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Staten Island and Its People

A HISTORY

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follow, are an additional illustration: Nicholas Backer; Elizabeth Baker; Maria Beekman; Catrina Berckelo; Thomas and Maritje Burbank; Jacob, Cornelis, Cornelius, Christian, Jacob [Jr.]; Helena, Elisabet, Antje Corsen; Hendrick, Garrit, Abraham, Cornelius, Gerret, Cornelia Croesen; Pieter, Johannes, Robert, Belitie, Elizabeth De Groot; Cornelius, Sara, Arayaentie Elles; Annietie Fountain; Margritie Gerrode; Egbert and Nealtje Hagabot [Haughwout]; Descendants of Catharina Hoogelandt; Garrit Kroessen; Cors Krock; Ernst Lende; Josheau, Joseae, Jr., Maria, Fytie Mersereau; Peter and Ainitie Martlinghe; Richard, Elsje, and Gurtruyde Merrell; Garrit, Sara and Fransyntje Post; Joris, Hendrick, and Maria Prall; John Roll, Sr. and Jr.; Art, Isaac, Johannes, and Marigrita Simonson; Aeyea Speer; Rebecca Staats; Otto and Wintie Van Tuyl; Johanne and Lena Van Wagene; Douwe and Jannetje Van Woggelum; Jan, Jan, Jr., and Cornelia Veghte; Antoine, Jacob, Jan, and Aaltje Van Pelt; Wilhelmus Vreelandt.

The study of such a list as this, where the Dutch population was naturally concentrated, supports the impression that Staten Island was largely Dutch in 1751, which perhaps was true of the location in which the Dutch Church was situated.

American Loyalists—In "The American Revolution in New York," prepared by the Division of Archives and History, of which Dr. Alexander C. Flick, State historian, is chief, there will be found on pages 223 and 224 a discussion of the unhappy position of the American Loyalists which is enlightening. Their money losses are stated to have been approximately \$10,000,000, in part repaid by the British Government, which appointed commissioners to examine the thousands of petitions received. Many of them expatriated themselves and were provided with land in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Canada; others remained in New York State, where in 1784 a law was passed which disfranchised all voters proved guilty of bearing arms against the patriot cause. It is said that this act affected two-thirds of the voters in Richmond County.

Southfield Families in 1796 and Later—The names of the people living in Southfield in 1796 and 1797 are disclosed by papers preserved in the office of the deputy city clerk. These papers, signed by Harmanus Garretson, Joseph Perine, and Paul T. Micheau, commissioners of highways, are addressed to the overseers of the districts, and give the number of days each resident was required to work on the roads. The occupation, usually farmer, and not here repeated, unless, of interest, is also given.

Joseph Barton's List of Men for the Road, April 11, 1796: Anthony Fountaine, 9; Jacob Fountain, 1; Joseph Perrine, 3; Henry Perrine, 2; Danial, 2; Jameriah Baker, 2; Isaac Cole, 1; Abraham Cole, 2; Edward

Cole, 2; Isaac Barton, 1; Isaac Lakerman, 9; Richard Lakerman, 1; Joseph Lakerman, 1; Henery Cruzer, 6; Joseph Talor, 8; George Barne, Esq^{r.}, 9; Roger Barns, 1; Jonathan Drake, 4; Georg Barns, 8; Henery Speers, 1; Joseph Barton, 7; Widow Perine, 9; Widow Van Clief, 6; Widow DuBois, 1.

In the district of New Dorp, William Lake, overseer*, the names are: Abraham Egberts, cordwainer, 3; Abraham Stillwell, labourer, 2; Richard Egbert, cooper, 1; Henry Miller, carpenter, 2; Joseph Burbank, gentleman, 2; Christian Smith, 2; Christian Smith, weaver, 1; Stephen Cubberley, inkeeper, 3; Daniel Stears, preacher, 2; Joseph Lake, labourer, 1; Henry Barger, blacksmith, 8; James Guyon, Esq^{r.}, 11; Cornelius Lake, miller, 4; Barnard Sprong, 3; James Egbert, 2; Isaac Cubberly, 3; James Cubberley, 9; Morris Taylor, 6; Barzilla Grover, 8; John V. D. Jacobson, 11; Jonathan Clawson, 11; Rheuben Clawson, 1; Brom, a free blackman, 1; Overseer, 8. The number following each name shows the number of days' work required.

Richmond roads, John Wood, roadmaster, 1797: John Mersereau, 3; Winant Wood, 4; John Perall, 5; Paul T. Micheau, 4; John Mersereau, 3; John Hillyer, 5; Stephen Mersereau, Sen^{r.}, 4; Daniel Mersereau, 1; Stephen Mersereau, Jun^{r.}, 1; Augustus DuBois, 5; George Van Pelt, 8; Abraham Perine, 3; William Young, 5; Peter Rezeau, Esq^{r.}, 9; Joseph Roff, 2; Peter Winant, 8; John Van Pelt, 8; Richard Johnson, 1; Addrian Bancker, 5; Benj^{n.} Parker, 5; Christian Vroom, 3; William White, 2; Simon Swaim, 11; John Swaim, 2; Joseph Williams, 1; Joseph Barton, 1; John Wood, 4; Widow Yates, 1; Widow Docherty, 2. The occupation is not given in this list.

District of Old Town, Chris^{r.} Parkinson, overseer, 1797: Cap^{t.} John Garrison, 8; Jacob Vreeland, 9; Chris^{r.} Parkinson, 8; Stephen Kettletas, 2; John Kittletas, 2; Benjamin Martino, gentleman, 5; Nicholas Stillwell, 5; Nicholas Burger, 3; Cornelius Fountain, 8; Cornelius McLean, 3; Jacob Garrison, 4; Joseph Lake, 6; Isaac Simonson, gentleman, 3; Peter Mitchell, carpenter, 1; Henry Miller, weaver, 1; Jacobus Vansoil, fisherman, 2; Silas, a free blackman, 1; Peter Fountain, 1; Mr. Sebring, I understand, goes off; Mr. John Beadle comes in his stead, 12; also to include Nathaniel Oakly, Sen^{r.}, 1; Nath^{l.} Oakley, Jun^{r.}, 1; Peter Stillwell, 1; Widow Kittletas, 7; Widow Simonson, 3.

District whereof Samuel Holmes is overseer, 1797: Lawrence Crips, 4; William Morgan, 3; John Guyon, 2; Samuel Britton, 4; Daniel Lake, Sen^{r.}, 9; Lewis DuBois, 8; John DuBois, 1; John Pollon, Sen^{r.}, 11; Joseph Lake, Sen^{r.}, 3; Joseph Lake, Jun^{r.}, 2; Richard Lake, 1; Peter Simonson, 2; Daniel Noble, 1; Joshewa Mersereau, Sen^{r.}, 1; Joshewa

* Not dated but with the lists of 1797 and with the same commissioners named.

Mersereau, Jun^r., 2; Stephen Mersereau, 2; Mr. Omack [?], 1; Samuel Holmes, 16. [Occupations are not given in this list.]

District of which Donald Campbell was overseer, 1797: David Latturat, 2; Lewis Prall, 6; John Poillon, 7; Harmon Garrison, 9; George Cullen, 2; Richard Marshron, 2; Jacob Sebring, 2; Donald Campbell, 4.

District of which John Bodine was highway master, 1797: Jacob Wood, 2; Richard Silvy, 1; and Lo, 3; Mrs. Mclean, 1; Jeremiah Simonson, 3; Cornelius Curson, 7; Richard Curson, 7; Daniel Curson, 6; Abraham Vanduzer, 9; Vincant Fountain, 4; Anthony Fountain his son, 2; John Yinnens, 1; John Newberry, 2; Edward Prine, 5; and Gogate, 4; Mrs. Martino, 4; John Bodine, 6; Gozen Simonson, 4; Elisha Crips, 2; Widow Coursen, 1. [Remainder torn off.]

Similar lists in 1814 and 1815 show James Guyon, George W. Barnes, Stephen Keteltas, as commissioners; Edward Perine, highway master, 1814, and Henry Kruser, 1815, with the inhabitants "belonging to William Street Road in the town of Southfield"; Niclas Burger, 6; Henry Perine, 4; Edward Perine, 4; Peter Wandell, 1; Widow Micell, 1; Joseph Barton, Senior, 6; Isaac Barton, 1; Joseph Barton, Junior, 1; George Barnes, Junior, 7; John Wood, 1; Henry Kruser, 5; Joseph Taylor, 5; Martha Vancleft, 3. These are the 1814 names; the 1815 list is the same, except that the Widow Micell is changed to Sara Michell, and Samuel Barton and Judge Barnes are added.

In 1845, George Cross, Thomas McCattry, and Edward P. Barton were commissioners; Henry Crips, overseer for District No. 6, with the following inhabitants, *viz.*: Henry Crips, 1; Joseph G. Seguine, 10; William Cole, 3; James Pollion, 5; Joseph Lake, Dec^d., ½; Wm. Stillwell, 1½; Pierson Hallstead, 3; Thomas Jeremiah Farm, 8; Edw^d. Cole, 3; Capt. A. Cole, 4; Charles Moore, 9; Benjamin Williams, 2; Ab^m. Cole, Shoemaker, 1½; Catherin Guyon, 9; Ja^s. Guyon, Lake place, 1; John Read, 3; Ab^m. Cole, weaver, 8; Ab^m. Noble, 1; Ch^s. Crips, 5; Edward Noble, 2; Cor^s. Egbert, 2; W^m. Cubberly, 4; Isaac Houseman, 2; Joseph Houseman, 1; Ja^s. Hutchins [no number]; Dan^l. Corsen, 1; John A. Fountain, Property of, 2½; John Randolph, 1; James Romer, 1; James Pollion, 1; W^m. Williams, 1; Corn^s. Poillon, 1; James Colon, Snr., 1; Widow Williams, 1; Joseph Vanclief, 2; James Seguine, Dec^d., Property of, 1; Lewis Dempsy, 1; Peter Guyon, 2; Daniel Reynolds [number erased]; Alex^r. Hornby, Property of, 2½; Ira G. Ketchum, 1.

War of 1812—It has been stated that Governor Daniel D. Tompkins by his forethought and energy, and also by the expenditure of some of his own money on the fortifications at the Narrows, saved New York, in January, 1813, from an attack by the British war vessels seen off Sandy Hook. As a further proof of this we quote from the "Oration," by