

THE COURSEN (CORSON) FAMILY

1612 to 1917

WITH THE STATEN ISLAND BRANCH



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THE COURSENS

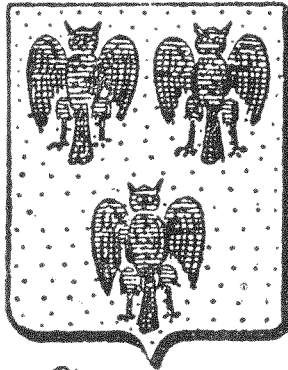
From 1612 to 1917 compiled from Ancient
and Modern Records with the
Staten Island Branch

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COURSEN COAT OF ARMS



Courson
Bret.

Motto on family crest

“TOUJOURS DROIT”
“COURSEN”

Of the Coursens in France

The ancestors of Peter Coursen, the French Huguenot, who emigrated from France to New Amsterdam in 1612, originated in Bretagne (Brittany), France. They were ancient, influential and possessors of large landed estates, as the records indicate.

In the French volume of ancient armorial bearings and crests (illustrated), and entitled, "Armoiral General Reitstap I. A. K. Tome," the French Coat of Arms of the Coursen branches are as follows:

Of the Baron de Coursen—also of the Compe (Count) de Coursen as shown by illustrations. Also the coat of arms of the Coursen family now in use by their American descendants in Pennsylvania and Staten Island, as follows:

"Three owls (facing you) upon a background of gold—with the motto "Toujours Droit—Coursen.' "

M. Aurelien de Coursen, the eminent French historian, in one of his works, published in Paris in 1863, entitled "Du V^e au XII^e Siecle-La Bretagne," gives valuable historic information of Bretagne (Brittany), France, and its ancient inhabitants.

Of Peter Coursen the First French Huguenot Emigrant from France to New Amsterdam in 1612

Who was probably one of the First
French Settlers in America, in the
Dutch Colony of New Netherlands
(New Amsterdam), which began to
colonize in 1611

THE ORIGIN OF THE COURSEN FAMILY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

Compiled from ancient Colonial records of New Amsterdam and the early and modern records of the State of New York, as an appendix to the history by Hiram Corson, M.D., entitled, "The Corson Family," by Percival Glenroy Ullman, counsellor at law, of Staten Island, N. Y., is as follows:

PETER COURSEN THE 1ST, French Huguenot refugee and founder of the family, arrived in New Amsterdam, in America, in the year 1612, one year after the date of the first colonization of New Amsterdam by the Dutch, as the records show was commenced in 1611. (See the International Cyclopædia, 1892 issue, p. 587, under the title of New York.)

Woodruff, in his volume entitled, "The Coursens of Sussex County, New Jersey," says, on page 1:

"The Coursen ancestors originated in Walloon, France; that Cornelius Piertertse Vroom or Froome, was born in 1611/12, in a hamlet in Holland called 'Langeraker or Langerak,' and came from France to America by way of Holland. He refers to the following records as his source of information, namely, 'The Calendar of Dutch MSS.,' pp. 5-62, and Collection of New York MSS., Vol. I, p. 72."

I have made a careful examination of each of said volumes and fail to find such date of birth, hamlet or places named. Neither do they appear upon any map or in any encyclopædia. Therefore there is no doubt that Woodruff, the author, was mistaken, but it is very probable that he intended Langes, a hamlet in France, near the border of Belgium, for Langeraker or Langerak, so named in his book.

The origin of the Coursens in France was in Bretagne (Brittany), where the Coursen name is frequently found upon ancient French records, and up to the present period. M. Aurelien de Coursen, the French historian, in 1863 thus appears as a native of that place.

Peter Coursen the 1st, who emigrated to New Amsterdam in 1612, had the following issue:

JAN COURSEN (his son), born not later than 1608 in France. (See Woodruff, p. 1; also Clute, p. 359.)

ARENDT COURSEN (his son), a soldier in Fort Nassau, in 1633. (See Register of New Netherland, p. 49.)

HISTORY

ARENDT gave a power of attorney to Covert Lookerman, of New Amsterdam, dated August 4th, 1642, to receive moneys from one David Provost. (See Calendar of the N. Y. Historical MSS., Part I, p. 19.)

I regard this as a remarkable coincidence, for the reason that Covert Lookerman, of New Amsterdam, of that date (his descendants changed the spelling of his name to Lookman, lastly to Lockman) was the direct ancestor of my great-grandfather, Samuel Lockman, of Manhattan, who married Catharine Crowal, March 16th, 1790 (see Clute, p. 402), and whose daughter, Henrietta Maria, married Richard Corson (Coursen) in the year 1820.

Samuel Lockman was a shipping merchant, whose warehouses and residence were on the corner of Broad and Water Streets, where his daughter, Henrietta Maria, was born February 14th, 1806.

ARENDT had one Moerheart Laurens Cornelison arrested in 1644, for expressing himself disrespectfully of one Doretor Kieft. (See Coll. of N. Y. Historical MSS., p. 28.) William Kieft was Governor of New Amsterdam from 1638 to 1647. Doretor was probably his daughter.

He was a plaintiff on August 25th, 1645. (See same, p. 911.) He married Angenetta Gillis, who, after his decease, applied for a marriage license on July 18th, 1647. (See N. Y. Historical MSS. (Dutch), pp. 111-316.)

JEAN COURSEN (a son of Peter the 1st) married Catharine van Campen, in New Amsterdam, in 1619. Doubtless he was born in France, emigrated to New Amsterdam with his father Peter in 1612, and resided there seven years prior to his marriage. (See Records of the Huguenot Society of America, in New York City, for which I am greatly indebted to Mrs. James M. Lawton, the Secretary to the Society.)

CORNELIUS CORSEN (a son of Peter the 1st) and apparently his eldest child, and a brother to JAN, JEAN and ARENDT, was called and commonly known by his New Amsterdam neighbors from 1612, as "Cors. Pietertse Vroom or Fromm," in the following manner: Pietertse is a Dutch word, meaning in English, "a son of Peter"; "Fromm," then spelled Vroom, is also a Dutch word, translated in English means Pious. "Cors," then often used, was meant as an abbreviation of the name Cornelius. Thus translating the name as he was called in New Amsterdam, of "Cors Pietertse Vroom or Fromm." Translated it meant Cornelius, the son of Peter the Pious,

and therefore it is clear that by so designating him his good neighbors of New Amsterdam did not intend to change his true name of Cornelius Coursen, who was in fact the son of Peter, who, no doubt, was a pious member of the Reformed Dutch Church at that period.

Such misnomers were then customary and frequent. However, "Bergen," at the time he wrote his book (see p. 383), did not understand the Dutch language and thought that the Coursens had changed their names to Vroom, as he states.

For the translation of the words, Vroome, Fromm and Pietertse, see Woodruff, p. 12.

Cornelius Coursen (whom I designate the 1st, who was a son of Peter the 1st) married one Tryntje Hendricks, who, after his decease in the year 1657, made a petition to the Orphan Masters of New Amsterdam, dated September 19th, 1657, for the guardianship of their children, in which she describes her deceased husband as "Cors. Peterson," and in the same instrument states the names of their children as "Corssen." The explanation for an apparent change of her husband Cornelius Coursen's name to "Cors Peterson" is that Cors. meant Cornelius," as I have before explained, and "Peterson" meant Peter's son. Therefore, by such misnomer she had no intention of changing her husband's name.

In her Petition, among other things, she states as follows:

"Cornelis Corssen 12 years old. Peter Corssen 6 years old
"and Hendrick Corssen 3 years old."

She also describes the location of their home as follows:

"On the North Side of Pearl Street in this city. Bounded on

"the South by said Street. West by Isaac Gravenaad, North by "Fort Amsterdam. On the East by Peter Couwenhoven." (See Register of the Minutes of the Orphan Masters of New Amsterdam, page 40.)

A Royal Patent of the above described plot was granted by the Dutch Government to her husband on June 21st, 1647, described as follows:

"Of the lot South of Fort Amsterdam." (See Register of Land Papers, page 372.)

I have succeeded in locating the residence plot of Cornelius Coursen the 1st, occupied by himself and his said wife and children from 1647, when he became its owner, until his decease in 1657, as the following letter will show:

"The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York
42 Cedar Street—N. Y. City

"Dear Sir—Let me acknowledge the receipt of your letter of "Feb. 1st. In answer to your inquiry about the exact Location "of the former Fort Amsterdam, allow me to say—That it is "rather hard to give such information in a letter.

"The Fort was of course at the lower end of Manhattan Island "approximately on the site of the custom house etc. etc.

Yours Very Truly
CARIS E. DU PONT,
Deputy Secretary.

To PERCIVAL G. ULLMAN, Esq.,
45 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Their children were baptized as follows:

CORNELIUS (the 2nd), in New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church, April 23rd, 1645.

PETER (the 2nd), in New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church, March 5th, 1651.

HENDRICK, in New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church, November 3rd, 1653.

(See New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church of North America; also Bergen, p. 383.)

PETER COURSEN, the 2nd, a son of Cornelius the 1st, born in 1651, married Catharine Van der Beek, who was the widow of one Daniel Rehanco, on October 19th, 1679, and resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., where his son Peter held the office of County Clerk of Kings County, N. Y. in 1739. (See Bergen, p. 383.) He appears as grantor in Kings County (see Liber I of Deeds, p. 180) in 1689.

HENDRICK COURSEN, a son of Cornelius the 1st and a grandson of Peter the 1st, born in 1653; baptized November 3rd, 1653. Adopted the name of Vroom, by which his father, Cornelius Coursen the 1st, had been called by the church members of New Amsterdam, whether through ignorance of his true name of Coursen or by previous habit I am unable to state.

He married Josina Pieterse Van Ness in 1677. His name appears in the Assessment Rolls of Brooklyn in 1683 and 1693. He finally settled at Raritan, near New Brunswick, in the State of New Jersey, and became the ancestor of Governor Vroome of that State. His issue were as follows:

CORNELIUS, baptized March 6th, 1679.

RACHAEL, who married Christopher Van Zant.

HENDRICK, baptized May 7th, 1683, whose first wife was Jannetje Bergen; his second wife was Dartie Demond.

ALFRED, baptized April 6th, 1690. (See Bergen, pp. 382-3.)

TRYNTJE HENDRICKS, the widow of Cornelius Coursen the 1st and mother of Cornelius the 2nd, Peter the 2nd and Hendrick, married one Frederick Lubbertsen, of Brooklyn, on August 3rd, 1657. (See Bergen, pp. 382-3.) This same Frederick Lubbertsen was selected in 1642 by the Dutch Government in New Amsterdam as one of twelve men to punish the Indians for murder. (See The N. Y. Civil List, issue 1870, p. 5.)

HISTORY

New Amsterdam (New Netherland) was first colonized in 1611. (See International Cyclopædia, issue 1892, p. 587.)

Hendrick Hudson discovered the Hudson River in 1609. Peter Coursen the 1st located in New Amsterdam in 1612, one year later after the first colonization. Manhattan was bought from the Indians in 1624. The population of New Amsterdam when Peter the 1st located was considerably less than 300.

In the New York Public Library is a book printed in Holland in 1651, with an engraving of old Fort Amsterdam (on the land now occupied by the United States Custom House) at the lower end of Manhattan, showing the old Fort as it appeared in 1650, with about thirty dwelling houses close to its north side and five or six houses near its south side, one of which was the home of Cornelius Coursen the 1st (the son of Peter the 1st) and for which he received a Royal Dutch Patent June 21st, 1647 (see land papers, p. 372), and in which he resided with his wife, Tryntje Hendricks, and their children, Cornelius the 2nd, Peter the 2nd and Hendrick, until

his decease in 1657, and which premises are described in the petition for the appointment of a guardian for his children by his widow, Tryntje Hendricks, to the Orphan Masters of New Amsterdam, dated September 19th, 1657. (See Register of the Minutes of the Orphan Masters of New Amsterdam, p. 40.)

This engraving, taken prior to 1651, shows the home of Cornelius the 1st four years after he received his Dutch patent conveying it to him in 1647 and six years prior to his death in 1657. He resided there at the time this picture including his house, was taken.

Thus making the colonial record of Cornelius the 1st given in this book from the earliest settlement of New Amsterdam, when his French Huguenot father, Peter, arrived there with him in 1612, unprecedented and extraordinary, as in the following order:

HISTORY

First. The record of Cornelius the 1st begins with his arrival with his father, Peter the 1st, in New Amsterdam in 1612.

Second. His action to recover the interest of his wife, Tryntje Hendricks, in the estate of her deceased mother from her brother in 1638, named Adam Roelantsen. (See Coll. of N. Y. Historical MSS., p. 62.)

Third. The Royal Dutch Patent of his home on the lot bounded north by Fort Amsterdam, on June 21st, 1647. (See land papers, p. 372.)

Fourth. The petition of his widow, Tryntje Hendricks, to the Orphan Masters for guardianship of their children, Cornelius the 2nd, Peter the 2nd and

Hendrick, on September 19th, 1657. (See Register of the Minutes of the Orphan Masters of New Amsterdam, p. 40.)

Fifth. The marriage of his widow, Tryntje Hendricks, to Frederick Lubbertsen on August 3rd, 1657. (See Bergen, p. 383.)

Sixth. The baptism of his children in the Reformed Dutch Church of New Amsterdam, as follows:

CORNELIUS (the 2nd), on April 23rd, 1645.

PETER (the 2nd), on March 5th, 1651.

HENDRICK, on November 3rd, 1653.

(See Bergen, p. 383, and N. Y. Genealogical and Biographical Society, Baptisms in the R. D. Church of N. A.)

Seventh. An engraving of the house occupied by himself and family from June 21st, 1647, the date he received a Dutch Royal Patent for it, until his decease in 1657, which can be seen in the engraving in the Dutch book in the Historical Room in the New York Public Library, printed in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1651, and the copy in this book. Following the colonial history of Cornelius Coursen the 1st at short connected intervals from 1612, gathered from sparse and incomplete records of that wild and early period, beginning three years after the discovery of the Hudson River, in 1609, and being able in the year 1917 to look upon the picture of the house and land lying on the south side of Fort Amsterdam, in which he lived and for which he received the Royal Dutch patent on June 21st, 1647 (see land papers, p. 372), as it now distinctly appears in the

little Dutch book in the New York Public Library and which was printed in Holland in 1651, is unequaled in the records of any colonial family in America and is a subject of great interest.

The Dutch book of New Amsterdam, printed in 1651, above referred to, will be found in the Historical Room of the New York Public Library, and copies of the engraving in the book of "Old New York," by Anson Phelps Stokes, also there, and of which the following is a copy of the original.



PICTURE TAKEN BETWEEN 1642 AND 1650, PUBLISHED IN
AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, IN 1651

Copy from Original Book in the New York Public Library

It contains the house of Cornelius the 1st, near the Windmill

Of Captain Cornelius Coursen

DESIGNATED CORNELIUS THE 2ND

Who Located in 1678 on Staten Island, N. Y.

A SON OF CORNELIUS THE 1ST

A GRANDSON OF PETER THE 1ST

AND

Founder of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey
and the Staten Island Branches of the
COURSEN FAMILY

CAPTAIN CORNELIUS COURSEN, the son of Cornelius the 1st and grandson of Peter the 1st, and who is designated as Cornelius the 2nd, was born in New Amsterdam in 1645; baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam on April 23rd, 1645 (see Bergen, p. 383; also Reg. Bapt. in R. D. Church of N. A.); located with his parents on Pearl Street, south of Fort Amsterdam, in Manhattan, in June, 1647 (see Register of Land Papers, p. 372), and moved to Brooklyn with his mother and her second husband, Frederick Lubbertsen, whom she married after the decease of Cornelius the 1st, on August 3rd, 1657, and where Cornelius the 2nd (later known as Captain) married Maretje Jacobse Van Der Grift on March 11th, 1666 (see Bergen, p. 383), and where their son, Cornelius the 3rd, was born in 1667.

CORNELIUS the 2nd appears on Brooklyn, Kings County, Assessment Rolls in 1675-6 and as a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Brooklyn in 1677 (see Bergen, p. 383) and located on Staten Island in 1678, where he was appointed a Captain of Militia by the English Government. (See Bergen, p. 383, and Colony of Englishmen, pp. 132-7.)

He organized on Staten Island a large land investment company and received royal patents of large tracts, one covering the village of Port Richmond. (See copies annexed; also patents in New Jersey.)

The following is a copy of his Last Will and Testament:

Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Captain Cornelius Corssen (Coursen), probated in New York County in 1693; Recorded in Liber 5 of Wills, page 12:

"In the name of God amen—I Cornelius Corssen of Staten Island within the county of Richmond in the province of New Yorke in America yeoman being sick in body but of sound and perfect minde and memory praise be therefore given to Almighty

God doe make and ordaine this my present last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first and principally I commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merrits death and passion of Jesus Christ my Savior to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and to inherrit everlasting life and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the descretion of my executrix hereafter named and touching the disposition of all such temporall Estate as itt hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth

"First: I will that my debts and funeral charges shall be paid and discharged.

"Item,—All the rest residue of my Reall and personall estate watsoever lands and tenements goods and chattels I doe give and bequeath unto my loving and deare wife Maritie Corssen for and during her naturall life and after her decease the same lands tenements goods and chattels shall be equally divided between all my children Each child to have an equal portion or share but if my said wife Maritie Corssen shall happen to marry then my will and meaning is that the one halfe of all my estate both goods and chattels lands and tenements at the time of such her marriage shall be equally divided between my children, sufficient security being given by my said wife, That the youngest childrens parte and portion of the same or soe many of my children as att the time of her marriage are not of the age of Twenty one years that the same shall be payd faithfully to each of them when they shall attain or come to the age of Twenty one years as aforsaid dureing which age of Twenty one yeares my will and meaning is that such young childes portion or parte shall be and remaine in the hands of my said wife Maritie Corssen for such young childe or childrens Education she giving security for due payment of the same as aforsd. and if any of my children shall happen to dye before they come or attain to the age of Twenty one yeares that then such childes or childrens parte shall be equally divided amongst such of my children as shall happen to survive and I doe hereby make my Loving and deare wife Maritie Corssen before mentioned full sole executrix of this my Last Will & Testament hereby revoking and making Void all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made.

"In witness whereof I the said Cornelius Corssen to this my Last Will & Testament have sett my hand and seale the ninth day of December in the yeare of our Lord Christe 1692.

"CORS. CORSSSEN [SEALE]

"Sealed and Subscribed by the said Cornelis Corssen in the presence of Cornelis X nephews—PETER X STAES, THO. CARHARTT

"Probated Dec 7th 1693"

Note that he signs "Cors." for Cornelius and Corssen for Coursen in 1693. Also note that he received a royal patent of lands thirteen years prior, dated December 30th, 1680, under his true name (correctly spelled), "Captain Cornelius Coursen," twelve years prior to the date of his will in 1692.

The issue of Captain Cornelius Coursen (Cornelius the 2nd) were as follows:

His son, CORNELIUS (the 3rd), died on Staten Island intestate prior to 1732. As his deed of his one-sixth part of the lands inherited from his father, Captain Cornelius the 2nd, to his brother Jacob, who had recorded deeds from each of the children of Cornelius the 2nd, dated in 1698 and 1711. The deed of Cornelius the 3rd does not appear of record. As their deeds, which were acknowledged after their respective dates, to wit: four in 1732 and one in 1742—thus showing that none of these deeds were acknowledged at the date of their execution and could not be recorded until after they were duly acknowledged, long after their respective dates. It is apparent that the reason the deed of Cornelius the 3rd's one-sixth share is not recorded is that when he signed and delivered it to his brother Jacob, like the other heirs had done, that he was deceased in 1732 when the other heirs acknowledged their deeds of 1698 for the purpose of enabling their brother Jacob to record them, and therefore the deed of Cornelius the 3rd could not be recorded for want of proper acknowledgment.

BENJAMIN COURSEN (a son of Captain Cornelius the 2nd) settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1726. (See Hiram, p. 13.) He conveyed

his one-sixth part in the plantation he inherited from his father, Captain Cornelius the 2nd, to his brother Jacob by his deed dated March 24th, 1711, recorded in Liber "C," page 444, on December 8th, 1742, Richmond County.

The name of his wife was Nelly.

For his descendants, originally in Bucks County, Pa., see "The Corson Family," by Hiram Corson, M.D., for the history of his numerous and prominent descendants, in the New York Public Library.

CATHARINE COURSEN (a daughter of Captain Cornelius the 2nd and the wife of Peterson Staats) conveyed her one-sixth interest in her father's plantation to her brother, Jacob Coursen, by her deed dated September 28th, 1698, acknowledged and recorded later on September 7th, 1732, in Liber "C" of Deeds, p. 430, Richmond County.

CORNELIA, daughter of Captain Cornelius Coursen the 2nd and the wife of Hendrick Cruser, conveyed her one-sixth part in her father's plantation to her brother Jacob, by her deed dated September 28th, 1698, recorded in Liber "C" of Deeds, page 434, in 1732, in Richmond County.

Their issue were several children, who were baptized on Staten Island between 1698 and 1716. (See Clute, p. 366.)

The following deed of Christian and the foregoing records of deeds show that Captain Cornelius Coursen of Staten Island had six children, not specifically mentioned by name in his Will of 1692, whose names were Cornelius the 3rd, Jacob, Christian, Benjamin, Catharine, and Cornelia, each of whom became seized and possessed of an undivided

one-sixth part of the real estate devised to them by will of their father, Captain Cornelius Corssen (Coursen) the 2nd.

CHRISTIAN CORSEN (the son of Captain Cornelius Coursen the 2nd) and his wife Antea conveyed his one-sixth part of his father's plantation to his brother Jacob, by deed dated September 28th, 1698, acknowledged December 2nd, 1732, and recorded in Liber "C" in page 432, December 2nd, 1732, in Richmond County. His Will, dated February 5th, 1762; recorded in New York County, Liber 25, page 212. His issue were Daniel, Cornelius and Neltie, the wife of Francis Gebrantz.

He was the second Judge of His Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Richmond County, Staten Island; also a Lieutenant-Colonel in 1738. (See Clute, p. 359, and the following deeds in Richmond County, Libers "B," pp. 62-629; "O," p. 96, and several others.)

A SHORT HISTORY OF JACOB, SON OF CAPTAIN CORNELIUS COURSEN THE 2ND, OF STATEN ISLAND

September 15th, 1750, he made application for a ferry franchise between his lands and Bergen, N. J. (See Cal. of N. Y. Coll. of MSS., p. 258.)

His will, recorded in New York County in Liber 20 of Wills, page 51, was dated October 8th, 1742. It names his wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Benjamin, Jacob, Suster, Mary, and Rebecca.

He was a Lieutenant-Colonel of Militia in 1741, and bequeathed his silver-hilted sword with silk sash, now in possession of the family of Hiram Corson, of Staten Island. He was also a Captain. (See Clute,

p. 359, and recorded deeds, Liber "C," p. 265; Liber "D," pp. 162-531.)

ROYAL GRANT TO CAPTAIN CORNELIUS COURSEN AND OTHERS

Staten Island by my warr^t surveyd and laid out for Capⁿ Cornelis Coursen, Andris Jurianson, Derrick Cornelison and John Peterson—beginning at a certaine marked tree by the runn of Capⁿ John Palmer in ye rear of their own land ranging thence North Westerly Seventy two degrees to ye Highway one hundred and Sixty fower Rodd ranging thence South Westerly fowerteene degrees into ye great plaine to the highway one hundred seventy six Rodd—Thence ranging South Easterly two degrees by the highway and the land of David Thomas John Taylor and John Fittz Garrett one hundred sixty fower Rodds ranging thence North Easterly fowerteene degrees one hundred seventy six Rodd containing in all one hundred and Eighty acres as by the returne of ye Surveyor doth and may appeare—Now Know Yee that by virtue of the commission and authority unto mee given by his Royall Highnesse I have given and granted and by these pnts doe give and grant unto the said Cornelis Coursen, Andris Jurianson, Derrick Cornelison and John Peterson all that ye above recited tract or pcell of land and p^rmisses and all improvem^s made thereon with their and every of their appurtenances to have and to hold the same unto them, the said Cornelis Coursen, Andris Jurianson and John Peterson their heirs and assigns to the sole and only pper use bennefitt and behoof of them the said Cornelis Coursen Andris Jourianson, Derrick Cornelison and John Peterson their Heires and Assignes forever, that is to say sixty acres thereof to the said Cornelis Coursen and to the said Andries Jurianson Derrick Cornelison and John Petersen forty acres each, yielding and paying therefore yearly and every yeare for his Royal highnesses use as a quitt rent two bushells of good winter wheat unto such officer or officers as shall be impowered to receive ye same at New York Given under my hand and Sealed wth ye Seale of the province in New York ye 30th day of Xbr [December] in ye two and Thirtieth year of his maj^{ties} raigne Annog Dm 1680

I do hereby certify the foregoing imperfect entry to be a true copy of the original record word *Fittz* tenth line on Razure and as in said Record almost three lines scored between words *assigned* in 22d line and word *to* in the 24th line compared therewith by me

LEWIS A. SCOTT *Secretary*

STATE OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I have compared the preceding copy of Letters patent with the record thereof in this office in Book No 5 of Patents at page 24

and I do hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State at the City of Albany the Fifth day of April one thousand nine hundred and sixteen

C. W. VATT

Second Deputy Secretary of State

[Seal of N. Y. State]

[Rev 10ct Stamp]

The foregoing patent was to Captain Cornelius Coursen the 2nd.

A PATENT FOR A PARCELL OF LAND
ON THE NORTH SIDE OF STATEN
ISLAND GRANTED TO CAPⁿ CORNELIS
CORSEN AND COMPANY

S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t ect. Whereas there a certain tract or parcell of land scituate lying and being on the North Side of Staten Island to ye Westward of the Mill Creek by my warrant surveyd and laid out for Capⁿ Cornelis Coursen and company beginning at a certain marked tree by a small creek and ranging thence South Westerly Twenty three degrees by the land of Edmund Arrowsmith three hundred Twenty Eight Rodds ranging Thence South Easterly seventy two degrees Eighty Eight rodts to the runn of Capⁿ John Palmer and bounded to the South East by said runn and the mill pond and to the North by the river containing three hundred and Twenty acres of land with thirty two acres of meadow to be laid out where most convenient as by the return of the Surveyor doth and may appear—Now Know Ye ect: Quitt rent fower bushells Winter wheat dat: at supra the company is Andris Jurianson Derick Cornelison and John Peterson.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy the original record compared therewith by me.

LEWIS A. SCOTT *Secretary*

Recorded in Book 5 of Patents, page 30, at Albany City, N. Y.
Certified.

This patent was to Capt. Cornelius Coursen the 2nd.

Of Cornelius the 3rd

WHO WAS A SON OF CAPTAIN CORNELIUS THE 2ND,
OF STATEN ISLAND, AND A GRANDSON OF
CORNELIUS THE 1ST, OF NEW AMSTERDAM

CORNELIUS COURSEN THE 3RD, who was the eldest son of Captain Cornelius the 2nd, was born in Brooklyn in 1667/8. His mother was Martje Jacobse Van Der Grift, who married his father, Captain Cornelius Coursen, on March 11th, 1666, and removed with his parents in 1678 to Staten Island. (See Bergen, p. 383.) He was appointed under the English Government a Justice of the Peace in 1689. (See Clute, p. 359, and Bergen, p. 383.)

His issue were CORNELIUS THE 4TH, who married Jannetje Van Buskirk about the year 1722. He died in 1755 and was buried in the Reformed Dutch Church of Port Richmond, S. I. (See Clute, p. 360.) Cornelius the 4th's will is recorded in New York County in Liber 19 of Wills, page 255. (See copy annexed.)

A son of Cornelius the 3rd, named DANIEL COURSEN, baptized in 1714 (see Clute, p. 350), occupied Pew No. 1 in Port Richmond Reformed Dutch Church. (See Clute, p. 453.)

The widow of Daniel was named Mary, who is referred to in letters of administration issued to one Abraham Spear, of Richmond County, merchant, on April 9th, 1764. Recorded in Liber of Administration, New York County, Book No. 3½, page 89.

Daniel was County Clerk of Richmond County in 1739. (See Civil List, p. 60.)

Of Cornelius the 4th

WHO WAS A SON OF CORNELIUS THE 3RD AND A
GREAT-GRANDSON OF CAPTAIN CORNELIUS
COURSEN THE 2ND, OF STATEN ISLAND

CORNELIUS COURSEN THE 4TH, a son of Cornelius Coursen the 3rd. He married Jannetje Van Buskirk in 1722 and died in Richmond County in 1755, as aforesaid.

His issue were:

PETER, baptized August 13th, 1725.

CHRISTIAN, baptized February 26th, 1726.

CORNELIUS, baptized February 23rd, 1729; died in infancy.

CORNELIUS, baptized February 21st, 1731.

JACOB, baptized October 2nd, 1732.

DANIEL, baptized March 9th, 1735; died May 22nd, 1801.

A DAUGHTER, baptized September 19th, 1736.

A DAUGHTER, baptized September 23rd, 1738.
(See Clute, p. 361.)

He was a Justice of the Peace in 1739. (See Clute, p. 71.)

His will was probated in New York County on May 1st, 1755; recorded in Liber 19 of Wills, page 255—a copy of which is hereto annexed as follows:

COPY OF THE WILL OF CORNELIUS THE 4TH

Last Will and Testament of Cornelius Corsen the 4th, son of Cornelius Coursen the 3rd. Probated in New York County, May 1st, 1755. Liber 19, Wills, page 255.

In the name of God amen—the second day of February in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Fifty Five, I Cornelius Corsen of Staten Island in the County of Richmond and in the colony of New York Esqr being very sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God. therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say princi-

pally the first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it, and my body I commend to the earth to be burried in decent Christian burrial at the descretion of my executors nothing doubting that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and so touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: Imprimis, I will and positively order that all my Just debts and funeral charges be paid and Satisfied Item: I do further direct and positively order that all and every my messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever and all other appurtenances thereto belonging situate and lying in the North precinct of the said County of Richmond whereon I now reside, be sold and disposed of by my executors hereafter named as they shall think fit and I do hereby empower them to dispose of the same and to execute any lawful and reasonable devices or conveyances for the same some convenient time after my decease: Item: I do give and devise unto my two Sons Cornelius Corsen and Daniel Corsen all my lands and tenements situate in the manner of Castleton in the said County of Richmond purchased by me from Thomas Dongan to the said Cornelius Corsen and Daniel Corsen their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them. Item: I give and bequeath to my two sons Peter Corsen and Jacobus Corsen the sum of Six hundred and forty pounds current money of New York to be equally divided between them share and share alike and I do further order and direct that the said sum of Six hundred and forty pounds be paid unto my said sons Peter and Jacobus by my said executors out of the monies arising from the sale of my said lands and tenements at the end of one year after my decease: Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the wife of Charles McLean the sum of one hundred and Twenty pounds curr^t money of New York: Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughters Catharine, Ann and Jannetie the sum of Four hundred and sixty five pounds in three equal proportions share and share alike Item: I give and bequeath unto my said son Daniel Corsen my negro boy slave named Toney to him his heirs and assigns forever: Item: I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary the negro girl slave named Bell to her her heirs and assigns forever: Item: I give and bequeath unto my said sons Peter Cornelius Jacobus and Daniel Four milch cows together with all my horse kind: Item: I give unto each of my said daughters Catharine, Anna and Jannetie two milch cows: Item: I give to my said son Jacobus Fifteen pounds: Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Christians child named Cornelius the sum of Thirty pounds when he shall attain the age of Twenty one years: Item: my will and meaning further is that the said sums given to my daughters shall also be paid out of the monies arrising

from the Sale of my lands as aforesaid at the end of one year after my decease and all the rest and residue of my goods and chattels and personal estate I do order and direct the same to be equally divided between my said sons and daughters to wit Peter Cornelius Daniel and Jacobus and my daughters Catharine Ann and Jennetie in equal proportions share and share alike and lastly I do make and constitute Charles McLean my son in law and Daniel Corsen my loving brother both of said county executors to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament Wills legacies and bequests and executors by me in any ways before named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

CORNELIUS CORSEN

Signed Sealed published pronounced and declaired by the said Cornelius Corson as his last Will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

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JOHN X JENNER GERARDUS BEEKMAN JOHN JENNER JUNR
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Of Cornelius Coursen the 5th

WHO WAS A SON OF CORNELIUS COURSEN THE 4TH,
OF STATEN ISLAND

CORNELIUS (COURSEN) CORSON THE 5TH, a son of Cornelius the 4th.

He was baptized on Staten Island, February 21st, 1731. (See Clute, p. 361.) His wife's name was Nelly. His issue were as follows:

His son RICHARD, whose wife's name was Margaret, was a member of the New York Legislature, 1816-17. (See Civil List, pp. 164-6-7.)

His son CORNELIUS THE 6TH, whose wife's name was Jane. His second wife's name was Louisa Lockman, whose father, Samuel Lockman, was a descendant of Covert Lookerman (later known as Lookman and lastly Lockman). Covert Lookerman was a member of the first colony of New Amsterdam in 1633.

Also DANIEL COURSEN, a son of Cornelius the 5th, whose wife was named Cornelia.

Also JANE, a daughter of Cornelius the 5th, who was the wife of John Poillon.

And DANIEL LAKE and JOSEPH LAKE, his grandsons, who were the children of his deceased daughter.

His home was upon his plantation of over five hundred acres, located on the east shores of Staten Island, which covers a part of the present villages of Stapleton and Clifton. Upon that part he devised to his son, Cornelius the 6th, my mother, Mary Louisa Corson Ullman, was born in 1830. He devised his plantation to be divided between his sons, Richard, Daniel and Cornelius, as shown in the copy of his will annexed. The original copy of his will, attached to the Letters Testamentary, is now in my possession. Cornelius the 5th was a member of the

New York Legislature in 1784-5. (See Civil List, p. 135.)

His will is as follows:

COPY OF WILL OF CORNELIUS THE 5TH

Copy of Will of Cornelius Corson, annexed to original Letters Testamentary to Nelly Corson, widow; Cornelius and Richard Corson, sons, and John Poillon, son-in-law, of deceased, filed in New York County. Original in possession of Percival G. Ullman (great-great-grandson). Letters dated April 28th, 1789. Probated April 27th, 1789. Richmond County. Recorded Liber A of Wills, page 17.

COPY OF WILL

In the name of God amen—I Cornelius Corson of Staten Isl- and in the County of Richmond and State of New York Being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory for which I bless God—Do this Twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following—First, I do resign my soul into the hands of God who gave it, in an humble hope that he will receive it to his favor in and through the merits of our most blessed Redeemer—my body I commit to the earth to be decently interred according to the direction of my executors herein named and as for my worldly estate with which it has pleased God to bless me—my Will and desires that all my Just debts and funeral charges be first paid—Item: I give to my beloved wife Nelly, the choice of the best room in the house together with the choice of the best bedstead bed and curtains and also the choice of a tea table and dining table and also the clock and best looking glass in the house together with their necessary furniture for said room.

Item—I give to my said beloved wife the choice of my negro wenches, also the choice of any of any horses not hereinafter disposed of Together with my riding chair all of which bequests aforesaid to my said wife—I give to her during her natural life and after her decease the aforesaid clock to be and remain to my son Richard Corson—Item: I do hereby order and direct that my Executors herein aforesaid shall pay yearly and every year unto my said wife the sum of Twenty one pounds for the maintenance of my son Daniel until he shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or marriage: Item: I do hereby give and devise unto my three sons Cornelius, Richard and Daniel all my real estate whatsoever to be equally divided between them, to have and to hold the same to them their heirs and assigns as tenants in common and

not as Joint tenants: Item: I do hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Jane the wife of John Poillon the sum of Four hundred pounds to be paid to her out of my movable estate in two years after my decease. Item—I give and devise to my two grandsons Daniel Lake and Joseph Lake son of Joseph Lake the sum of Four hundred pounds to be equally divided between them out of my personal estate if said Daniel and Joseph should the ages of Twenty one years or marriage and if said Daniel or Joseph should depart this life before Twenty one years or marriage then and in such case the said last mentioned sum of Four hundred pounds I order and direct to be paid to the survivor of my said grandsons: Item—I give and bequeath to my said daughter Jane the negro wench named Jane now in the possession of said John Poillon—Item—I give and bequeath to my said two grandsons my negro wench named Belinda now in the possession of my son in law Joseph Lake Item—I give to my son Richard the first choice of two of all my milch cows hereby intending to give to my said sons Richard and Daniel each two milch cows Item—I give to my said son Richard my English mare and my Brown mare and also a new plough with the necessary Geers and tackels: Item—I give and bequeath to my said son Cornelius my silver tankard—Item: I give and devise to my son Daniel when he shall have arrived at the age of Twenty one years or Marriage two of the best of my horses according to his choice which will then make together with a new wagon and geers for the same and also a Plough with the necessary appurtenance and also two suits of cloaths with a bed and sufficient bedding for summer and winter—Item: I do hereby order and direct that all the rest and residue of my estate after payment of the debts and Legacies aforesaid shall be equally divided between my said three sons in equal proportions—and whereas I have given and executed a deed to my son Cornelius for the land and premises on which he now lives for the payment of which he has given and executed his bond and obligation to me—Now I do hereby order and direct my said executors hereinafter named or either of them to Release acquit and discharge my said son Cornelius of and from said Bond and every other bond due from him to me. I do farther order and direct that my said son Cornelius, shall pay to my said sons Richard and Daniel the sum of Six hundred pounds to be equally divided between them within one year after my decease and if not then paid to pay interest for the same untill paid, otherwise my said son Cornelius to be totally excluded any thereof advantage or Benefit that might otherwise arise or accrue to him from this my last Will and Testament as full to all intents and purposes as if I had by this my last will and Testament utterly and wholly excluded my said son Cornelius from any share or right to my property or any part thereof and I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Nelly and my

sons Richard and Cornelius and my son in law John Poillon to be the executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking disallowing and annulling any and every other former Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

(Signed) CORNELIS CORSON [SEAL]

The testament in writing within mentioned was signed and sealed by the said Cornelius Corson and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence of each other signed our names as Witnesses thereto

JACOB REMSIN

ABRAHAM VAN DUZER

NICH—SOZIERE

MEMORANDUM OF VENDUE SALE OF CORNELIUS THE 5TH

(Original in possession of Percival G. Ullman)

Articles for the sale of the goods and chattels belonging to the estate of Cornelius Corson deceased at public Vendue this tenth day of June 1789 by us Nelly Corson—John Poilyon, Cornelius Corson and Richard Corson Executors is as followeth to witt.

Any person or persons buying under the sum of ten shillings to pay money, all above ten shillings is to have six months credit if not paid then. is to pay lawfull interest until paid and if any person or persons purchasing any thing or things at the vendue and should refuse to give security if required then the goodes sold be exposed in a second sale—if sold for more the first purchaser shall receive no benefit thereby but if sold for less shall make good the deficiency or loss.

Staten Island the 10 of June 1789

	Lds	S	P
Jacob Vreeland Hand iron		3	7
Cornelius Corson Hand irons		8.	1
Richard Corson Two year old Bull	3.	13	
Cornelius Buskirk a yearling Bull	1	28	
Abraham Van Duzer Streak Back cow	4.		
Abraham Housman deep red cow	4.	3	
John Poilyon old red cow	3.	17	
Daniel Corson Bay Mare	10.	1	
Joseph Lake red calf white rump	1.		
Richard Corson old pleasure sled	2.	10	

(Numerous other articles following)

Of Cornelius the 6th

**A SON OF CORNELIUS THE 5TH AND A GREAT-
GREAT-GRANDSON OF CAPTAIN CORNELIUS
COURSEN THE 2ND, OF STATEN ISLAND**

CORNELIUS CORSON (COURSEN), the eldest son of Cornelius the 5th, and known in this History as Cornelius the 6th. He was born upon his father's plantation, located on the east shores of Staten Island, and resided there until his decease upon the portion of 125 acres of the original 500-acre plantation left by his father, Cornelius the 5th, and which in 1803 was divided between himself and his brothers, Richard and Daniel. Through this farm he laid out an avenue and named it "Corson Avenue," which was later changed by Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt to the present "Vanderbilt Avenue," the main thoroughfare through the centre of Staten Island.

The year prior to his decease (1831) he sold a large tract from it to the State of New York, and for many years it was known as the "Seamen's Retreat Hospital." It is now owned and used by the United States Government.

He died in 1832, on June 20th. His first wife was named Jane. His second wife was Louisa, the eldest daughter of Samuel Lookman, Esq., a descendant of Covert Lookerman (Lookman), last pronounced and spelled "Lockman," who emigrated from Holland to New Amsterdam in the caravel "St. Martyn," in 1633. (See Clute, p. 401.)

Samuel Lockman was a shipping merchant, whose residence and warehouses were located at the corner of Broad and Water Streets, Manhattan, and where Louisa Corson and her sister (my grandmother), Henrietta Maria Corson, his daughter, was born on February 14th, 1806. They resided there until 1812, in which year Samuel Lockman settled upon his plantation of 240 acres on Staten Island, near a place

now called Oakwood on the south shores of the island, and upon which stood his two-story stone dwelling (the second two-story house on the island, the first being known as the "Billopp House" and used as the revolutionary quarters of Lord Howe (as I was informed by my grandmother, Mrs. Henrietta M. Corson), and conveyed to him by Daniel W. Lake in 1812.

Louisa, the daughter of Samuel Lockman and the sister of Henrietta Maria Corson, became the second wife of Cornelius Corson the 6th. Thereby creating the peculiar relationship between herself, her husband, Cornelius the 6th, and my grandmother, Henrietta Maria (Lockman) Corson, by reason of such marriage, which made her the mother-in-law of her own sister, Henrietta Maria, who was married to Richard Corson, the son of her husband, Cornelius Corson the 6th, who at the same time was both the father-in-law and the brother-in-law of his wife Louisa's sister, Henrietta Maria Lockman Corson, who married his son Richard.

Henrietta Maria Lockman was married to Richard, the son of Cornelius the 6th, in 1820. They resided with his father until his decease in 1832, with their children, Cornelius the 7th, Julia Ann, Mary Louisa and Catharine Eliza.

Henrietta Maria Lockman Corson's sister, Julia Lockman, married Commodore Timothy Green Benham, of the United States Navy, and thus became the aunt of his son, the late Admiral Andrew A. E. K. Benham, of the United States Navy, whose will I drew and had probated in Richmond County.

Her sister, Emeline Lockman, married Charles

Moore, Esq., of England, who had for many years charge of the State documents for the English Government between Canada and Washington, D. C.

Their mother, Catharine Crowal, the daughter of Catharine Chadwick, married Samuel Lockman March 16th, 1790. (See Clute, p. 402.)

COPY OF THE WILL OF CORNELIUS THE 6TH

Probated in Richmond County, N. Y. Recorded in Liber D, Wills, page 175, on July 30th, 1832.

In the name of God—amen—I Cornelius Corson of the Town of Southfield, County of Richmond and State of New York being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the words following to wit:

First—I do order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my personal estate

Second: I give and bequeath unto my wife Louisa—the use of one third of all my real estate during her natural life in lieu of Dower—

Third: I give and bequeath unto my son Richard and his wife Henrietta the use during their natural lives of the house next to Charles Simonsons now occupied by Mr. Brewer, together with the lot of ground upon which it stands being about half an acre: also the use during their natural lives of all my land lying on the Westerly side of Richmond road, and after their decease I will that the above named property be equally divided among their children.

Fourth: to my grandchildren Cornelius, Jane and William Leonard Corson the children of William Corson deceased I give and bequeath one half of all the remainder of all my real and personal estate to be equally divided between them.

Fifth: the remainder of my real and personal estate, I give and bequeath to be equally divided between my two granddaughters Mary Ann Flake and Jane Brantingham the children of my daughter Jane, but subject to a deduction from the personal estate of one thousand Five hundred dollars which I will to my son Richard.

Sixth: And I further will that the above named sum of one thousand Five hundred dollars, willed to my son Richard in the preceding Fifth Section, shall be by my executors hereinafter named invested in stocks or loaned on Bonds secured by mortgages with interest payable half yearly and that the said Richard shall only receive the interest of the same, and at his decease the principal is to be equally divided between his children.

Seventh: And I further will that if in the opinion of my executors hereinafter named it is desirable to sell any real estate or any part of it, excepting that willed to my son Richard they are at Liberty to do so—and loan the money on bonds secured by mortgages until the time comes for distributing it to my heirs.

Lastly—I nominate constitute and appoint my trusted friends Daniel Van Duzer and Charles Simonson executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this Twenty Sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

CORNELIUS CORSON [L. s.]

Signed sealed published and declaired by the above named Cornelius Corson as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereto subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other

JAMES SEGUINE Southfield S. I.

SAMUEL R. SMITH Castleton N. Y.

CODICAL

To my grandson Cornelius the son of William Corson deceased I give and bequeath my silver tankard

CORNELIUS CORSON [L. s.]

JAMES SEGUINE Southfield SAMUEL R. SMITH Castleton, N. Y.

CODICIL No. 2

I give and bequeath one quarter of an acre of land on the westerly side of the Richmond road adjoining the burying ground of the reformed dutch church for a burying ground for my family.

CORNELIUS CORSON [L. s.]

Witnesses present

JAMES SEGUINE Southfield SAMUEL R. SMITH Castleton, N. Y.

CODICIL No. 3

Southfield June 13th 1832

I further will and direct that my executors hereinbefore named shall take one thousand dollars of my personal estate and with it purchase the house and lot now owned and occupied by Miss.

Reeve for the use of my son Richard and his wife Henrietta during their natural lives and that at their deaths the above named property shall be equally divided between their children

CORNELIUS CORSON [L. S.]

Signed sealed published and declaired by the above named Cornelius Corson as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence who have hereto subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other

JAMES SEGUINE Southfield
SAMUEL R. SMITH Castleton

The issue of Cornelius Corson (Coursen) the 6th, the son of Cornelius the 5th, were as follows:

RICHARD, his eldest son, who married Henrietta Maria Lockman, the daughter of Samuel Lockman, in the year 1820.

His grandchildren, JANE BRANTINGHAM, the wife of Robert Brantingham, and MARY ANN FLAKE, the wife of John Flake, who were the children of Jane Simonson, a deceased daughter of Cornelius the 6th.

And his grandchildren, CORNELIUS, JANE and WILLIAM LEONARD CORSON, who were the children of William Corson, a deceased son of Cornelius the 6th.

I have in my possession the riding spur of Cornelius the 6th, presented to me by my grandmother, Henrietta Maria Corson, as an heirloom.

The following is a copy of the deed of land he sold to Cornelius, the father of Commodore Vanderbilt, and which was their home on Staten Island several years prior to its purchase.

BARGAIN AND SALE DEED DATED
APRIL 21st, 1803, RECORDED IN RICH-
MOND COUNTY IN LIBER "G" OF
DEEDS, PAGE 80, ON APRIL 22nd, 1803.

CORNELIUS CORSON
and JANE CORSON
his wife (name of his first wife)

To

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT

Know all men by these presents that we Cornelius Corson of the County of Richmond farmer and Jane his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty cents to us in hand paid and other good and valuable causes and consideration as hereunto moving have granted Bargained and sold and set over and by these presents do grant Bargain and Sell assign and set over unto Cornelius Vanderbilt of the same county all our estate right title dower and interest into the premises mentioned and contained in the written indenture of Release: To have and to hold the same unto the said Cornelius Vanderbilt his heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this Twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of

CORNELIUS BEDELL

RICHARD CORSON.

CORNELIUS CORSON. L S
JANE CORSON. L S

Richmond County and State of New York be it remembered that on the 22nd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three personally appeared before me Cornelius Bedell one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the said county the above Cornelius Corson and Jane his wife and did severally acknowledge that they signed sealed and delivered the above article or deed of acquittance unto Cornelius Vanderbilt for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and Jane the wife of the said Cornelius Corson being by me separately examined.

Of the 1803 deed, which describes the premises as "all our right title dower and interest into the premises in the written indenture of release," the records show that this release referred to in the deed

was never recorded, but was doubtless annexed to the back of the original deed, unacknowledged, not entitling it to be recorded, and was probably the original agreement of sale by installments long antedating the deed of 1803, under which they first occupied the premises before 1794, the date of the Commodore's birth, until it was conveyed to them by the foregoing deed of April 21st, 1803, after the payments for its purchase had been completed in 1803. It is further evidenced that the Commodore was born there, as my grandmother had said what the Commodore had told her, supported by the fact that the Commodore, during the possession of his great wealth and during his entire lifetime, never parted with its ownership, but kept it in good state of preservation and made it the residence of his invalid daughter, in the care of the Burch and Elkins families, until her decease about the year 1868, being about the last time I well remember seeing his daughter sitting on the front piazza, as she often did. I was also acquainted with the Elkins family and frequently heard them talk of the Commodore's invalid daughter in their charge.

Commodore Vanderbilt was born May 27th, 1794. (See Clute, p. 430.) His father, Cornelius, bought this home (in a place now called Stapleton) from Cornelius Corson the 6th, April 21st, 1803. (See Liber G, p. 80; see copy of deed annexed.) My grandmother, Henrietta Maria Corson (with whom I resided until her decease in 1879) and her husband, Richard, lived from the date of their marriage, in 1820, with her father-in-law, Cornelius the 6th, until his decease in 1832, near the Vanderbilt homestead.

She frequently talked with me about the Commodore, with whom she frequently sailed in his ferry boat to Manhattan. Among other things she told me that her father-in-law, Cornelius the 6th, informed her that Cornelius, the Commodore's father, and his wife Phoebe occupied the dwelling for several years, paying for it by installments, as they were able, until it was paid for, when he gave them a deed in 1803 (a copy of which deed is annexed), nine years after the birth of the Commodore in 1794.

She also told me that the Commodore had told her that he was born in the same house and remarked that her father-in-law (Cornelius the 6th) had been very kind to his parents and let them pay for the place as they were able.

The fact that the Commodore's parents lived there a long period before they owned it is confirmed by the language of the annexed copy of the deed of 1803, referring to the release or agreement to purchase for a description of the premises thereby conveyed and the nominal consideration of fifty cents recited in the deed.

RICHARD CORSON was the eldest son of Cornelius Coursen the 6th; married Henrietta Maria, a daughter of Samuel Lockman. They resided on the Corson estate, located on the east shores of Staten Island, between the villages now known as Clifton and Stapleton, with his father, Cornelius the 6th, until the decease of his father in 1832, and where my mother, Mary Louisa Corson Ullman, and Cornelius the 7th were born.

Richard Corson, the son of Cornelius the 6th, died in his residence at Clifton, adjoining the estate of Cornelius the 6th and formerly a part thereof, devised by his father, on October 1st, 1844. (See Letters of Administration granted to his wife, Henrietta Maria, on March 15th, 1845; Liber "A" of Administrations, p. 52, in Richmond Co. Surrogate's Office.)

Their issue were as follows:

SAMUEL, born in 1821; died in infancy.

JULIA ANNA, born June 10th, 1823; wife of James A. Van Auken.

MARY LOUISA, born March 13th, 1830; wife of Bernard Emile Ullman.

CATHARINE ELIZA, born July 22, 1832; wife of Henry Talbot Metcalfe, a son of the Hon. Henry B. Metcalfe, the County Judge of Richmond County, N. Y.

And CORNELIUS CORSON THE 7TH, who married Elizabeth Walker, of Manhattan, N. Y. He was born October 10th, 1827, on Staten Island, in the home of his grandfather, Cornelius the 6th.

HENRIETTA MARIA CORSON, his mother, and who was the wife of Richard, the son of Cornelius the 6th, died on Staten Island, November 19th, 1879, and is buried in the churchyard of old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, at Richmond, S. I. This old church was endowed by Queen Anne of England, 1711. (See Clute, p. 263.) Henrietta Maria Corson assigned her interest in a \$5,000 mortgage left by her mother, Catharine Lockman, who died on Staten Island at a place now known as Seaside, in the year 1858, at the age of eighty-eight years. She was the

widow of Samuel Lockman, deceased, whom she married March 16th, 1790. (See Clute, p. 402.) Her maiden name was Catharine Crowal, the daughter of Catharine Chadwick, who was a niece of Sir Andrew Chadwick, of England. Sir Andrew Chadwick left a large fortune held by the Crown, which the Staten Island heirs several times attempted to recover, but failed by reason of the loss of important records in the County Clerk's office at Shrewsbury, N. J., which were destroyed by fire.

HENRIETTA MARIA CORSON was my grandmother, with whom I resided from infancy. She was religious, intellectual, and refined, with a charming personality, and beloved by all who knew her.

The last remnant of the original Corsen Estate on the east shores of Staten Island and of which Cornelius the 6th died seized and possessed and devised to Richard, his son, and his wife, Henrietta, was sold and conveyed by us, as the following copy of deed will show:

CONVEYANCE OF THE LAST PARCEL OF THE STATEN ISLAND
CORSON FAMILY REAL ESTATE INHERITANCE BY CORNELIUS
THE SEVENTH (7TH) AND OTHER HEIRS, AS FOLLOWS:

PERCIVAL G. ULLMAN
and Others

To

CONSTANTINE W. BENSON

deed Cov agst Grantor
date Nov 10th 1886.

Recorded Richmond Co

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on Nov. 19th 1886

This indenture made the tenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six Between Percival G. Ullman and Isabelle S. Ullman his wife, Eliza Metcalfe and Henry T. Metcalfe her husband, Cornelius Corson and Elizabeth Corson his wife, Julia A. Van Auken and James A. Van Auken her husband of the first part and Constantine W. Benson of the City of New York of the second part

Witness that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars lawful

money of the United States of America to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained sold, aliened remised, released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien remise release convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever—

First: that certain parcel of land situate in the Village of Edgewater in the Town of Southfield, County of Richmond and State of New York and which is bounded Northwesterly by the land of the Staten Island railway company—Westerly by land of Soleman Southerly by land of the estate of Neeb—Easterly by New York avenue containing more or less and being the same premises now occupied by the said parties of the first part by their tenants

Second—all that parcel of land and land under water in the said Village Town and County lying directly opposite across New York Avenue to the first described land and which is bounded Westerly by New York Avenue Southerly by lands of John Flemming and land under water of Clara McNamee Easterly by the line of the waters in New York Bay to which the rights of the parties of the first part extend under and by virtue of the patent made by the people of the State of New York of said land under water to Henrietta M. Corson and others: Northerly by land and lands under water of the Staten Island Railway Company: Subject nevertheless as to the last above described parcel of land to the rights of the public in and to so much thereof as constitutes Bay Street as the same now exists as a highway subject also to the premises Forthly above described to the rights of the tenants now in the occupation of the said premises to hold the same to May 1st 1887 upon paying to the party of the second part the rent reserved therefor by the leases under which they hold and subject also to said secondly described premises to the occupancy of the tenant now in possession of said premises under the terms of the lease thereof now held by said tenant

Together with all and singular the Tenements and hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions rents issues and profits of dowers property possession devise and demand whatsoever as thereof and also all the estate rights titles interests dowers rights well in law as in equity of the said parties of the first part and to the above described premises and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances. To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever

And the said parties of the first part for themselves their heirs executors and administrators do covenant promise and agree to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that they have not made done committed executed or suffered any act or acts thing or things whatsoever whereby or by means whereof the above mentioned and described premises or any part or parcel thereof now are or at any time hereafter shall or may be impeached, charged or incumbered or in any manner or way whatsoever

In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

PERCIVAL G. ULLMAN	[L. S.]
ISABELLE S. ULLMAN	[L. S.]
ELIZA METCALFE	[L. S.]
HENRY T. METCALFE	[L. S.]
CORNELIUS CORSON	[L. S.]
ELIZABETH CORSON	[L. S.]
JULIA A. VAN AUKEN	[L. S.]
JAMES A. VAN AUKEN	[L. S.]

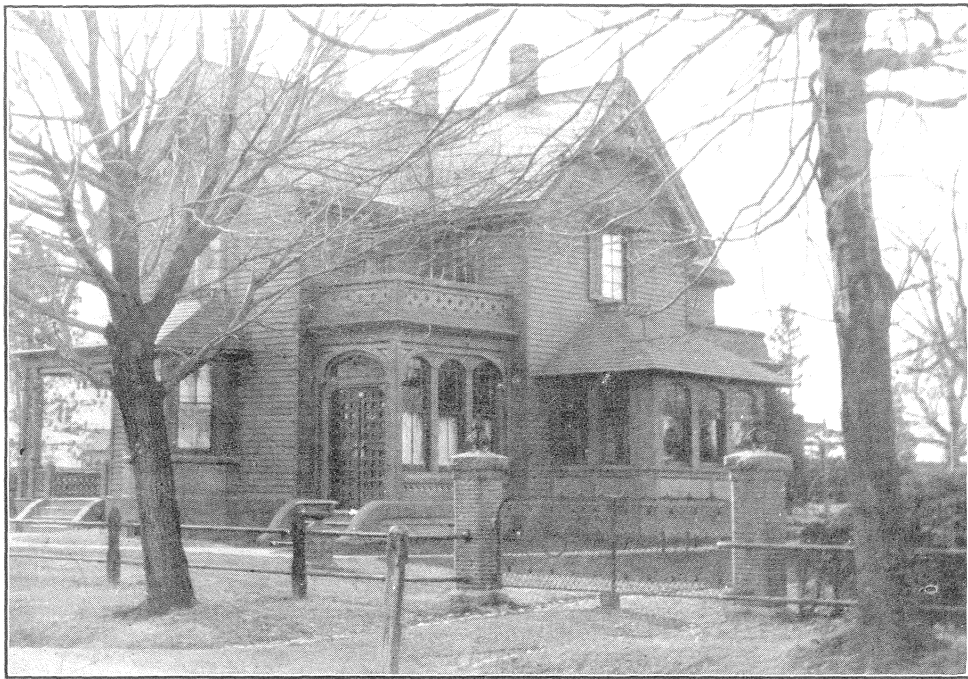
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

M J SMITH	ELIZABETH CORSON
PERCIVAL G ULLMAN	JULIA A VAN AUKEN
ELIZA METCALFE	JAMES A VAN AUKEN
HENRY T. METCALFE	N. A. TURNER as to
CORNELIUS CORSON	ISABELLE S. ULLMAN

State of New York County of New York

On this 18th day of November in the year of our Lord 1886 Before me personally came Percival G. Ullman to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the within conveyance and who acknowledged that he executed the same and the said Percival G. Ullman with whom I am personally acquainted being by me duly sworn testified as follows that he resides in the Town of Westfield Richmond County that he was personally present and saw Eliza Metcalf and Henry T. Metcalfe her husband Cornelius Corson and Elizabeth Corson his wife Julia A Van Auken and James A Van Auken her husband sign and execute the foregoing instrument and he was personally acquainted with each of said persons and knew them to be the same persons described in and who by these names executed the same and that he thereupon subscribed his name thereto as a witness to such executions by them

J. MCG. SMITH
Notary Public
N. Y. Co



RESIDENCE AT HUGUENOT PARK, S. I., OF PERCIVAL GLENROY ULLMAN

JULIA ANN VAN AUKEN, a daughter of Richard, the eldest son of Cornelius the 6th, married James A. Van Auken, of an old Albany Dutch family, in 1850. Her children were:

EDWARD IRVING, who married Eleanor Brantingham.

WILLIAM E. and LOUISA, who died unmarried.

FRANK ELLIOTT and CHADWICK, named after our Chadwick English ancestors

and HENRIETTA MARIA, who married Edgar N. Jessup, of Staten Island, the first cousin of Richard Morgan, who was the grandson of ——— Morgan, the founder of the great Morgan iron foundries and the Morgan line of Southern steamships. Richard Morgan's widow married Dr. Manderville, who for several years had his summer residence at Bellport, L. I., a short distance from my summer residence since 1892 to the present date.

CATHARINE ELIZA METCALFE, a daughter of Richard, the eldest son of Cornelius the 6th, who married Henry Talbot, a son of the Hon. Henry B. Metcalfe, County Judge of Richmond County, S. I., had the following children, to wit:

EMILY, ELIZABETH TWIGGS, HENRY, GEORGE and CHARLES, all of whom are deceased, excepting Charles and Elizabeth.

MARY LOUISA CORSON ULLMAN, a daughter of Richard, the eldest son of Cornelius the 6th, and his wife, Henrietta Maria Lockman, married her first husband, who was William Henry Bowen, a nephew of Vicar General Starrs of the Diocese of New York. Their issue was a daughter, who died in infancy.

Her second husband was Bernard Emile Ullman,

whom she married July 31st, 1848. He was employed on the *New York Herald* staff. His father was of Austrian descent and his mother was French. He was born in Paris, France. He was a highly educated gentleman and spoke and wrote fluently the French, Spanish, English, Italian and German languages. He died in the City of Paris in 1886, where he had resided many years prior to his decease, in Rue St. Arnaud.

Mary Louisa Corson Ullman was born in the homestead of her grandfather, Cornelius the 6th, March 13th, 1830, at Clifton S. I. Her only issue surviving her was her only son:

PERCIVAL GLENROY ULLMAN, who was born at Tompkinsville, S. I., on May 29th, 1849.

Percival Glenroy Ullman, her son, married Isabelle Sarah, the daughter of William Butcher, Esq., and Emma Tucker, his wife, of St. Andries, England. Their residence since 1875 has been at Huguenot Park, Staten Island.

Percival Glenroy Ullman was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1870, and practiced his profession on Staten Island and Manhattan to the present date.

Their issue were:

PERCIVAL GLENROY, JR., a counsellor at law.

ROSCOE TUCKER, who died in infancy.

ISABELLE SARAH, who married the Rev. Robert Henry Locke, an Episcopal minister, who is a nephew of the celebrated landscape painter, Alexander H. Wyant, and whose issue is:

ROBERT GLENROY DELACARTE LOCKE.

The issue of Percival Glenroy Ullman, Jr., is:
REGINALD GLENROY ULLMAN.

In the course of the preparation of this family history I have examined many books and documents, both ancient and modern, of the colonial records and manuscripts in Albany City, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey; also hundreds of other Corson deeds, wills and instruments, and I have failed to find any evidence contrary to the fact that the French Huguenot Coursen family, beginning in New Amsterdam in 1612 with Peter Coursen the 1st, is one of the OLDEST FRENCH HUGUENOT FAMILIES IN AMERICA, as the foregoing colonial records prove.

COPY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
MARY LOUISA ULLMAN

In the name of God amen. I, Mary Louisa Ullman of the Town of Southfield County of Richmond and State of New York do publish pronounce and declair this to be my Last Will and Testament:

First: I devise and bequeath to my son Percival G. Ullman all my real and personal estate on his arrival at Twenty one years of age or in case he marries before he arrives at that age.

Second: If my son does not live until he attains Twenty one years of age or does not marry before that age—then I devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate in equal shares to my brother Cornelius Corson and my sisters Julia Ann Van Auken and Catharine Eliza Metcalfe each to hold his or her share in severalty for his or her natural life and at his or her death the same to go to his or her children forever.

Third: I authorize and empower my executors to sell the whole or any part of my real estate with the consent in writing of my said son and to invest the proceeds thereof as they may deem best

Fourth: I authorize and empower my executors to mortgage the whole or any part of the real estate which was left me by my Grandfather Cornelius Corson in reversion and the land under water in Front of the same situated in the Town of Southfield

County of Richmond in their discretion for the purpose of raising money to improve the same in common with the other joint owners of said property by docks or other improvements and to expend the money so raised in their discretion in defraying the proportionate share of the expense of the docks and improvements and other expenses which may be incurred in managing said property or in establishing my title or the title of my devisees thereto

Lastly: I constitute and appoint my mother Henrietta M. Corson and my brother Cornelius Corson executrix and executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of April 1866

MARY LOUISA ULLMAN

On this 12th day of April 1866 the above named Mary Louisa Ullman subscribed the foregoing instrument in our presence and at the same time acknowledged and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament and we thereupon at her request and in her presence subscribed our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

EDWARD BLAKE Edgewater, Richmond Co.

HENRY T. METCALFE do do do

Probated in Richmond County, September 28th, 1869.

Recorded in Liber "L" of Wills, page 210.

Of CORNELIUS (COURSEN) CORSON the 7th, the eldest son of Richard, who was the eldest son of Cornelius the 6th. He was the ninth generation of the Coursen French Huguenot family in America. Beginning with Peter the 1st, in 1612, seven Cornelius Coursens and one Richard.

as follows :

Of Cornelius the 7th

CORNELIUS CORSON (COURSEN) the 7th, who was the eldest son of Richard and the grandson of Cornelius the 6th, was born on Staten Island October 10th, 1827. He married Elizabeth Walker, of Manhattan, in 1857, and located at Brookhaven, adjoining the well-known summer resort of Bellport, L. I. He died in the year 1900.

His wife, Elizabeth Walker, was a daughter of the well-known wealthy old New York family of that name and after whom the present Walker Street, in Manhattan was called and laid out by her father through their large real estate holdings.

She was a schoolmate of my mother, Mary Louisa Corson Ullman, at the Kellett Boarding Academy for young ladies, located on the Heights, near Richmond, S. I., in 1846.

Mrs. Elizabeth Corson was naturally a refined and graceful lady, well educated and an exceptionally fine pianist.

Their residence at Brookhaven, which stood upon an elevation overlooking the Great South Bay, became their permanent residence.

Their issue were:

CORNELIUS CREIGHTON CORSON.

HENRIETTA M. CORSON.

PERCIVAL SANKSEY CORSON, who was named after myself.

Cornelius Corson the 7th sailed in a ship, in 1849, around Cape Horn, with many others, to California, when gold was first discovered in that State on January 19th, 1848. He returned to Staten Island

in 1852 and remained in the State of New York until his decease.

Clute, in his *History of Staten Island*, on page 358 says:

"This is one of the oldest and at one time among the most "influential families on the Island."

BILL OF SALE OF A NEGRO BOY NAMED ANDREW

(*Original in possession of Percival G. Ullman*)

Whereas Cornelius V. B. [Van Buskirk] Corson deceased of the Town of Castleton, County of Richmond and State of New York was the true and Lawful owner of the services of a certain negro boy called Andrew who was born on the Thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen and the said Cornelius V. B. Corson was entitled to the services of said boy by the laws and statutes of this State until said boy shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years—and whereas the said Cornelius V. B. Corson by his last Will and Testament hath appointed Benjamin P. Bedell of the Town of Northfield and Sarah Corson of the town of Castleton executors of his said last Will and Testament.

Now know all men by these presents that we the said Benjamin P. Bedell executor and Sarah Corson Executrix of the last Will and Testament of the said Cornelius V. B. Corson for and in consideration of the sum of Eighty dollars to us in hand paid by Margaret Corson of the Town of Castleton County and State aforesaid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained sold transferred and assigned and by these presents do bargain transfer and assign unto the said Margaret Corson her heirs and assigns all our right title property claim and demand as executors of the last Will and Testament of the said Cornelis V. B. Corson deceased of in and to the services of the said negro boy called Andrew for and during the rest and residue of the term yet unexpired for which the said Cornelius V. B. Corson was entitled as aforesaid to his service and untill said boy called Andrew shall arrive to the age of Twenty one years: The said Margaret Corson her heirs and assigns performing to the said boy during his said term of service every act and duty required by law.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and Thirty one

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

JOHN JONES

BENJAMIN P. BEDELL [SEAL]

SARAH CORSON [SEAL]

CIVIL OFFICES

HELD BY THE COURSEN FAMILY

Judge of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, 1739, etc., by the Hon. Christian Corsen. (See Clute, p. 71.)

Justice of the Peace, in 1689, by son of Captain Cornelius Corssen 2nd. (See Clute, p. 66; Bergen, p. 383.)

Sheriff of Richmond County, 1700: Christian Corssen. (See Civil List, p. 59.)

County Clerk of Richmond County, 1739: Daniel, a son of Cornelius 3rd. (See Civil List, p. 60.)

Supervisor, Richmond County, in 1709: Jacob Corssen, son of Cornelius the 2nd. (See Clute, p. 149.)

County Clerk of Kings County: Peter, son of Peter 2nd. (See Bergen, p. 383.)

Member of Assembly: Cornelius, son of Cornelius the 4th; years 1784 and 1785. (See Civil List, p. 135.)

Assemblyman: Richard, son of Cornelius the 5th; years 1816, 17 and 18. (See Civil List, pp. 164, 6 and 7.)

Governor Vroome, of New Jersey, descendant of Hendrick, the son of Cornelius Coursen the 1st. (See Bergen, p. 383.)

Ann Davis Corson, the wife of Governor John F. Hartranft, of the State of Pennsylvania. (See Hiram, p. 29.)

Hon. Thomas Adamson, a son of Mary Corson Adamson, who was a descendant of Benjamin Cour-

sen, the son of Captain Cornelius Coursen, of Staten Island (designated as Cornelius the 2nd), was one of the most brilliant and accomplished diplomatists of the United States of America and successfully represented the United States in numerous important matters of state. He held, among others, the following Government appointments: Was made a member of the Order of the Double Dragon for more than thirty-five years' consular service to the United States of America. He was appointed Consul General at Panama; United States Consul at Pernambuco, Brazil; United States Consul to Melbourne, Australia, and Consul General at Melbourne, Australia; United States Consul to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. For full details of his public life read Hiram's book of the Corson family, pp. 86, 7, 8 and 9.

MILITARY AND NAVAL OFFICES

HELD BY THE COURSEN FAMILY

Arendt Corssen (Coursen), a soldier in Fort Nassau, 1633. (See Register of New Amsterdam, p. 49, by Callegahan.)

Captain Cornelius Coursen, English Army (see Royal Patents, copies annexed), 1680.

Colonel Jacob Mersereau (son of Marie Corson), 1730. (See Clute, p. 71.)

Ensign Jacob Corson, United States Navy, 1739. (See Clute, p. 71.)

Colonel Jacob Corson, 1739. (See Clute, p. 71.)

Captain Jacob Corson, 1772. (See Clute, p. 361.)

Lieutenant-Colonel Christian Corsen, 1739. (See Clute, p. 71.)

Colonel Hiram Corson, 1741. (See Liber D, Richmond Co. Deeds.)

Edward Corson, M.D., United States Navy. (See Hiram, p. 117.)

Dr. Joseph K. Corson, United States Navy. (See Hiram, p. 134.)

Dr. Edward F. Corson, United States Navy. (See Hiram, p. 136.)

Captain Henry Corson, United States Army. (See Hiram, p. 155.)

Lieutenant-Colonel Louis W. Read, United States Army. (See Hiram, p. 156.)

General Robert Corson Cox, United States Army. (See Hiram, p. 34.)

General Charles W. Baker, United States Army.
(See Hiram, p. 49.)

Mary Louisa Ullman, niece to Commodore Timothy Green Benham, late United States Navy, and first cousin to Admiral Andrew A. E. K. Benham.

Percival G. Ullman, second cousin to Admiral Andrew E. A. K. Benham, late United States Navy.

And many others in the New Jersey Coursen Branch and other places.

LIST OF PHYSICIANS, LAWYERS, MINISTERS AND AUTHORS

OF THE COURSENS IN AMERICA (*Incomplete*)

- Mathew K. Morris, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 48.)
John C. Morris, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 50.)
William Ellwood Ely, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 57.)
William Rice, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 58.)
Carroll Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 79.)
George M. Highley, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 108.)
Louis R. Read, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 94.)
Marcus N. Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 117.)
William Corsen, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 126.)
Hiram Corson Yocum, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 137.)
Elwood M. Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 117.)
Joseph K. Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 134.)
Edward Foulke Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 155.)
Richard D. Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 156.)
Thomas J. Corson, M.D. (See Hiram, p. 24.)

LAWYERS

- Samuel M. Corson. (See Hiram, p. 117.)
General Charles M. Baker. (See Hiram, p. 49.)
Percival G. Ullman, Staten Island.
Percival G. Ullman, Jr., Staten Island.

MINISTERS

Rev. Thomas S. Yocum, D.D., of St. Andrew's, Richmond, S. I. His only daughter, Elizabeth R., the wife of William Mersereau, a descendant of Daniel, a brother of Joshua Mersereau, who married Maria Corson, a grand-daughter of Captain Cornelius Coursen, of Staten Island, and a daughter of his son, Jacob.

The Rev. Francis E. Woodruff, author of the book entitled, "The Coursens of Sussex County, New York," and many others in America.

Among the list of authors is Anna McClure Sholl, a brilliant writer of novels, and of whom special mention was made by the author, Hiram Corson, in his book of the Corson Family. (See p. 103). Also Dr. Hiram Corson and Professor Hiram Corson, of Columbia College.

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New York County Surrogate's Office.

Kings County, Brooklyn, N. Y., County Clerk's Office.

