

THE CONOVER FAMILY

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PREFACE.

For a number of years, I have as occasion offered, collected data in regard to the branch of the CONOVER family to which I belong, intending as opportunity arose to amplify it and put it in presentable form.

This little book is the result. The accumulation and verification of the material has been a pleasant work, and I hope it may prove of interest to my children and their descendants.

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CHAPTER I.
THE FIRST FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE FAMILY
IN AMERICA.

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1. WOLFERT GERRETSEN VAN COUWENHOVEN, or Wolphert Gerritse Van Couwenhoven, son of Gerrit, as the middle name of Gerrit or Gerret, with the suffix "se" or "sen" denotes, ancestor of all persons in America bearing the name of Conover, or, as it has been variously spelled, Kouwenhoven, Kovenhoven, Covenhoven, Couwenhoven and Covenor, emigrated to America, to that section then called New Netherlands, now New York State, in 1630, and settled with other hardy and courageous colonists at Rensselaerwyck, near Albany, then Fort Orange, where he held a very important position, that of Superintendent or Manager of Farms for the Patroon. He later removed to New Amsterdam, now New York City, where he cultivated the "Bouwery," or "Farm No. 6," in the company's employ.

The old Dutch records show that he was one of the Burghers of New Amsterdam in 1657.

Wolfert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven was from Couwenhoven, a little village or hamlet a short distance Northwest of Amersfoort, in the Province of Utrecht, in the Netherlands. This is shown by the "Van," which precedes Couwenhoven in his name. Historians claim, however, that he was born in Amersfoort, or Eemsfort, an ancient city, the name of which is derived from the River Eem, on which it is located. This city, which in 1841 contained twelve thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine inhabitants, was formerly surrounded by a wall with twenty embattled towers which were destroyed in 1829.

On the 16th day of June, 1636, Wolfert Gerretsen and Andries Hudden bought from the Indians and obtained from Governor Van Twiller, on the 6th day of June, 1637, a Patent for the "Westernmost of the three flats on Long Island, commonly known as

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the little flats," and called by them Castuteeuw, or Kaskateuw, which Patent was ratified on the 22nd day of August, 1658; to which premises Wolfert Gerretsen removed, and on which he immediately commenced a settlement, and where he died in 1662.

On "July 26th, 1638, Andries Hudden sold to Gerret Wolferson (son of Wolfert Gerretsen), fifty morgens of (land, or) his one-half of the district of Achtervelt, Long Island, for fifty-two gallons of Hollands, which he owed Gerret."

On "August 2nd, 1639, Wolfert purchased of Hudden his interest in a house, barrack, barn and garden on said Patent, called 'Achtervelt,' and, September 16, 1647, he purchased of Hudden all his interest, not previously disposed of, in the original Patent."

"These buildings, erected prior to July 9th, 1638, and testified on the 22nd of March, 1639, by Gillis Pietersen Van de Gouw to have been built by himself and the Company's carpenters, were of the following dimensions: the house 26 feet long, 22 feet wide, 40 feet deep, including a small chamber at the side, with the roof covered above and around with plank, and having two lofts above one another, and also being set around with long palisades; the barn 40 feet long, 18 feet wide, and 24 feet deep, all Dutch measure; a bergh with five posts 40 feet long."

"The following is a copy of the inventory of the chattels on the farm July 9th, 1638":

"Three milch cows, 1 yearling cow, 1 young calf, 2 old mares, 1 mare of one year old, 1 new wagon, and appurtenances, 1 iron harrow, 1 heifer of two years old, 2 old oxen, 1 young do., 1 stallion of three years, 1 gelding of four years old, 1 wheel plow and appurtenance, some farming utensils necessary for the bouwery."

"Also about sixteen morgens of land sowed with summer and winter wheat, and a garden stocked with a quantity of fruit trees; 1 yawl with appurtenance."

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“Wolfert Gerretsen’s heirs conveyed, 25th of March, 1666, the main portion of these premises to Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff.”

“The settlement was first named New Amersfoort, in honor of the place of Wolfert’s nativity; afterwards commonly known as the Baai, or Bay, and since as Flatlands.”

“On March 18, 1647, Cornelis Jacobson Stille obtained a Patent for Bouwery No. 6, previously occupied by Wolfert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven, containing twenty-eight and a half morgens on Manhattan Island.”

“It lay along the present south side of Chatham Square, coming down to Pearl Street, and was known as Bouwery No. 6.”

“On April 27, 1662, Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff purchased of the Executors of Wolfert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven and his heirs, for five thousand guilders, in good, strong ‘wompom,’ payable in four years, one-fourth in each year, the lands and farm, with improvements thereon, ‘known by the name of Achtervelt,’ which the said Wolfert possessed; said lands being the premises which Andries Hudden and Wolfert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven purchased of the Indians, and which are described as the ‘Westernmost of the three flats named Kaskuteuw, lying on the island named by the Indians Suanhachy, between the Bay of the North River and the East River; in breadth from a certain meadow, or valley, and stretching about westerly to, and into the woods; which lands were patented to them by Governor Wouter Van Twiller, 16th of June, 1636, and by a confirmatory Patent of 22nd of August, 1658, granted by Governor Stuyvesant to said Wolfert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven.”

“Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff obtained, 1st of November, 1667, from Governor Nicolls, a confirmatory Patent for the above premises, and as per recorded Deeds, was in possession at the time of his death of at least six hundred acres of upland in Flatlands, being

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the largest landholder in the place.”

“There is no Patent for land on Long Island of an earlier date than that to Andries Hudden and Wolfert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven; and from papers among the descendants of Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff, it is evident that farm buildings were erected on the premises covered by the Patent prior to its date, showing an earlier occupation than 1636.”

In the “Bergen Genealogy,” its author states—

“It may be possible that Wolfert Gerritse, the ancestor of the Couwenhovens of this country, was of noble origin, but if he was, it is certain that he, like most of his companions, had not much of this world’s goods to boast of, or he would not have taken the situation of Overseer or Superintendent of the Patroon’s farms at Rensselaerwyck.”

The following is a facsimile of the signature of the common ancestor of the Couwenhoven or Conover family in this country:

Wolfert Gerritse ^{his} *A* Van Couwenhoven
mark

In volume I. N. Y. Col. Doc. pp. 191, 193, the name is found printed as follows:

This is the mark *A* of WOLPHERT GERRITS.

This is the mark *Z* of WOLPHERT GERRITSEN.

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To the compiler of this work it is not known that claims of noble blood were ever made for Wolfert Gerretsen. It is believed that this remark of Mr. Bergen was called forth by the perfectly legitimate claim to and use of armorial bearings by the Conover Family. Now, the right to bear arms is not a proof of noble descent, but merely an hereditary privilege bestowed upon the descendants of any man of the rank of gentleman or higher on whom a grant of arms was made.

The situation of Superintendent of Farms for the Patroon was an highly important office and would not have been given to a man whose position in life had not accustomed him to command and to the handling of business affairs.

Wolfert had five sons, none of whose birth dates are exactly known. The births occurred between 1610 and 1620, however, and an approximate date has been given to each in this work in the order in which they are supposed to have been born.

Issue:

2. GERRET WOLFERSEN COUWENHOVEN, born circa 1610.
3. Jacob Wolfersen Couwenhoven, born circa 1612.
4. Derick Wolfersen Couwenhoven, born circa 1613.
5. Peter Wolfersen Couwenhoven, born circa 1614.
6. Jan Wolfersen Couwenhoven, born circa 1616.

2. GERRET WOLFERSEN COUWENHOVEN, eldest son of Wolfert or Wolphert Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven, No. 1, was born in Holland about 1610, and removed to America with his father and brothers in 1630. He settled in Flatlands, Long Island, known during his occupancy of that section as New Amersfoort, Nassau Island, Kings County. His position here was that of the most prominent man in the settlement, he being the magistrate.

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He married Altie Cornelius, daughter of Cornelius Lambertse Cool and his wife, Altieu Brackhonge. On her husband's demise Altieu Cool married William Bredenbent; and her daughter, Altie Couwenhoven, after the death of Gerret, in 1645, married Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff. Cornelius Lambertse Cool was of Gowanus, Kings County, New York, where he purchased land in 1639.

"In the year 1643, Gerret Wolfersen Couwenhoven, with others, signed a petition to Governor Kneift, of New Amsterdam, for leave to attack the Mareckkawich, or Brooklyn Indians, a branch of the Canarisie tribe. The Director, however, in consequence of the Indians having become peaceable, wisely refused to grant their request, but gave permission that 'in case they evince a hostile disposition, every man must do his best to defend himself.'"

"The Patent to Gerret Wolfersen Couwenhoven, of March 11, 1647, describes land lying at Recheweck—the Indian name of Brooklyn—both the Maize and the Woodland on the marsh of the Gowanus Kill, between the land of Jacob Stoffelsen and Frederick Lubbertsen, extending from the aforesaid Marsh till into the woods next the lands of said Frederick Lubbertsen till to the land of Andries Hudden; northeast by north a little northerly one hundred and forty-eight rods; behind through the woods till to the land of the aforesaid Jacob Stoffelsen, southeast by east eighty rods, next the land of Jacob Stoffelsen aforesaid, till to the aforesaid marsh southwest a little westerly, one hundred and sixty-five rods; along the valley to the place of beginning sixty rods, with a small projecting point, amounting in all to nineteen morgens and three hundred and forty-one rods."

"This plot evidently pointed on the main road leading from Flatbush and the village of Brooklyn to the Ferry, extending back to the Gowanus Creek, and is included in the plot designated as land of G. Martense on Butt's map of Brooklyn."

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Issue:

7. WILLEM, OR WILLIAM GERRETSE COUWENHOVEN, born at Flatlands, 1636.
8. Jan or John Gerretse Couwenhoven, born at Flatlands, 1639.
9. Neeltie Gerretse Couwenhoven, born at Flatlands, September 20, 1641. She married, 1660, Roelof Martense Schenck, of Flatlands, and died there in 1672. See record of Schenck family.
10. Marretje Gerretse Couwenhoven, born at Flatlands, 1643. Was baptized April 10, 1644. Married in Flatlands, Coert Stephense Van Voorhees. Died before 1709.

The following disposition was made of the estate of Gerret Wolfersen Couwenhoven:—

“In 1646, after his marriage to the widow of Gerret Wolfertse Van Couwenhoven, by an agreement with the guardian of Gerret Wolfertse’s children, Elbert Elbertse Stoothoff took the whole of Gerret’s estate, consisting of one hundred and twenty-three morgens of land on the southerly end of the ‘Westernmost of the three flats known by the Indian name of Kaskutew,’ on condition of paying the debts, and bringing up and educating Gerret’s children to read and write.”

“When of age or married, Elbert was to pay said children as follows:—

Willem Gerretse, 200 Carolus Guilders.

Jan Gerretse, 300 Carolus Guilders, he being allowed 100 more than his brother, because of not being in good health and weak in the limbs.

Neeltje Gerretse, 200 Carolus Guilders.


Marretje Gerretse, 200 Carolus Guilders.”


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"From an entry in Elbert's books it appears that on the 14th of June, 1683, after the death of his second wife, Altie Cornelis or Cornelius, he agreed to pay on the following 21st of December, to said Jan Gerretse, the sum of 2,000 guilders, in full for his share of the said Altie, his mother's, estate."

Gerrit's name is found printed as follows in New York Colonial Documents:

GERRIT WOLPHERTSE, WOLPHERTSEN, WOLFFERSEN.

This is the mark  of GERRIT WOLPHERTS.

This is the mark  of GERRIT WOLFFERSEN.

Made by himself.

7. WILLEM or WILLIAM GERRETSE COUWENHOVEN, eldest son of Gerret Wolfersen Couwenhoven, No. 2, was born in Flatlands, Long Island, in 1636. He married, first, in 1660, Altie, daughter of Joris Dirksen Brinkerhoff, who died June 3, 1663, and, second, February 12, 1665, Jannetie, daughter of Peter Monfoort, Monfort or Monford.

Pieter or Peter Monfoort, the common ancestor of the family in this country emigrated at an early period from the Netherlands. He married, January 12, or 17, 1630, Sarah de Plancken (or Blank) at Amsterdam, Holland, prior to his emigration, who, after his death, married, second, Lambert Janse Bosch. Peter died January 4, 1661.

On May 29, 1641, he obtained a patent for a plantation at the Wallabout on which he resided, and for which he obtained a confirmatory grant or patent on August 17, 1643, in which the quantity of land is given as 25 morgens.

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He was a magistrate in 1658 and a Deacon in the church at the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1661.

It was Peter Monfort's eldest child who married William. The records show that her name was Janica, Jannetje or Jannetie Peeters, or Peters, Monfort and that she was baptized May 12, 1646. The marriage record styles William "William Gerritse Van Couwenhoven."

William Gerretse Couwenhoven resided for a number of years in Brooklyn, where he was magistrate in 1661, 1662 and 1664, and a Deacon of the Dutch Reformed Church in 1663. From Brooklyn he removed to Flatlands, where his name appears in the Assessment Lists of 1675, 1683, and 1693. He was also an elder in the Dutch Reformed Church in Flatlands in 1677.

In 1690, on November 1st, he sold his farm at Flatlands to his son William, and repaired to Monmouth County, New Jersey, where he passed his remaining years surrounded by ten of his children, dying at an advanced age, as he was still alive in 1727.

Of his children, thirteen in number, only three, Gerret, William and Altie, remained on Long Island.

"April 23, 1701, William Couwenhoven, and Jonica, his wife—with others—as heirs at law, for 150 pounds sterling, conveyed Jan Monfort's Patent to Garret Couwenhoven, as per deed."

"From proceedings before the public authorities (see Vol. IV., pages 183 and 184, of O'Callaghan's translation of 'Dutch Manuscripts') on the 6th of July, 1644, in relation to an Englishman named 'John Windwodt,' (probably Wentworth) a soldier who was accidentally shot in the house of Gerret Wolfersen Couwenhoven, during an affray, by Thomas Mabs, also a soldier, it appears that Gerret resided in a clapboard house, situated on the flats where a garrison was stationed (for protection against the Indians); that his father, Wolfert, had a house near by surrounded by a stockade,

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and that 'Ambrosious Lonnen' also had one, and there may have been others, forming a hamlet or village."

Issue:

11. Gerret Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born in Brooklyn, January 4, 1662. He removed to Flatlands and later to Monmouth County, New Jersey. He married, in the former place, circa 1685, Altie ———.
12. Joris or George Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born in 1663. Not mentioned in the Bible record. Married Alletta or Altige Luyster. See Old Brick Church Records.
13. Altie or Altieu Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born on December 14, 1665. Married Cornelis or Cornelius, son of Symon Van Arsdalen or Van Aertsdalen. She died before 1691.
14. Neelte or Nelly Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born February 7, 1669. She married Jan, or John, son of Pieter Wyckoff, of Monmouth County, New Jersey.
15. Pieter or Peter Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born February 12, 1671. Married Patience, daughter of Elias Daws. Moved to Monmouth County in 1727.
16. Cornelis or Cornelius Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born November 20, 1672. He removed to Flatlands and from there to Middletown, New Jersey, in 1700. He married, September 8, 1700, Margaretta, daughter of Roelof Schenck, who was born February 14, 1677, and who died December 16, 1751.
17. Sarah Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born December 27, 1674. Married circa 1692, John, brother of Margaretta Schenck, who married Cornelius. Sarah died

Old CONOVER HOUSE on the Schenck-Cowenhoven
Burying Ground property.



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- January 31, 1761, in Monmouth County.
18. ALBERT WILLEMSE COUWENHOVEN or KOUWENHOVEN, born December 7, 1676. Of whom presently in full.
 19. Jacob Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born January 29, 1679.
 20. Jan or John Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born April 9, 1681.
 21. Annetie Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born April 13, 1683. Married, first, November 11, 1704, Aert Williamson. Married, second, Johannes Antonides, of Monmouth County.
 22. William Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born March 7, 1686.
 23. Jacomina or Jacquemyntie Willemse Couwenhoven or Kouwenhoven, born December 28, 1689. She went to Monmouth County, New Jersey, with her father in 1727, where she resided with her husband, Elbert Willemse, whom she married June 5, 1709, in Flatlands.

18. ALBERT WILLEMSE COUWENHOVEN or KOUWENHOVEN, eighth child of William Gerretse Couwenhoven, No. 7, was born December 7, 1676, and died in September, 1748. He was born either in Brooklyn or Flatlands and moved to Monmouth County, New Jersey, where he settled in Marlboro, then in Freehold Township, on what is now the property of Mr. Selah Wells.

His name first appears on the records of the Freehold Dutch Reformed Church in 1709.

His name and that of Neeltje or Eleanor, daughter of Roelof Martense Schenck and his wife Annetje Wyckoff, are found among

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the communicants of the Brick Church in 1709. His Dutch Bible is still in existence with the dates of the births of all his sons and daughters entered in his own handwriting. A copy of this record is given with other Bible records at the end of this work. Albert Welles, in his "Conover Family," 1881, gives the date of his marriage as 1701. Eleanor Schenck was born January 23, 1681, and died July 27, 1751.

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24. William Albertse Couwenhoven or Covenhoven, born March 2, 1702. Married Libertje, daughter of Benjamin Van Cleaf and his wife, Hank Sutphen. Libertje was baptized May 19, 1705. William settled in what is now Manalapan Township, New Jersey, and left a will recorded in the Office of the Secretary of State.
25. Ruliff or Roelof Albertse Covenhoven, born September 8, 1703. Married Antje, daughter of Jan Strycker and Margareta Schanck or Schenck, his wife. Antje was baptized December 20, 1708.
26. Antie Albertse Covenhoven, born August 21, 1705. Married Abraham Polhemus, supposed to have been of the Somerset, Long Island, family of that name.
27. Jannetje or Jane Albertse Covenhoven, born September 30, 1707. Married Joseph Coenel.
28. Altie Albertse Covenhoven, born January 20, 1709. Married Hendrick Hendrickson, who was born November 11, 1706, and died July 28, 1783.

"In book G of Deeds, pages 59 and 60, Monmouth County Clerk's Office, is record of a deed from Tunis Covert, of Freehold Township, to Cornelius Van Brunt and Hendrick Hendrickson, of New Utrecht, Long Island, for 203½ acres in Freehold Township. On pages 61 and

Grave of ALBERT COWENHOVEN
in the Schenck-Cowenhoven Burying Ground.



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- 62 of the same book is a record of a deed dated May 1, 1719, from Abraham Emans, of Freehold Township, to Hendrick Hendrickson and Jacques Denys, of New Utrecht, Long Island, for a tract of 96 acres in Freehold Township."
29. Margaret Albertse Covenhoven, born February 15, 1711. Married, December 8, 1731, Daniel, son of Johannes Polhemus. He was born in 1706 and died September 26, 1763. She died June 7, 1780. Both are interred in the burial plot of the Polhemus family at Scobeyville, Atlantic Township, New Jersey.
 30. Sarah Albertse Covenhoven, born June 21, 1714. Married, May 19, 1737, Johannes, son of Benjamin Van Cleef and Hank Sutphen, his wife. He was baptized June 3, 1711.
 31. Peter Albertse Covenhoven, born October 12, 1716. Married, May 19, 1740, Williampe, daughter of Hendrick Van Voorhees and Jannetje Jansen, his wife. She was born January 25, 1722, and died August 12, 1803. Peter died October 1, 1771. Both are interred in the yard of the Old Brick Church at Marlboro.
 32. Nellie Albertse Covenhoven, born February 7, 1719. Died unmarried. Interred in the Schenck-Covenhoven Burying Ground, Pleasant Valley, New Jersey. Pleasant Valley is in Holmdel Township.
 33. Garret Albertse Covenhoven, born June 18, 1721. Married, November 8, 1742, Sarah, daughter of said Hendrick Van Voorhees and wife aforesaid.
 34. JAN or JOHN ALBERTSE COVENHOVEN, born February 18, 1723. Married, October 19, 1744, Catherine,

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daughter of said Hendrick Van Voorhees and wife aforesaid. This Jan or John, ancestor of the compiler, will be treated of in full, with all of his descendants, in the second chapter following:

35. Cornelius Albertse Covenhoven, born October 29, 1728. Married, in 1750, Antje, daughter of William Williamson and Antje Couwenhoven, his wife. Antje was born September 13, 1730, and died September 14, 1757, and was interred in Wyckoff Hill graveyard. Cornelius married, second, July 12, 1770, Mary Logan, who was born August 9, 1748. She died May 2, 1831. Cornelius died January 23, 1802.

Albert Willemse Couwenhoven and his wife, the parents of the above named children, were buried in the Schenck and Covenhoven burying ground. See illustrations opposite pages 18 and 20. The inscriptions are here given:

Here lies the
Body of Albert
Cowenhoven who Departed
this life September the thirteenth
Anno Domini One Thousand
seven hundred forty Eight
Aged Seventy two years
nine months & six Days.

Here
lies the Body of
Neltie wife of Albert
Cowenhoven who Departed
this life ye twenty seventh
of July Anno Domini one
Thousand seven hundred
fifty-one Aged seventy.

Grave of NELTIE, wife of Albert Cowenhoven,
in the Schenck-Cowenhoven Burying Ground.



CHAPTER II.

THE ANCESTORS OF NEELTJE SCHENCK, ANCESTRESS OF THE
COMPILER OF THIS WORK. NEELTJE WAS THE DAUGHTER
OF ROELOF MARTENSE SCHENCK AND WIFE OF
ALBERT WILLEMSE COUWENHOVEN, NO. 18.

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“The Schenck family claims a remote antiquity and traces its descent through the Barons of Toutenberg to A. D. 330. The family is said to have derived its name from Edgar de Schwencken, chief butler to Charlemagne, Emperor of Germany and France, who, about 798 A. D., granted to Edgar a title of nobility and assigned him a coat of arms.”

“Coming down through the centuries we find Christian Schenck, whose descendants were known as Schenck Van Nydeck from the town of Nydeggan on the river Roer eighteen miles east of Aix la Chapelle. Among these was General Peter Schenck Van Nydeck, the progenitor of those bearing the name in America.”

The Pedigree.

1. Reynier Schenck, Baron van Toutenberg, cup bearer to Count Van Julich, residing at Nydeggan Castle.
2. Christianus Schenck, his son.
3. Wilthelmus, son of Christianus, died previous to A. D. 1292. He married Mechtildis, who died in 1271. In 1275, Wilthelmus was Justice of the Peace.
4. Hendrick, grandson of Wilthelmus, was Lord of Affenden and Walbeck. He married Aleid Van Rayde.
5. Heinrick, his son, was a knight, and Lord of Affenden and Walbeck and Blymbeck and Feoffer of Gelden. He died December 8, 1542. Married Alheid Van Goen Van Keldenbock, daughter of Allard, Lord Keldenbock and his wife, Anna Montfoort.
6. Diederick, his son, was a knight, Lord of Affenden, etc. He died in 1487. By his wife, Aleid, daughter of Johann Van Buren and Aleid Van Arendahl, he had a son—
7. Derick, who married Alheid Custers, and died August 3, 1525.

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8. Derick, his son, was born in 1485. He married Maria Van Galen, and had—
9. Dederick, who was born in 1507. He married Anna Van Berlaer. His son—
10. General Peter Schenck Van Nydeck was born at Goch, Holland, A. D. 1547. He was a brother of Sir Martis Schenck, an active partizan of the Revolution in Holland, brave, courageous and daring, who was drowned through the weight of his armour while conducting an attack by water on the city of Nymegen in 1589. General Peter Schenck married, May 17, 1580, Johanna Scherpenziel, by whom he had a son—
11. Martin Peterson Schenck, born at Doesberg, in the Province of Guilderland, Holland, A. D. 1584, who was the father of Roeloff, Jan and Annetje Martense Schenck, who came to America in 1650.
12. Roeloff Martense Schenck was born at Doesberg, Province of Guilderland, Holland, in 1620, and died at Flatlands, New York, in 1705. He came to America in 1650 and was among the first enrolled as a member of the Church.

On January 29, 1661, he obtained a Patent of lands at Flatlands, Long Island. He was a leading man in the community, being several times Justice of the Peace and once a Judge.

He was appointed by Governor Lusler, Captain of Cavalry of Kings County. In 1660, he married Neeltje Gerretsen Van Couwenhoven. She died in 1672; and in 1675 he married Annetje Peterse Wyckoff. She died in 1686, and on October 30, 1688, he married Catrina Crequers, widow of Scoffel Hoodlandt. His eighth child

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was—

13. Neeltje Roelofse Schenck, who was born January 23, 1681, and died July 27, 1751. On October 2, 1701, she married Albert Willemse, son of William Gerretse Couwenhoven. Albert is No. 18 in the Conover Genealogy.

CHAPTER III.
JAN ALBERTSE COVENHOVEN (No. 34) AND HIS
DESCENDANTS.

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34. JAN or JOHN ALBERTSE COVENHOVEN, eleventh child of Albert Willemse Covenhoven, No. 18, was born February 18, 1723. He married, October 19, 1744, Catherine, daughter of Hendrick Van Voorhees and Jannetje Jansen, who died August 4, 1794. John was born in Freehold Township, New Jersey, and that he was living there in 1753 is shown by the following record in the register of the Old Tennant Church:

“John Cowenhoven, son of Albert, had baptized David, March 4, 1753.”

In his will, which appears in the appendix of this work, Jan calls himself “John Covenhoven,” and gives his residence as “Somerset County, Province of East New Jersey,” and mentions two children—

36. David Conover, baptized March 4, 1753.

37. JOHN CONOVER, born February 1, 1760; died September 9, 1812.

37. JOHN CONOVER, second son of John Albertse Covenhoven, No. 34, was born February 1, 1760, in Freehold Township. He married, May 30, 1782, Martha Higgins, who was born August 28, 1762, and died February 25, 1833. John died September 9, 1812. John undoubtedly lived in Somerset County with his father, and as there was no land owned by the Conover family in Hunterdon County prior to 1800, and as the Higgins family were large property holders near Copper Hill in that County, it was through Martha Higgins that John removed to that section. In the office of the Secretary of State (No. 2524) is the “Inventory of the Estate of John Covenhoven, Late of Hunterdon County” (for a copy of which document see appendix) filed December 8, 1812.

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Martha, his wife, and Jonathan Higgins Conover, his son, were respectively Administratrix and Administrator.

John and his wife were interred in the "Barber Burying Ground" together with two of their children, David and Nancy. The accompanying illustration shows the graves, and reading from right to left the inscriptions are as follows—

1. In Memory of
 John Covenhoven
 who departed this
Life September 9th, 1812, aged
 52 years 7 months
 and 9 days.

2. In Memory of
 Martha Covenhoven
 wife of
 John Covenhoven
 who died
February 25th, A. D. 1833
 in the 76th year
 of her age.

3. In Memory of
 Nancy Covenhoven
 who departed this life
 October the 1st, 1801
aged 15 years 8 months
 and 6 days.

Graves of

JOHN COWENHOVEN

MARTHA, his wife

NANCY, his daughter

DAVID, his son

in the Barber Cemetery.



CONOVER HOMESTEAD
on the farm near Copper Hill, New Jersey.



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4. In Memory of
David Covenhoven
who departed this life
September the 8th, 1801
aged 17 years and 10 months.

Issue of John Conover, No. 37:

38. David Conover, born November 7, 1783. Died September 8, 1801.
39. Nancy Conover, born January 25, 1786. Died October 1, 1801.
40. JONATHAN HIGGINS CONOVER, born October 18, 1787. Died Dec. 17, 1849.
41. Catharine Hill Conover, born December 10, 1789. Died May 20, 1826.
42. John Conover, born January 20, 1792. Died April 26, 1854.
43. Isaac B. Conover, born July 4, 1794. Died February 28, 1883.
44. Elias H. Conover, born September 11, 1796. Died July 4, 1871.

40. JONATHAN HIGGINS CONOVER, third child of John Conover, No. 37, was born near Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, October 18, 1787. He married, first, June 22, 1816, Ann Schenck, who was born October 18, 1787, and died September 16, 1831, and, second, he married, February 1, 1838, Ann Sutphin, who was born in April, 1794, and died December 31, 1867. Jonathan died December 17, 1849.

Issue (by his first wife only):

45. John J. Conover, born March 25, 1817. Died, unmarried, March 1, 1885.

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46. WILLIAM SCHENCK CONOVER, born December 8, 1818. Died February 1, 1850.
47. Mary Conover, born November 2, 1820. Married, 1841, Isaac Young. Died November 11, 1849.
48. David Conover, born May 24, 1825. Died July 20, 1897.
49. Martha Conover, born May 22, 1829. Died April 25, 1830.

46. WILLIAM SCHENCK CONOVER, second child of Jonathan Higgins Conover, No. 40, was born December 8, 1818, on the home farm near Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Later he removed to Easton, Pennsylvania, where he married, April 12, 1846, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Gangwer, who was born February 27, 1791, and died in 1872, and his wife, Mary Shook. Elizabeth was born December 8, 1821. She remarried Fayette Rumsey, of Buffalo, New York, and removed to that city, where she died June 29, 1872. William died February 1, 1850.

Issue:

50. CHARLES HOPKINS CONOVER, born July 12, 1847.
51. Henry Conover, born February 13, 1849. Died July 24, 1885.

48. David Conover, fourth child of Jonathan Higgins Conover, No. 40, was born May 24, 1825, at Copper Hill, New Jersey. He married, October 6, 1857, Henrietta V. D. Williamson, who was born February 7, 1837, at Montgomery, New Jersey, and died April 26, 1891. David died July 20, 1897. He lived all his life on the home farm near Copper Hill, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and all of his children were born at that place.

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Issue:

52. William W. Conover, born May 15, 1861. Died May 7, 1910.
53. Jonathan Higgins Conover, born June 28, 1863.
54. Robert Manning Conover, born February 23, 1870.
55. Howard Conover, born May 19, 1875. Died May 20, 1875.
56. Jesse Bodine Conover, born February 3, 1877.

50. CHARLES HOPKINS CONOVER, eldest child of William Schenck Conover, No. 46, was born July 12, 1847, at Easton, Pennsylvania. Upon the second marriage of his mother he removed to Buffalo, New York, remaining there until 1871, when he went to Chicago, Illinois, and engaged in business. He married, December 7, 1881, Della Louise Boardman, who was born October 31, 1859, at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Issue:

57. Elinor Conover, born May 15, 1885, in Chicago.
58. Della Boardman Conover, born May 20, 1887, in Chicago.
59. Margaret Boardman Conover, born September 1, 1888, in Chicago.
60. HENRY BOARDMAN CONOVER, born January 19, 1892, in Chicago.

51. Henry Conover, second son of William Schenck Conover, No. 46, was born February 13, 1849, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and died July 24, 1885. He married, May 18, 1871, Kate Barton Armstrong, who was born September 17, 1851, at Buffalo, New York. He resided in Buffalo until the time of his death.

Issue:

61. Louise Vail Conover, born April 14, 1872, at Buffalo, New York. Married, at Buffalo, February 8, 1905,

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William Kent Gibboney, who was born October 23, 1872, at Gibboney, Pennsylvania.

52. William W. Conover, eldest child of David Conover, No. 48, was born May 15, 1861, and died May 7, 1910. He married, November 24, 1887, Mary J. Housel, who was born August 3, 1861, at Hampton's Corner, New Jersey.

Issue:

62. Charles Hopkins Conover, born October 26, 1889, at Reaville, New Jersey.

53. Jonathan Higgins Conover, second son of David Conover, No. 48, was born June 28, 1863. He married, August 21, 1889, Lillian Arnwine, who was born at Baptistown, New Jersey.

54. Robert Manning Conover, third child of David Conover, No. 48, was born February 23, 1870. He married, March 24, 1897, Lavinia Little, who was born June 30, 1872, at Reaville, New Jersey.

56. Jesse Bodine Conover, fifth child of David Conover, No. 48, was born February 3, 1877. He married, July 27, 1905, Gertrude C. Sullivan, who was born April 22, 1885, at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

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57. Elinor Conover, eldest child of Charles Hopkins Conover, No. 50, was born May 15, 1885, at Chicago, Illinois. She married, June 21, 1910, Ralph Woodland Owen, who was born May 26, 1884, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Issue:

63. Cora Rust Owen, born June 22, 1911, at Madison, Wisconsin.

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58. Della Boardman Conover, second child of Charles Hopkins Conover, was born May 20, 1887, in Chicago. She married, March 29, 1910, Eugene Solomon Talbot, Jr., who was born August 6, 1884, at Chicago.

Issue:

64. Eugene Solomon Talbot III., born February 11, 1911, at Chicago.

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59. Margaret Boardman Conover, third child of Charles Hopkins Conover, No. 50, was born September 1, 1888, in Chicago.

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60. Henry Boardman Conover, fourth child of Charles Hopkins Conover, No. 50, was born January 19, 1892, in Chicago.

APPENDIX.

T H E C O N O V E R F A M I L Y

THE WILL OF JOHN COVENHOVEN.

DATED 11 AUGUST, 1766.

A copy of the will of John Covenhoven taken from the original deposited in the Secretary of State's office at the State House, Trenton, New Jersey.

The will is in a jacket in the vault, jacket marked "Sumerset 196 R—385—" and in folio marked "340 R" in said jacket is the original will and the inventory of the personal effects.

A copy of this will is also contained in Liber I, page 110, Office of the Secretary of State.

In the name of God amen, I, John Covenhoven of Somerset County and Province of East New Jersey being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) Do this Eleventh day of August Anno Dominy one Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six, make and Publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say I leave to my dear and loving wife the whole possession of my estate both Real and parsonal untill my Eldest son David shall arive to the age of Twenty one years; Then a division shall be made Between my Two Sons David and John of my said Estate Each one half there of share and share alike Both Real and Personal and if it should happen that my widow should hereafter marry she shall have no claim against my estate safe one hundred pounds Current money of New Jersey at (rate of value then current) 8 | pr oz which shall be paid on demand out of my estate by Executors here in named and I ordain Peter Vorheas James Nephew and Peter Vorheas son Hendrick Vorheas Executors of this my last will in Trust for the Intent and purposes therein contained according to the True intent and meaning.

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In witness thereof I the said John Covenhoven have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

John Covenhoven (X) seal

Witnesses

Pieter Nevius

Girebert Lane

his

Aaron (A) Sutphen

mark

In Probate of the above will 14 May, 1767—

“Peter Vorhees & Peter Vorhees son of* Hendrick. Two of the Executors in the within will named came before me & were duly qualified.”

“James Hurly (?)”

*Note.—In the original will “of” is omitted making it read “Peter Vorheas son Hendrick Vorheas.” The above probate record is written on the back of the original will.

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INVENTORY OF THE PERSONAL ESTATE

OF JOHN COVENHOVEN

Folio 340 R.

Filed September 3, 1767.

“A true and Perfect Inventory taken by us, the under subscriber of the moveable estate of John Covenhoven—late deceas'd.”

Money att 8 | pr. oz.

	£		
The deceased wareing apperl.....	25	..	..
Cash	86	14	11
Bond and note against Garret Covenhoven, Principle & Interest.....	319	15	9
Bond against John Sutphin, Principle and Interest..	64	10	..
Note against John Furman, Principle and Interest..	20	14	5
Bill against Hendrick Vorhees, Principle and Interest	27	14	3¼
Bond against William Vorhees lodged in lawyer Stockdon's hands, Principle debt £16.....	16	..	..
Silver watch	8	..	..
1 Razor, 1 stropp, 1 hone, 1 Cedar desk, 1 inkstand..	9	..	..
2 negro men, 1 negro woman and 3 children.....	250	..	..
1 Dutch Bible and sundry other books.....	5	..	..
1 Looking glass, 1 sleight, 1 Chest with sundrys...	3	..	..
1 silver spoon, 1 pewter tea pott and sundry tea ware	2	..	..
1 scales & weight, 1 stove, 1 morter, 1 armed chair..	..	15	..
1 Beadstead & furniture, 1 green Ruggs & sundry blankets and coverlids.....	17
1 chest, 1 case of bottles, 1 cradle, 1 cloth brush....	1	1	..

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1 cubard with sundrys on & in coubard.....	8
1 Beadstead & Chaff Bead & Beading.....	2
1 pr. striped some linnen & yarn.....	3
1 Beadstead and furniture & Trunnel Bead & beading	10	..	..
2 Tables, 1 desser, 1 looking glass, 17 chairs.....	3	..	..
1 spoon Rack with spoons and Sundry Sorts Pewter ware	2	..	..
3 Loungs, 2 Shovels, 2 pr. Hand Irons, 1 spinning wheel	2	4	..
2 gunns, 1 sword, 1 Baynot, 1 Belt, 1 cordose bose, 1 whip	3	..	..
2 candle sticks, 1 pr. Sadd Irons & Sundry other small ware .....	..	10	..
2 Saddles, 3 Bridles, 1 stand, 2 Baskets, 1 Bedstead & Beading	6	..	..
1 Cooking Iron, Sundry sorts of Cedar ware, 2 Rumletts	1	8	..
Some Candles & Tallow & Sundry small articles..	..	10	..
Some Buckwheat, Some Oats, Some wool.....	4	18	..
15 Baggs, 2 large wheels, Spoon rack & Some Flax.	2	6	..
1 Bedstead—some Casks—Some Ropes, Dough Trough & Two (?).....	..	10	..
Some Flax seed—Some Flour & Sundry other articles	1	15	..
1 Weavers Loom—Geers—1 piece of Linnen in Loom, 1 tarr tub, Beetle & wedges & sundry other articles	6	10	..
Some Bacon, Beef & Beadstead	5	..	..
Potts, Kettles, Panns, Trammels & Sundry Sorts of Kitchen Furniture & 1 spinning wheel.....	1	10	..

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Barrels & tubs & Sundry Sort of lumber.....	..	12	..
Axxs, Broad hoes Sundry Sort of Farmers Tools..	1	5	..
Grind Stone Ploughs & Tackling Harrow & Wood			
Stead	3	17	..
2 hives of bees 1 pleasure slay—Indian corn in Crib	8	..	..
2 Waggons, geers and tackling.....	20	..	..
2 Powdering tubs Windmill, 1 Culing Box and			
Sundry barn tools.....	3	..	..
1 sorrel Horse 1 Black Bawl Horse 1 Brown			
Horse	25	..	..
1 Brown Mare, 1 Bay Bull Rock Mare, 1 Rone			
Horse	45	..	..
1 Black Mare, 1 Bay Mare & 2 yearling Colts....	17	..	..
8 Sheep & 11 lambs.....	6	13	..
5 Cows 1 yearling Bull & Heiffer.....	20	..	..
Wheat & Rie Oats & Flax in the ground.....	30	..	..
1 Stack of Rice.....	3	..	..
1 Bull and 7 young Cattle.....	16	..	..
4 Hooggs and 3 Piggs.....	4	12	..
2 Sythes & Cradles 2 Grass Sythes with tackles...	1	16	..
Some wheat & Rice in the Mill.....	3	10	1
	£ 1129	1	4¾
	£		

Pieter Nevius
Girebert Lane
his
Aurt (a) Stuphin
mark

Appraisers
Peter Vannouwhees
Peter Vorhees
Execrs.

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INVENTORY OF THE
PERSONAL ESTATE OF
JOHN COVENHOVEN
OF HUNTERDON COUNTY

Folio 2524 J.

Inv.

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular; the goods and chattles right and credits of John Covenhoven, Esq., late of Amwell, in County of Hunterdon, and State of N. J., deceased. Made the 29th day of Sept., 1812.

	Dols.	Cts.
Purse and apparel.....	36	00
Household goods	558	50
8 Horses	295	00
35 Sheep	70	00
14 Swine	33	00
One Lease	50	00
Rent in arrear.....	50	00
Hay	102	00
Grain	457	00
Farming utensils	190	20
Bonds, Notes, &c., Esteemed goods.....	5264	32
Doubtful ...	18	60
Amount	*7413	62

Appraised by us James Jones
 Samuel Hunt.

*Note—error in addition: should be \$7124.62.

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State of New Jersey,
Hunterdon Co.

Martha Covenhoven, administratrix, and Jonathan Covenhoven, administrator of John Covenhoven, Esq., deceased, being duly sworn according to law, did severally depose and say that the foregoing writing contains a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels and credits of the said John Covenhoven deceased as far as have come to their knowledge or possession of any person or persons for their use.

Sworn at Flemington
8th day of Dec., 1812,
Before me
J. T. Blackwell Surrogate

Martha Covenhoven
Jonathan H. Covenhoven

Samuel Hunt one of the appraisers of the foregoing Inventory, being duly sworn according to law did depose and say that the goods, chattels and credits in the foregoing Inventory set down and specified were by him appraised according to their just and true respective rates and values after the best of his judgment and understanding, and that James Jones the other appraiser whose name is there unto subscribed was present at the same time and consented in all things to the doings thereof and that they appraised all things that were brought to their view for appraisement.

Sworn at Flemington
on 8 Dec., 1812,
before me
J. T. Blackwell Surrogate

Samuel Hunt

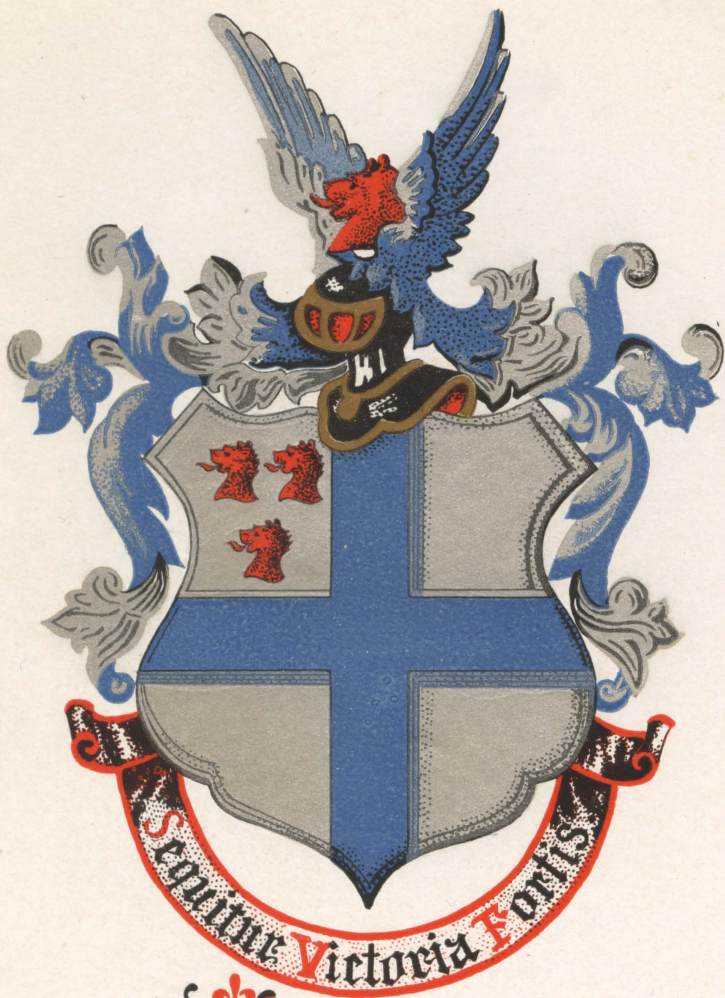
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The document is endorsed—

Inventory of the personal
estate of John Covenhoven
DECEASED

John Covenhoven, Esq.,
Decd. Inventory
2524 J—Filed 8 Dec., 1812.
J. T. Blackwell
Surrogate.

The CONOVER Coat of Arms.



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THE CONOVER COAT OF ARMS.

ARMS.—Argent, a cross azure. In the dexter chief three lion's heads erased gules.

CREST.—A lion's head erased between two wings, the dexter exposing the upper side argent, the sinister exposing the lower side azure, gules.

MOTTO.—*Sequitur Victoria Fortis.* Victory follows the brave.

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SOME OLD HOLLAND NAMES AND THEIR ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS.

The period during which America was settled was not an era noted for education, and the majority of our early ancestors could neither read nor write. This was not the case with the poorer class alone, but among the wealthy people as well. Owing to this fact there was no fixed orthography for proper names, which is very confusing to genealogists of to-day who are not familiar with the Dutch language.

For the benefit of future students of family history, the following list of Dutch baptismal names with their English equivalents has been appended to this work, only after careful study of the subject and many comparisons with various shorter lists by other compilers.

It should be noted that carelessness in regard to proper names was not a fault of our colonists only, for the great Voltaire, in addressing his correspondence to a certain noted German Countess with whom he was very friendly, spelled her name in no less than ten different ways.

The suffix "je" added to a male name changes it to female.

Aart, Art, Aarend—Arthur.

Aaghie—Agatha.

Adda—Adeline.

Adriaantje—Adrianna.

Aevje—Eve.

Agnitje—Agnes.

Altje, Aaltje, Aletta, Alida—Adeline, Adela, Alida.

Aletta—Letitia.

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Andreas, Andries, Andrias—Andrew.
Anneken, Annetje—Ann, Anna.
Arent—Aaron.
Arie—Adrian.
Anitje, Annatje, Annaetje, Annetje, Annitje—Ann, Hannah, Anna,
Nancy.
Arnout—Arnold.
Balt, Baltus—Balthasar.
Barber—Barbara.
Barent—Bernard.
Bartel—Bartholomew.
Bartje—Bertha.
Bastiaan—Sebastian.
Boudeuyn, Boudein—Baldwin.
Beletje, Bella—Isabel.
Bell—Arabella.
Betje—Betty.
Baltje—Elizabeth.
Christoffel—Christopher.
Christiaan—Christian.
Christienje—Christiana.
Classje—Claudia, Nicolette.
Catrina—Catherine.
Claas, Claes—Nicholas.
Daam—Adam.
Denys—Dionysius.
Diederick—Theodore.
Derrick, Dirk, Dirck—Richard.
Dirckje, Dirkje—Dorothy.
Diewertje—Deborah.
Doris—Theodore.

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Elsje, Elsie—Alice, Elsie.
 Emmetje—Emma.
 Engeltje—Angelica.
 Eva—Eve.
 Epje—Egbert.
 Ernst—Ernest.
 Evert—Everard.
 Frans—Francis.
 Filip—Philip.
 Floris—Florence.
 Floortje—Flora.
 Geertje—Gertrude, Charity.
 Grietje—Margaret.
 Goris—George.
 Gerrit, Gerret, Geridt—Gerard, Garret.
 Gillis—Giles.
 Giel—Michael.
 Govert, Guert—Godfrey, Geoffrey.
 Gysbert, Gyslbert—Gilbert.
 Giertje, Geerje, Geetruyd—Gertrude.
 Hans—John, Jack.
 Hansje—Joanna.
 Hendrick, Henrick, Henricus—Henry.
 Hillegonda—Huldah.
 Huygen, Hugen—Hugh.
 Henrickje—Henrietta.
 Heyltje, Hiltje—Hail.
 Jacobus—Jacob, James.
 Jaapic, Japic, Jaap—Jacob.
 Jannetje, Jacoba—Jane, Joanna.
 Johanna, Janneken—Joan.

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Johannes, Jan—John.
 Jochem—Joachim.
 Joost—Justice.
 Joris, Jurian, Jurge—George.
 Josyntje, Josina—Justina.
 Karel—Charles.
 Kasper—Caspar, Jasper.
 Katryne, Kaatje, Katrina, Katryntje, Keetie—Catherine, Katy.
 Kerstan, Kristiaan—Christian.
 Klaartje—Clara.
 Klaes, Klaas—Nicholas.
 Klaasje, Klasyne—Nicola, Nicolette, Claudia.
 Krelis, Kees, Koris, Kornelis, Cornelis—Cornelius.
 Kobus, Cobus—James.
 Laurens, Louris—Lawrence.
 Leendert—Leonard.
 Lieven, Lieve—Leo.
 Leentje—Madeline, Helena.
 Lena, Lenora, Lenoor—Eleanor.
 Letje—Letitia.
 Lodewyk—Ludovic.
 Louis—Lewis.
 Lotje—Charlotte.
 Lukas, Luyt—Luke.
 Luytje—Lucia, Lucy.
 Lysbet, Lysje, Lysbeth, Lysbetje —Elizabeth
 Matthys—Matthias.
 Mewes, Maas—Bartholomew.
 Machtel—Matilda.
 Margritje—Margaret.
 Marietje—Maria.

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Mariken, Marretje, Maritje, Marytje, Maartje, Maacke, Mietje—
Mary.
Naatje—Anna.
Metje, Mietje—Maria.
Neeltje—Nellie, Eleanor, Cornelia.
Niesje—Agnes.
Obaje—Obadiah.
Otte—Otho.
Paulus, Parvel—Paul.
Pieter, Petrus—Peter.
Paulyntje—Paulina.
Philip—Philip.
Roelof, Roeloff—Ralph.
Roosje—Rose.
Rutger—Roger.
Rykard—Richard.
Saul—Solomon.
Saartje—Sarah.
Sander—Alexander.
Staats—Eustace.
Stoffel—Christopher.
Styntje—Christiana.
Tanneken—Ann.
Tewis—Matthew.
Tunis, Teunis—Anthony.
Tebut—Theobald.
Toontje—Antonia.
Truytje—Gertrude.
Tryntje—Catherine.
Tyne—Cathalina.
Tymen—Timothy.

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Tys—Matthias.

Teuntje—Eunice.

Wyntje—Sabina.

Wouter—Walter.

Willemptje, Williampe—Wilhelmina.

Ydie—Ida.

Zanneke—Susanna.

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CONOVER BIBLE RECORDS.

FROM THE BIBLE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE
LUYSTER FAMILY, OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY.

(Written in the Dutch language.)

In the year of our Lord 1660 William Cowenhoven was married to Altieu Zoris. (Altieu, daughter of Joris Dirksen Brinck-erhoff.)

- 1662 January 4. Garret Cowenhoven born.
1663 June 3. My wife Altieu Zoris died. (Joris.)
1665 February 12. William Cowenhoven married Jannetie Peters (daughter of Pieter Monfort.)
1665 December 14. Altieu Cowenhoven born.
1669 February 7. Nelly Cowenhoven born.
1671 February 12. Peter Cowenhoven born.
1672 November 20. Cornelius Cowenhoven born.
1674 December 27. Sarah Cowenhoven born.
1676 December 7. Albert Cowenhoven born.
1679 January 29. Jacob Cowenhoven born.
1681 April 9. John Cowenhoven born.
1683 April 13. Annetie Cowenhoven born.
1686 March 7. William Cowenhoven born.
1689 December 28. Jaquemyntie Cowenhoven born.
1705 November 12. Jacob, son of William and Jannetie Peters, born January 29, 1679, married Sarah Schenck.

Children:

- 1706 December 10. Jannetie Cowenhoven born.
1708 February. Annie Cowenhoven born.
1710 February. William Cowenhoven born.
1712 March 1. Ruliph Cowenhoven born.
1714 February 1. Jacob Cowenhoven born.

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- 1716 November 5. Garret Cowenhoven born.
1718 December 14. Peter born and died January 14, 1719.
1720 May. Peter Cowenhoven born.
1722 May. John Cowenhoven born.
1725 Marta Cowenhoven born.
— Marta Conover, son of Jacob and Sarah, born 1725, married Williampe Conover, daughter of William.

Children:

- 1751 April 12. Sarah Conover born.
1753 July 2. William Conover born.
1755 July 21. Jacob Conover born.
1758 April 26. Peter Conover born.
1760 April 26. Jane Conover born.
1762 December 23. Matthias and Williampe born.
1764 September 18. Anne Conover born.

FROM THE BIBLE OF MRS. JUDGE CONOVER,
MARLBORO, NEW JERSEY.

Elias Cowenhoven died 1751. He married Williampe Wall.

Children:

- Mary Cowenhoven, born February 12, 1730.
Peter Cowenhoven, born December 4, 1732.
Patience Cowenhoven, born July 6, 1736.
Elidy Cowenhoven, born March 10, 1738.
Jane (James?) Cowenhoven, born December 30, 1739.
Elenor Cowenhoven, born February 5, 1741.
John Cowenhoven, born March 8, 1743-4.

Notes:

Mary married a man named Smock.

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Peter died March 3, 1802.

Patience married Samuel Bowne and died May 22, 1802.

Elidy married Hendrick Hendrickson.

Jane (this was a son and should be James) married a woman named Longstreet. He, James, died May 28, 1765.

Elenor died June 21, 1765.

John died April 21, 1803.

FROM THE CONOVER BIBLE IN POSSESSION OF
MISS W. W. BRAY, MATTEWAN, N. J.

Albert Coavenhoven, born December, 1676. (To this record it may be added that his birth occurred on the seventh day of the month.)

William Albertse Covenhoven, born March 9, 1702.

Roelof Albertse Covenhoven, born September 8, 1703.

Antie Albertse Covenhoven, born August 21, 1705.

Jannetie Albertse Covenhoven, born September 30, 1707.

Altie Albertse Covenhoven, born January 20, 1709.

Margit Albertse Covenhoven, born February 15, 1711.

Sara Albertse Covenhoven, born June 20, 1714.

Pieter Albertse Covenhoven, born October 21, 1716.

Nettije Albertse Covenhoven, born February 7, 1720.

Gerritt Albertse Covenhoven, born June 16, 1721.

Jan Albertse Covenhoven, born February 18, 1723.

Cornelije Albertse Covenhoven, born October 29, 1728.

Nellie Albertse Covenhoven, born April 22, 1738.

Note.—In the will of Albert Covenhoven he calls his children William, Ruluf, Anna, Jane, Alice, Margot, Sarah, Peter, Garratt, John and Cornelius. In other records they appear—William, Ruliff, Antje, Jannetje, Altie, Margaret, Sarah, Peter, Nellie, Garret, Jan and Cornelius.

T H E C O N O V E R F A M I L Y
FROM THE CONOVER AND VAN DORN BIBLE IN THE
POSSESSION OF JACOB DEY CONOVER, OF
MIDDLETOWN, NEW JERSEY.

Garret Conover married Eleanor Schenck October 12, 1744.

Garret Conover was born November 5, 1716.

Eleanor, his wife, was born April 10, 1724.

Issue:

Jacob, born June 19, 1746.

Rulef, born November 8, 1747.

Sarah, born July 3, 1749.

Daniel, born January 20, 1751.

Gashy, born February 5, 1753.

Anne, born May 21, 1754.

Mary, born April 5, 1756.

Garret, born September 15, 1758.

John, born April 3, 1760.

Mary, born September 26, 1767.

Garrett Conover died December 9, 1797, aged 81 years and 3 months. Eleanor, his wife, died March 25, 1800, aged 75 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Jacob H. Conover and Eleanor Smock married November 13, 1816.

Azariah Conover and Emily P. Sherman married March 3, 1846.

Jacob H. Conover, born April 9, 1795.

Eleanor Smock, born March 10, 1799.

Issue:

Mary Van Dorn Conover, born July 28, 1817.

Henry H. Conover, born January 30, 1819.

Azariah Conover, born February 14, 1821.

Lydia L. Conover, born December 18, 1822.

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Charles Edwin Conover, son of Azariah and Emily, born December 28, 1846.

Williampe Van Dorn Conover, daughter of Azariah and Emily, born December 18, 1848.

Thomas Sherman Conover, son of Azariah and Emily, born January 5, 1852.

Jacob Dey Conover, son of Azariah and Emily, born January 26, 1860.

Jacob H. Conover, son of Hardrich and Gashe, died February 10, 1851, aged 55 years, 10 months and 1 day.

Eleanor, wife of Jacob Conover, died March 2, 1875, aged 75 years, 11 months and 23 days.

FROM THE VAN MATER FAMILY BIBLE

Garret Covenhoven, born 1705, 1715 or 1735 (mutilated).

Nellie Van Mater, born September 8, 1730. Married Garret Conover, 1748. Died July 31, 1784, aged 53 years, 11 months, 19 days. (The age is not correct in this instance.)

Children:

Jacoba, born November 10, 1749.

Benjamin, born February 25, 1753.

Catharine, born December 25, 1759.

John, born September 1, 1766.

Garret, born September 28, 1770.

John, died August 28, 1775, aged 11 ms., 28 ds.

Peter G. Conover, born January 2, 1797. Married Charlotte Lyel, who was born June 29, 1799, November 10, 1819.

Child (?):

Stacy Conover, born 1828.

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FACSIMILE OF LETTER
of John Covenhoven to Colonel Elisha Boudenot,
in Regard to Exchange of Prisoners.

a list of British Prisoners & Tories on parole with us
James mount } if agreeable for Peter Cornhoun
Richard Reading } for Joseph Murry
Israel Britton } for Tobias Polkemas
Ferdinand Reading } for Thomas Hill
as Proposd by Collon ^{of} Holms

The Prisoners Taken on the 28-1779 on board the Schooner Capt
Samuel Bell Parol. } and sent to Primitown
Wm Grant - Do }

Privates, John Michael
Thomas Wilkes Carpenter
Wm Lyster
George Williams
Thomas Wright
Archy McDonald
James Flanigan

Thus far on Publick Business Now I am very Desirous
how my Discharge stand your Dischargeing me by
a line will greatly oblige you very Humble

Collon Elisha Boudinot

Elizabeth town

John Cornhoun

Dear Sir

Freehold June the 16th 1779

Agreeable to a Request of Collonell Holmes I Her
 send you a List of our unfortunate friends, who have been
 Taken by the Tories and British Troops out of their houses
 in the Nights of the 8 and 10 of this Instant - Who We hope
 and make no Doubt, you will Pay particular Attention
 to Relieve & Exchange as soon as Possible as there is Cha
 racter among them that We cannot Well Spare - our
 Situation very Difficult and our fellow Countrymen ~~that~~
 that Lay waste in the Back Counties Pay little attention
 to stay We get little or no assistance from any Quarter
 but the few brave fellows of our own, who have been
 Continually Harass'd ever since the War began & the
 Enemy by Way of this raping at every Opportunity are
 Indeaouring to take of our most usefull men, to Dispirit
 them, but all won't do for We fight them at any Rate
 15 or 16 to 50 or 60 & Drive them off We had 6 Wounded
 and two Killed out of 16 who made the last attack
 by the Enemy having the advantage of a Cover and
 they in an open field.

I Proceed at present to give you the List of the Prisoners

June 3 Major Sheppard
 Joseph Hurry
 Timothy Mount
 Thomas Hill
 John Burns

June 11th Collon^{ell} Daniel Hendrickson
 Lt Collon^{ell} Bukez Wickoff
 Major Hendrick Vanbrunt
 Cap^t Chadock
 Cap^t Richard Menight
 Nicolas Vanbrunt
 Abraham Croin Cont^l Soldier

on Publick Service

Collo^{all}quy with Boudenot

in
Plyabett town

