6 (Spier):—

1. Hendrick<sup>3</sup> (B-152).
2. Herrempje<sup>3</sup> (B-177).
3. Johannis<sup>3</sup> (B-215).
4. Maritie.<sup>3</sup>
5. Abram.<sup>3</sup>
6. Tryntje<sup>3</sup> (P-188-9).
6. v. Willemetje,<sup>2</sup> bapt. July 12, 1665 (Q-79). Probably m. Claes Hendrickse Volk and had the two following named children:—
  1. Hendrick,<sup>3</sup> bapt. June 25, 1688 (B-187).
  2. Frans,<sup>3</sup> b. —, 1692 (B-237).
7. vi. Cathryntje,<sup>2</sup> bapt. Dec. 11, 1667 (Q-89). She was a witness at the bapt. of her niece, April 11, 1687 (B-169). She possibly m. Willem Merrit and had: