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JOHANNES DE PEYSTER\* married JOSINA† MARTENS; lived at Harlem and Amsterdam, Holland. They had sons.

GUILLAUME, died at Rouen, France, without issue.

ISAAC,‡ at Rotterdam; family extinct in male line?

ABRAHAM,‡ at London, England.

1. (in AMERICA), JOHANNES DE PEYSTER, born in Harlem, Holland; resided in the First Ward of, and died in New York, previous to 1686. He came to New York about 1640-5. He was Alderman, Burgomaster, Deputy Mayor, and refused the Mayoralty from an inadequate acquaintance with the English language.

He married—17th December, 1650-51—CORNELIA LUBBERTS, born in Harlem, Holland.

2. ABRAHAM I. (*Colonel de Heer*), eldest son of JOHANNES; born in New York, 8th July, 1657. He was Alderman and Mayor, Colonel commanding Militia, Judge of the Supreme Court (he “modestly declined proceeding upon business” as Chief Justice, to which office he had been appointed by the Governor, Lord Bellamont); President of King’s Council; Acting Governor; 1st Treasurer of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey; the friend of William Penn; “eminent for his hospitality and kindness to strangers.”

He married CATHERINE DE PEYSTER, at Amsterdam, Holland, 5th April, 1684; died August, 1728, in New York.

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\* Name written in old documents DE PEYSTER, D’PEYSTER; officially acknowledged as DE PEYSTER.

† Affectionate diminutive of Josephine, female of Joseph, both signifying in Hebrew “Addition.”

‡ Huguenots were addicted to Scripture and Old Testament names in their families.

3. ABRAHAM II., eldest son, born in New York, 28th August, 1696; married, 1st July, 1722, MARGARET, eldest daughter of JACOBUS VAN CORTLANDT. He was 2d Treasurer of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey; died 17th December, 1767. Like his father he was remarkable for benevolence, hospitality and attention to worthy strangers. Viand, in his "Narrative," pp. 268-271, acknowledges his charity and unusual generosity.
4. JAMES, eldest son, born 6th February, 1726; a noted merchant, owner or interested, according to family tradition, in one hundred vessels, great and small (this, doubtless, simply meant that he was engaged in a most extensive commerce for the time and place), which were all almost swept from the ocean by French privateers and pirates, which then infested every sea. He married SARAH, daughter of Hon. JOSEPH READE and ANN TRENCH, the latter a daughter of PHILIP TRENCH, who was Mayor of New York in 1762. JAMES DE PEYSTER died at Jamaica, L. I., 27th July, 1799.
5. FREDERIC I., second surviving married son; with male issue. Born in the First Ward of New York, 10th December, 1758; Died at Bloomingdale, N. Y., 26th February, 1834; Captain in the N. Y. (Loyal) Volunteers, B. A. during the American Revolution; married HELEN, only daughter of Commissary-General SAMUEL HAKE, B. A., and HELEN LIVINGSTON, eldest daughter of GILBERT LIVINGSTON, eldest representative of the second, the GILBERT branch, of the MANOR LIVINGSTON family. Miss HAKE's guardians were AARON BURR, at that time Attorney General N. Y., afterwards U. S. Senator and Vice-President of the United States, and NICHOLAS WILLIAM STUYVESANT, "of the Bowery." Through her mother, HELEN LIVINGSTON, came large tracts of farm land, particularly notable *Helen's Dale*, in Dutchess Co., New York, which have now been held by the family for ten consecutive generations—about 250 years.
6. FREDERIC II., second surviving son, with male issue; born in the First Ward of the City of New York, 11th November, 1796; married, 15th May, 1820, MARY JUSTINA; youngest

daughter of Hon. JOHN WATTS, Jr., last Royal Recorder of the City of New York, &c.; founder and endower of the Leake and Watts Orphan House, &c., and of JANE DE LANCEY, youngest daughter of PETER DE LANCEY of "The Mills," Westchester County, New York, and ELIZABETH, daughter of Governor Colden, of New York. Frederic died 17th August, 1882. (Pamphlet of Obituary Notes and Notices to accompany this Genealogy.)

7. JOHN WATTS, only child of preceding; born Friday, 9th March, 1821, at No. 3 Broadway, sixth generation born in the First Ward of the City of New York, and seventh generation who had resided in the same. Married ESTELLE, daughter of JOHN SWIFT LIVINGSTON, of Green Hill, Dutchess Co., New York, of the same house in which his grandfather, Frederic (the 1st), married his wife, HELEN LIVINGSTON HAKE.

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