

63. VAN VLEET

The best general account of the early generations of this family is that of Allison van Vliet Dunn, compiled nearly forty years ago.^[1] Dunn based his work on a report prepared for Edward Braman of Hyde Park, New York, who descended from two of the sons of Adriaen¹ Gerritsen, and printed in 1897.^[2] These writers do not always give exact citations for information found in print, and neither carries the lineage beyond Benjamin⁴. The baptism of Benjamin⁵ has also been preserved, but the connection between him and Benjamin⁶, and the identity of the latter's first wife, have not yet been established by direct evidence. Research into these questions is in progress.

1. **Adriaen¹ Gerritsen van Vliet** originated at or near Utrecht in the Netherlands, where he was born in say 1625. He arrived on 24 March 1662 in *De Trouw*, Captain Jan Jasz Bestevaer, when Adriaen Gerritsen, farmer, came "from Utrecht" with his wife and five children, ages 13, 12, 11, 8, and 7 years.^[3] It thus appears that he was married in say 1645 to **Aegje Jans Spruyt**. She appears at least three times as a witness to baptisms in Kingston, Ulster County, New York, lastly on 29 April 1687.^[4] Arie Gerritt van ffleitt is last recorded as an inhabitant of Ulster County on 1 September 1689, when he failed to appear to take the oath of allegiance.^[5]

Children of Adriaen¹ Gerritsen Van Vliet and Aegje Jans Spruyt, their birth dates estimated from their emigration record, are:^[6]

- i. GERRIT² VAN VLIET, b. ca. 1648, d. Dutchess Co., N. Y., after 1714, m. PIETERNELLE SWART, dau. of Teunis Cornelissen Swart and his wife Elizabeth Van der Linde, of Albany.
- ii. JAN VAN VLIET, b. "stigt van Uytregt," ca. 1649, m. (first banns, Kingston 4 Oct. 1684) JUDITH HOSSEY, b. Kingston.^[7]
2. iii. DIRCK VAN VLIET, b. ca. 1650, d. 1702, m. ANNA ANDRIES.
- iv. GEERTRUYD VAN VLIET, b. ca. 1653, m. ca. 1674 GYSBERT CROM, of Marbletown,^[8] b. ca. 1653, son of Willem Crom and his wife Maycken Hendricks van den Oever, of Waardenburg, South Holland,^[9]

¹ Allison van Vliet Dunn, *A Genealogy of the van Vliet Family in America* (Berkeley, Calif., 1972), 5-11. *Genealogy of the Descendants of Cornelius Van Fleet and His Wife Sarah Shipman* (1939; transcr. Katharine M. Chamberlain, Washington, D. C.: Louisiana Chapter DAR, 2004) follows the lineage only to the children of Dirck² Van Vliet, and the marriage of his son Arie. A less detailed account appears in James A. Van Fleet, *Four Centuries Americans: Van Fleet/Van Vliet/Van Vleet Family History, 1634–2001* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 2002).

² *Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County, New York* (Chicago: J. H. Beers & Co., 1897), 406-14, esp. 409-11.

³ "Passengers to New Netherland," *Year Book of the Holland Society* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1887–1937), 1902:1-37, at 19-20.

⁴ Roswell Randall Hoes, ed., *Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston, Ulster County, New York (Formerly Named Wiltwyck, and Often Familiarly Called Esopus or 'Sopus), for One Hundred and Fifty Years from Their Commencement in 1660* (New York: De Winne Press, 1891), 25, 26, 28. All three of these children had one van Vliet parent.

⁵ E. B. O'Callaghan, *The Documentary History of the State of New-York*, 4 vols. (Albany: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1849–51), 1:173-5.

⁶ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 409; "Passengers to New Netherland," 20.

⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 508.

⁸ Louise Hasbrouck Zimm, "Lieutenant Gysbert Crom of Esopus, New York (Was He a Step-son of Jan Joosten Van Meteren?)," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 81 (1950): 197-226, at 199.

⁹ Zimm, "Lieutenant Gysbert Crom of Esopus," 199, for birth date; correction by Dorothy A. Koenig, "Additions and Corrections," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 128 (1997): 224-8, at 224, for parents' marriage.

- d. Ulster Co. shortly before 24 Oct. 1724.^[10]
- v. MACHTELD VAN VLIET, b. “stigt van Uytregt,” ca. 1654, apparently living Raritan, Somerset Co., N. J., after 22 Oct. 1718,^[11] m. (1) BARENT VAN BORSUM, bp. 19 Feb. 1645 at Norderkerk in Amsterdam, Holland, son of Egbert van Borsum and Annetje Hendricx,^[12] whose testament is dated Ulster Co. 19 Nov. 1682,^[13] d. before 28 Aug. 1684; m. (2) Kingston 15 Sept. 1684 JAN JACOBZ STOL, b. Wiltwyck (later Kingston),^[14] ca. 1658, son of Jacob Jansen Stol and his wife Geertruyd Andriesen van Doesburgh; prob. both d. Somerset Co., N. J., after 1710.^[15]

2. **Dirck² Van Vliet** (*Adriaen¹ Gerritsen*), born about 1650, died at Kingston in 1702.^[16] He was married to **Anna Andriesen** by banns first published at Kingston on 23 April 1685.^[17] She was baptized at the settlement of Wiltwyck (later Kingston) on 10 September 1662, daughter of Andries Barentsen and his wife Hilletjen Hendricks.^[18] She long outlived her husband, and in 1897 her family Bible was held by a descendant.^[19] She seems to be the Anna van Vliet of the corporation of Kingston, who was assessed on £5 on 25 January 1720/1.^[20]

There is little documentation on Anna’s genealogical background in American sources, and much of it has long since appeared in print. Andries Barentsen arrived from Twente in *De Trouw*, captain Jan Jansz Bestevaer, with his wife and a nursing child, on 22 December 1659.^[21] Andries, a soldier, and his wife Hilletjen proceeded to the Wiltwyck settlement at the Esopus, where they had two children baptized. Their first daughter Anna, baptized on 3 April 1661 with witnesses Ttryntje Tyssen, Marretjen Hansen, Willem Pietersen, and Hendrick Arentsen, must have died soon.^[22] Their next daughter was also named Anna, and her baptism on 10 September 1662 was witnessed by Hendrick Aaersen, Roeloff Hendricksen, Femmetjen Hendricks, and Saertje Jelles.^[23] Roeloff and Femmetjen are listed next after Andries and his family on the passenger list of *De Trouw*, and are believed to be Hilletjen’s siblings.^[24] Andries Barents was wounded in front of his house during an Indian raid against Wiltwyck on 7 June 1663, and is thought to have died soon afterward.^[25]

Hilletjen, Roeloff, and Femmetjen, in addition to sharing a patronymic, also left marriage records showing “Meppelen,” a parish called Meppel in the province of Drenthe in Holland, as

¹⁰ Zimm, “Lieutenant Gysbert Crom of Esopus,” 201-2.

¹¹ Fred Sisser III, *History of Jacob Jansen Stol and His Family* (Somerville, N. J., 1966), 18.

¹² Gwenn F. Epperson, “The European Ancestry of Egbert Van Borsum and Annetje Hendricks,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 119 (1988): 85-9, at 87.

¹³ Gustave Anjou, *Ulster County, N.Y. Probate Records*, 2 vols. (New York, 1906; reprint, 1 vol. (Baltimore: Clearfield Company, Inc., 1996), 1:43, citing Court Records, Liber VI, p. 86, and Translations of Dutch Records, Liber 3, p. 14.

¹⁴ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 507.

¹⁵ Sisser, *History of Jacob Jansen Stol*, 15, 17.

¹⁶ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411.

¹⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 508.

¹⁸ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 2.

¹⁹ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411.

²⁰ “Ulster County, New York, Tax Lists, 1709, 1709-10, 1711-12, 1718-19, and 1720-21,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 62 (1931): 146-50, 272-83, 370-8; 63 (1932): 199-203, at 62:275-6, 281, 283, 377-8, 63:199.

²¹ “Passengers to New Netherland,” 11.

²² Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 1.

²³ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 2.

²⁴ “Passengers to New Netherland,” 11; Zimm, “Lieutenant Gysbert Crom of Esopus,” 198 n. *. Hendrick Aertsen appears to be unrelated, if he is the Hendrick Arentsen, unmarried man of Almelo in Overijssel, who was married at Wiltwyck on 11 May 1664 to Aeltje Claes of New Amsterdam (Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 501).

²⁵ O’Callaghan, *Documentary History of New-York*, 4:39-40, 44.

their birthplace. Andries died sometime before 6 January 1664, when first banns were published between Hilletjen Hendricks, his widow, and Albert Jansen, from Steenwyck in the province of Overijssel. They were married at Wiltwyck on 27 January 1664.^[26] They had two children baptized at Wiltwyck, *Geertjen* on 14 December 1664 with witnesses Joost Adriaenson and Meycken Holbeeck, and *Andries*, doubtless named in honor of Hilletjen's previous husband, on 21 November 1666 with witnesses Joost Ariaensen and Altjen Lubbers.^{[27]⁴²⁴}

Roeloff Hendricksen, an unmarried man from Meppel, carpenter, was married to Aeltjen Lubbers, an unmarried woman from Elburgh in Gelderland, on 30 November 1664 at Wiltwyck.^[28] Apparently they were the Roulof Henderixen and Altje Henderixen who witnessed a baptism together at Kingston on 3 February 1689.^[29] Femmetjen Hendricks, an unmarried woman of Meppel, married Joost Ariansen, an unmarried man from Pynacker in South Holland, at Wiltwyck on 20 March 1663.^[30] "Femmetje, sister of Hilletje, being recently married to Joost Ariaens," was captured in the raid at Wiltwyck less than three months afterward, but was soon returned to the Wiltwyck settlement.^[31] Their only child, a daughter *Maertje*, was baptized there on 13 July 1664, with witnesses Roeloff Hendricksen, Albert Jansen, and Hilletjen Hendricks.^[32] On 28 October 1668, Joost was married a second time, giving a different place of origin but naming Femmetjen as his late wife.^[33]

Children of Dirck² van Vliet and his wife Anna Andries, baptized at Kingston:^[34]

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 - i. ARIE³ VAN VLIET, b. 10 June 1686, m. GEERTJEN MASTEN.
 - ii. HILLETJE VAN VLIET, bp. 1 Jan. 1688, sp. Ekbert Hendricx, Anna Hendricx,^[35] m. Kingston 3 May 1712 GYSBERT PEELE,^[36] bp. Kingston 31 Aug. 1684, son of Paulus Paulusz Peele and his wife Lysbeth Hendrix.^[37]
 - iii. ANDRIES VAN VLIET, bp. 5 Nov. 1691,^[38] d. unm. after 1722.
 - iv. AAGJEN VAN VLIET, b. 1693, m. Kingston 26 Nov. 1715 TEUNIS SWART, b. Albany, Albany Co., N. Y.,^[39] son of Adam Swart.
 - v. CORNELIA VAN VLIET, bp. 7 June 1695, sp. Cornelis Masten and Lysbeth Aartsen,^[40] m. Kingston 24 July 1737 MATTHEW EDWARD THOMPSON,^[41] who d. after 1777.
 - vi. GERRIT VAN VLIET, b. Kingston in Esopus, 27 June 1697,^[42] bp. 4 July 1697, sp. Jan Willemsse

²⁶ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 500 n. 11, 501 and n. 1.

²⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 4, 5.

²⁸ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 501 and n. 7.

²⁹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 33.

³⁰ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 500 and n. 10.

³¹ O'Callaghan, *Documentary History of New-York*, 4:43.

³² Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 4.

³³ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 503.

³⁴ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411.

³⁵ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 30.

³⁶ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 526.

³⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 22.

³⁸ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 37.

³⁹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 530.

⁴⁰ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 44.

⁴¹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 572.

⁴² "Family Records," *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* 46 (1971): 15-21, at 21, from Gerrit's Bible. *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411, states incorrectly that he "d. young," owing no doubt to two influences: Gerrit does not appear again in New York sources, and Teunis G. Bergen had identified Gerrit Van Vliet of Raritan as the son of another immigrant, Dirck Jansz Van Vliet of Flatbush (*Register in Alphabetical Order of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, N. Y., from Its First Settlement by Europeans to 1700: With Contributions to Their Biographies and Genealogies, Compiled from Various Sources* [New York: S. W. Green's Son, 1881], 325). The Bible makes it clear that he originated at

- Hoogteelen, Barber de Wit,^[43] d. Readington Twp., Somerset Co., N. J., 14 Mar. 1777, m. 3 Jul 1719 JUDICK VAN NESTE, b. Raritan, Somerset Co., N. J., 3 Feb. 1698/9,^[44] bp. Raritan Church (now Somerville), same county, 8 Mar. 1699, dau. of Jeronimus Van Neste and his wife Neeltie Hendricks,^[45] d. 16 Sept. 1783.^[46]
- vii. RACHEL VAN VLIET, bp. 7 May 1699, sp. Jochim van Namen, Rachel Schepmoes,^[47] m. Kingston 25 May 1723 THEUNIS SWART, b. Kingston,^[48] bp. there 25 Dec. 1695, son of Cornelius Swart and his wife A. Maria Deckers.^[49]
- viii. DIRRICK VAN VLIET, bp. 1 Jan. 1701, sp. Jan Lesier, Antje Elmendorp,^[50] m. Kingston 24 Jan 1730 MARYTJEN CRISPEL, widow of Jacob Heermans, b. Hurley, Ulster Co., N. Y.^[51]
- ix. CATHARINA VAN VLIET, b. 12 NOV. 1702, bp. 22 Nov. 1702, sp. Hendrick Pruyn and Antje Pruyn.^[52]

3. **Arie³ Van Vliet** (*Dirck², Adriaen¹ Gerritsen*) was born 10 June 1686, and baptized at Kingston on 11 July 1686 with witnesses Agie Spruit, his grandmother, and Jan Van Vlied, his uncle.^[53] He married at Kingston, on 26 February 1711, **Geertjen Masten** of Kingston, on banns registered 11 February.^[54] She was born 21 October 1687, and baptized there on 6 November 1687, daughter of Cornelius Masten and his wife Elizabeth Aertse Van Wagenen.^[55] He is said to have purchased land in Dutchess County, New York, in the 1740s, mostly in the Nine Partners Patent, upon which he settled his sons.^[56]

Children of Arie³ Van Vliet and his wife Geertjen Masten, baptized at Kingston, are:^[57]

- i. ANNA CATRINA⁴ VAN VLIET, b. 30 June 1712, bp. 6 July 1712, sp. Gysbert Peele, Anna-Catrina Van Vliet,^[58] d. young.
- ii. ELIZABETH VAN VLIET, b. 8 Aug. 1713, bp. 9 Aug. 1713, sp. Johannes Masten and Elizabeth Aartsz,^[59] m. Kingston 1 Nov. 1735 GERRIT FREER,^[60] bp. Kingston 23 Sept. 1711, son of Jan Freer and his wife Rebecca Van Wagenen.^[61]
- iii. CATRYNTJEN VAN VLIET, b. 1 Aug. 1715, bp. 7 Aug. 1715, sp. Anderies Van Vlied, Anna-Catrina a Vlied,^[62] m. WILLIAM WOOD, of Marbletown.

Kingston, not Flatbush; and more recently Harry Macy Jr. has discovered that while Dirck Jansz had a son of the correct name, this Gerrit remained in the Netherlands ("Origins of Some New Netherland Families," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 123 [1992]: 93-6, at 96).

⁴³ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 50.

⁴⁴ "Family Records," 21.

⁴⁵ "First Reformed Church, Raritan (Somerville) Baptisms," *Somerset County Historical Quarterly* 2 (1913): 38-46, at 40; Fred Sisser III, "Van Neste Family," *Somerset County Genealogical Quarterly* 2 (1984): 151-4, at 151.

⁴⁶ "Family Records," 21.

⁴⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 55.

⁴⁸ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 530.

⁴⁹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 46.

⁵⁰ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 61.

⁵¹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 558.

⁵² Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 67.

⁵³ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 26.

⁵⁴ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 525.

⁵⁵ Gerrit H. Van Wagenen, "Early Settlers of Ulster Co., N. Y.: The Masten Family," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 20 (1889): 171-4, at 172.

⁵⁶ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411.

⁵⁷ Van Wagenen, "Masten Family," 174. This segment of *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411, appears to be based on Van Wagenen.

⁵⁸ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 98.

⁵⁹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 103.

⁶⁰ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 569.

⁶¹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 95.

⁶² Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 111.

- iv. CORNELIUS VAN VLIET, b. 13 Oct. 1716, bp. 14 Oct. 1716, sp. Gysbert Van den Berg, Dieuwertjen Masten,^[63] d. unm. He executed his will from Charlotte Precinct (now Clinton), Dutchess Co., N. Y., 1 June 1763, in which he named his sister Anna Ostrom and brothers Dirck, Johannes, and Benjamin, among others; it was probated 20 June 1764.^[64]
- v. MARRETJEN VAN VLIET, b. 17 Feb. 1718, bp. 23 Feb. 1718, sp. Mathys Jansz, Annetjen Masten,^[65] d. before 12 Nov. 1758, when her husband remarried,^[66] m. Kingston 2 June 1744 AART MASTEN,^[67] her cousin, bp. Kingston 15 Dec. 1717, son of Johannes Masten and his second wife Maria Wells.^[68]
- vi. DIRCK VAN VLIET (twin), b. 26 Nov. 1721, bp. 3 Dec. 1721, sp. Dirk Van Vlied, Cornelia Van Vlied, Johannes Rutsz, Catryntjen Beekman,^[69] d. Clinton, Dutchess Co., N. Y., 26 Sept. 1800, m. (1) Kingston 21 Dec. 1741 RACHEL VAN KEUREN,^[70] bp. Kingston 18 Feb. 1722, dau. of Tjerck Van Keuren and his wife Marytjen Ten Eyck;^[71] m. (2) 1 Feb. 1754 HELENA WEVER, b. Kingston 24 July 1733, dau. of Johannes and Catharina Elizabeth (Denmarken) Wever, d. Clinton 27 July 1805.^[72]
- vii. JOHANNES VAN VLIET (twin), b. 26 Nov. 1721, bp. 3 Dec. 1721, sp. Dirk Van Vlied, Cornelia Van Vlied, Johannes Rutsz, Catryntjen Beekman,^[73] m. (1) Kingston 26 Oct. 1751 CORNELIA SWART,^[74] his cousin, bp. 6 Sept. 1724, dau. of Teunis Swart and his wife Aegje Van Vliet;^[75] m. (2) Kingston 29 Oct. 1757 CEELETJEN SNYDER,^[76] bp. Kingston 30 April 1727, dau. of Jury Snyder and his wife Johanna Swart.^[77]
4. viii. BENJAMIN VAN VLIET, b. 20 May 1723, d. after 29 June 1794, m. MAGDEL OOSTEROM.
 - ix. ANNA VAN VLIET, b. 5 April 1726, bp. 10 April 1726, sp. Theunis Swart, Rachel Van Vlied,^[78] m. Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y., 10 Feb. 1754 JAN OOSTEROM, son probably of Roelof Oosterom and his wife Maria Relyea.

4. **Benjamin⁴ Van Vliet** (*Arie³, Dirck², Adriaen¹ Gerritsen*) was born on 20 May 1723,^[79] and baptized at Kingston on 23 June 1723, with witnesses Theunis Swart and Aagjen Van Vlied.^[80] It is said that “Benjamin, about 1772, removed to the Mohawk Valley, near Schenectady.”^[81] This seems to be warranted by the appearances of married persons matching his children in the records of that parish as early as 1785. “Benjamin Van Vliet Jr.” is found at Fort Hunter in 1788,^[82] and his father may be identified as the Benjamin Van Vliet who was assessed £0–10–3 in the

⁶³ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 116.

⁶⁴ Berthold Fernow, comp. and ed., *Calendar of Wills on File and Recorded in the Offices of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, of the County Clerk at Albany, and of the Secretary of State, 1626–1836* (New York, 1896), 422.

⁶⁵ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 121.

⁶⁶ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 615.

⁶⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 587.

⁶⁸ Van Wagenen, “Masten Family,” 173; Hoes *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 120.

⁶⁹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 138.

⁷⁰ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 583.

⁷¹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 140.

⁷² *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 412.

⁷³ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 138.

⁷⁴ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 603.

⁷⁵ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 152; *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411, names her parents only.

⁷⁶ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 613.

⁷⁷ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 168; *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411, names her father only.

⁷⁸ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 162.

⁷⁹ Van Wagenen, “Masten Family,” 174.

⁸⁰ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 146.

⁸¹ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411.

⁸² Charlotte Taylor Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady, N. Y.* (n. p., 1917), 85.

1788 tax list of the Mohawk District.^[83] He married at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, on 2 January 1748, **Magdel Oosterom**, who was born there,^[84] apparently in circa 1728 as discussed below. They seem to be the “Benjamin Vliet” and “Magdel Oostrum” who witnessed the baptism of their granddaughter, Maria Runjans, on 29 June 1794.^[85]

Benjamin and Magdel’s marriage record states that neither party had been married before, but the genealogical placement of Magdel is controversial. One early account of the Ostrom family identifies no fewer than three candidates, all cousins to one another: a daughter of Ariaen Petersen Buys and his wife Willemje Oosteroom, baptized 1713; a daughter of Roelof Oosteroom and his wife Maria Relje, baptized 1736; and a daughter of Johannes Oosteroom and his wife Jannetien Relje, baptized 1726.^[86] At least one previous writer appears to have judged it most likely that Benjamin married Roelof’s daughter, based on his sister Anna having married into the same family,^[87] but the birth date of this Magdel is too late to accommodate the birth of Benjamin’s first child.

Upon an initial study of this problem, James Harder concluded that the only sponsorship of any of Benjamin’s children which clearly reflected kinship with Magdel is that of the son Jan, in 1755;^[88] these sponsors had married one another by 1725.^[89] It was later found that one E. K. K. contributed an account of the Weaver family to the *Boston Transcript* in 1915 that placed Magdel as a “daughter of John Ostrom.” This has been interpreted as evidence in favor of identifying her as an unrecorded daughter of Jan Ostrom and his wife Blandina Relje, sponsors of Jan⁵ Van Vliet, even though “John Ostrom” is indistinguishable from the father of the Magdel who was baptized in 1726.^[90]

There is nevertheless reason to believe that this proposed filiation is correct. First, there is an interruption in the list of recorded baptisms of children of Jan and Blandina between 1726 and 1730, which could accommodate the birth of another daughter at an appropriate time for her to marry in 1748.^[91] Secondly, one Blandina Van Vliet, wife of Philip Heemstraat, begins to appear at Schenectady in 1780. Two of her three known children were sponsored by members of the Van Vliet family, including one by Benjamin and Magdel. Philip and Blandina also appear frequently as sponsors to documented grandchildren of Benjamin⁴, and Philip never served in that capacity without Blandina. These records are cited below (nos. 4. i. 6, ii. iv. 5, x. 2, and 5. iv). Thirdly, there is also an interruption in the list of recorded baptisms of children of Benjamin and

⁸³ Arthur C. M. Kelly, “1788 Tax List—Mohawk District,” *Mohawk* 5 (1988): 19-22, 55-8, 87, at 58.

⁸⁴ Van Wagenen, “Masten Family,” 174; “Records of the First Reformed (Dutch) Church of Poughkeepsie, New York,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 73 (1942): 228-45, at 229; Jean D. Worden, *First and Second Reformed Dutch Church, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, 1716–1912* (Zephyrhills, Fla., 1992), 25.

⁸⁵ Donald A. Keefer, transcr., and Arthur C. M. Kelly, comp., *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church, Schenectady, New York, 1694–1811* (Rhinebeck, N. Y.: Arthur C. M. Kelly, 1987), 333.

⁸⁶ Walter Kenneth Griffin, “The Dutcher Family: To the Births of the 5th Generation, with a Few Notes as to Subsequent Members, and as to the Ancestors of Allied Families. Also, the Revolutionary Members,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 40 (1909): 185-93, 249-58, at 249, 250, 252.

⁸⁷ *Commemorative Biographical Record*, 411.

⁸⁸ James Harder, “Magtel Ostrom & Benjamin Van Vliet,” *Ostrom-L*, 11 Mar 2008, online <<http://listsearches.rootsweb.com/th/read/OSTROM/2008-03/1205265585>>, viewed 3 Aug. 2012.

⁸⁹ Griffin, “Dutcher Family,” 252.

⁹⁰ Roger Ostrom, “Re: [OSTROM] Magtel Ostrom & Benjamin Van Vliet,” *Ostrom-L*, 17 April 2008, online <<http://listsearches.rootsweb.com/th/read/OSTROM/2008-04/1208450013>>, viewed 3 Aug. 2012, citing *Boston Transcript*, 13 Oct. 1915, reply to no. 4848.

⁹¹ Griffin, “Dutcher Family,” 252.

Magdel between 1748 and 1752, which could likewise accommodate a daughter, born in time for her to marry by 1780. Lastly, the forename *Blandina* is unknown to earlier generations of the Van Vliet family and could only be introduced by Magdel. This forename had also appeared in the Le Roy family, into which Denys Relje had married.^[92] Any one of his descendants could have carried the name forward, but no other descendant of Denys with the same name as Benjamin's wife and an appropriate date of birth has been found.

Children of Benjamin⁴ and Magdel (Oosterom) Van Vleet are:^[93]

- i. GEERTJE⁵ VAN VLIET, bp. Kingston 23 Oct. 1748, sp. Aart Masten, Marretjen van Vliet,^[94] m. Red Hook 4 Dec. 1768 JACOB WEVER,^[95] bp. Rhinebeck 17 June 1744, son of Johannes Wever and his wife Catharina Denemarken.^[96] Children:
 1. *Catharina Wever*, bp. Rhinebeck 13 Oct. 1770, sp. Johannes Wever, Catharina Dennemarken,^[97] m. Albany, Albany Co., N. Y., 7 Mar. 1790 *Johannes Ja. Heemstraat*,^[98] b. 31 Mar. 1765, bp. Albany 21 April 1765, son of Jacob Heemstraat and his wife Catharina Duret (see 505, 4001. *Heemstraat*, 4, i.).^[99]
 2. *Marijtien Wever*, bp. Red Hook 17 Jan. 1773, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Magdalena Osterhout.^[100]
 3. *Benjamin Wever*, bp. Schenectady 16 May 1779, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Machtel Van Vliet.^[101]
 4. *Lidea Wever*, bp. Schenectady 4 Mar. 1781, sp. Christoffel Wever, Lidea Wever.^[102]
 5. *Annatie Wever*, b. 1 Aug. 1783, bp. Schaghticoke, Albany (now Rensselaer) Co., N. Y., 1783, sp. Ari V. Vliet, Annatie V. Vliet.^[103]
 6. *Zacharias Wever*, b. 25 Nov. 1786, bp. Schenectady 24 Dec. 1786, sp. Petrus Oostrander, Antje Deenemerken.^[104]
 7. *Blandina Wever*, b. 23 Mar. 1789, bp. Schenectady 26 April 1789, sp. Philip Heemstraat, Blandina Van Vliet.^[105]
- ii. (prob.) BLANDINA VAN VLIET, b. say 1750, m. by 1780 PHILIP HEEMSTRAAT, bp. Schenectady 22 Sept. 1751, son of Johannes Heemstraat and his wife Geertruyd (Busie) Marinus (see 505, 4001. *Heem-*

⁹² Griffin, "Dutcher Family," 191-2, 249-53; Mary Knight Crane, "Relyea (Reille or Relje) Family," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 55 (1924): 62-9.

⁹³ Those with the surname who appear at Schenectady, but did not have children sponsored by or serve as sponsors for documented children of Benjamin⁴, are: *Jacob Van Vliet*, father to only one known child at Schenectady, who was sponsored by Adam Vroman and Sarah Van Vliet (Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 270); and *Sarah Van Vliet*, wife of Peter Gonsalis by 1771, who had no known Van Vliet sponsors for her own children (*ibid.*, 163, 173, 181, 193, 202, 215, 226, 241, 259, 275, 291, 306, 321).

⁹⁴ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 296.

⁹⁵ "Marriages of the German Reformed Church of Rhinebeck, Now St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, N. Y.," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 100 (1969): 210-4, at 213.

⁹⁶ "Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats, Dutchess County, New York," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 84 (1953): 40-52, 115-7, 208-15; 85 (1954): 44-53, 114-8, 205-16; 86 (1955): 43-50, 74-9, at 84:48.

⁹⁷ *Ibid.*, 86:77.

⁹⁸ *Year Book of the Holland Society* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1887-1937) [HSYB], 1926/7:1.

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, 1908:11.

¹⁰⁰ "Baptisms of the German Reformed Church of Rhinebeck, Now St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Red Hook, N. Y.," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 96 (1965): 102-15, 173-6, 218-27; 97 (1966): 9-16, 75-80, 135-40, 208-10, at 97:77.

¹⁰¹ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 204.

¹⁰² Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 219.

¹⁰³ William Burt Cook Jr., "Schaghticoke Dutch Reformed Church Records, Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 62 (1931): 296-303, at 297.

¹⁰⁴ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 271.

¹⁰⁵ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 290.

- straat, 3, no. ix.),^[106] d. Root, Montgomery Co., N. Y., 29 April 1843.^[107] Children, bp. Schenectady:^[108]
1. *Johannes Heemstraat*, b. 20 Mar. 1780, bp. 30 April 1780, sp. Johannes J. Heemstraat, Elizabeth Heenstraat.
 2. *Benjamin Heemstraat*, bp. 26 July 1783, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Maghtel Van Vliet.
 3. *Geertruyd Heemstraat*, b. 22 July 1787, bp. 23 Sept. 1787, sp. Jacob Wever, Geertruyd Van Vliet.
- iii. ELIZABETH VAN VLIET, bp. Kingston 26 July 1752, sp. Gerrit Freer, and his wife Elisabeth van Vliet,^[109] m. by 1783 KASPER KERCKASSEL. Child, bp. Schenectady:^[110]
1. *Isack Kerckassel*, bp. 28 Oct. 1784, sp. Jan Van Vliet, Maria Van Vliet.
- iv. JOHN VAN VLIET, b. 9 Jan. 1755, bp. Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y. 2 Feb. 1755, sp. Jan Oostrum, Bladina Richelieu,^[111] m. by 23 Dec. 1779 MARIA A. VROOMAN, when Jan van Vliet and Maria van Vliet sponsored a child of Teunis Oostrander and Marritje Van Vliet.^[112] Children, bp. Schenectady:^[113]
1. *Machtel⁶ Van Vliet*, bp. 27 Aug. 1780, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Machtel Van Vliet.
 2. *Susanna Van Vliet*, bp. 19 Sept. 1783, sp. Jacob Vroman, Lena Vroman.
 3. *Geertje Van Vliet*, bp. 23 July 1786, sp. Jacob Wever, Geertje Van Vliet.
 4. *Helena Van Vliet*, b. 16 Oct. 1788, bp. 11 Jan. 1789, sp. Marten Van Slyk, Helena Vrooman.
 5. *Blandina Van Vliet*, b. 14 Mar. 1792, bp. 22 April 1792, sp. Philip Heemstraat, Blandina Van Vliet.
- v. CATHRINA VAN VLIET, b. 14 Mar. 1757, bp. Rhinebeck 10 April 1757, sp. Jan Oostrum, Annatje Van Vliet.^[114]
- vi. MAREITJE VAN VLIET, bp. Red Hook 8 April 1759, sp. Arnst Mast, Elisabetha Schramm,^[115] m. by 1779 TEUNIS OOSTRANDER, bp. Rhinebeck 24 Feb. 1757, son of Johannes Oostrander and his wife Elizabeth Van Bunschoten,^[116] res. Root, Montgomery Co., N. Y., 19 Sept. 1832, aged 76y on 11 Jan. last past, when he applied for a Revolutionary veteran's pension; he was admitted on 25 April 1833.^[117] Children, all but 3-4 bp. Schenectady:^[118]
1. *Johannes Oostrander*, bp. 23 Dec. 1779, sp. Jan van Vliet, Maria van Vliet.
 2. *Mactel Oostrander*, bp. 7 Oct. 1781, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Mactel van Vliet.
 3. *Petrus Oostrander*, b. 12 Nov. 1783, bp. Niskayuna, Albany (now Schenectady) Co., N. Y., sp. Petrus Oostrander, Antye Dunmarck.^[119]
 4. *Benjamin Oostrander*, b. 8 Aug. 1786, bp. Albany 4 Sept. 1786, sp. Benjamin V. Vliet, Lea Oostrander.^[120]
 5. *Salomon Oostrander*, b. 20 Sept. 1789, bp. 15 Nov. 1789, sp. Salomon Oostrander, Marrytje Wever.

¹⁰⁶ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 88.

¹⁰⁷ Philip Hemstrat pension application file no. S23257, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files, microfilm M804, roll 1250, frames 800-917, at 815-6.

¹⁰⁸ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 212, 239, 276.

¹⁰⁹ Hoes, *Register of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston*, 314.

¹¹⁰ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 250.

¹¹¹ "Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats, 85:50.

¹¹² Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 209.

¹¹³ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 215, 240, 267, 287, 314.

¹¹⁴ "Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats," 85:206.

¹¹⁵ "Baptisms of the German Reformed Church of Rhinebeck," 96:107.

¹¹⁶ "Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats," 86:206.

¹¹⁷ Teunis Oostrander pension application file no. S11163, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files, microfilm M804, roll 1852, frames 469-84, at 471, 477.

¹¹⁸ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 209, 224, 294, 325, 343, 360, 378, 398.

¹¹⁹ Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Vital Records of Niskayuna Reformed Church, Schenectady, N. Y., 1783-1861* (Rhinebeck, N. Y., 1984), 1.

¹²⁰ "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, N.Y.," *Year Book of the Holland Society* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1887-1937), 1924/5:58.

6. *Elizabeth Oostrander*, b. 22 Aug. 1793, bp. 22 Sept. 1793, sp. Johannes Miller, Anneke Oostrander.
7. *Arie Oostrander*, b. 29 Oct. 1795, bp. 13 Dec. 1795.
8. *Catharina Oostrander*, b. 4 Sept. 1797, bp. 5 Nov. 1797.
9. *Johannes Oostrander*, b. 14 Dec. 1799, bp. 19 Jan. 1800, sp. Johannes Miller, Anneke Oostrander.
10. *Geertruy Oostrander*, b. 20 Nov. 1802, bp. 7 Feb. 1803, sp. John Haver, Catharina Van Buuren.
- vii. AARON/AURY VAN VLIET, b. 25 July 1761, bp. Rhinebeck 30 Aug. 1761, sp. Ary Van Vliet, Johannes Van Vliet, Ceeltje Schneider,^[121] d. Steuben, Oneida Co., N. Y., on or about 15 July 1803,^[122] m. Schenectady 23 Oct. 1785 MARIA HALL,^[123] b. ca. 1767, survived him and m. (2) Steuben 7 April 1804 John Norton, who d. Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y., 24 Jan. 1844.^[124] In 1848 she applied for and received a pension based on her first husband's service in the Revolutionary War. As eyewitnesses at her first wedding, she named "Hannah, Martha, and Benjamin Van Vliet, Tounis Wells, Sara Van Vliet and others."^[125] On 2 March 1855, aged 92 years, she applied for a bounty land warrant from Steuben; this claim was also allowed.^[126] Arie appears in the 1788 Mohawk District tax list, assessed for £30-0-8.^[127]
- viii. ANNATIEN/HANNAH VAN VLIET, bp. Red Hook 15 April 1764, sp. Jan Osterom, Annatien Van Vliet,^[128] m. Schenectady 23 Oct. 1785 TEUNIS WELLS,^[129] who d. Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y., before 17 Mar. 1836; she survived him.^[130] Children, 1-6, 10 bp. Schenectady, 7-9 bp. Helderberg Reformed Church, Guilderland Center, Albany Co., N. Y.:^[131]
 1. *Hendrik Wells*, b. 28 Aug. 1786, bp. 19 Nov. 1786, sp. Henry Wells, Sarah Wells.
 2. *Magdel Wells*, b. 22 Dec. 1787, bp. 22 Jan. 1788, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Magdel Oostrum.
 3. *Nelly Wells*, b. 26 Mar. 1789, bp. 12 April 1789 sp. Aaron Ausburn, Polly Wells.
 4. *Geertje Wells*, b. 22 Oct. 1790, bp. 19 Dec. 1790, sp. Jacob Weaver, Geertje Van Vliet.
 5. *Benjamin Wells*, b. 7 May 1792, bp. 24 June 1792, sp. Benjamin Van Vliet, Magdel Van Vliet.
 6. *Teunis Wells*, b. 23 Mar. 1794, bp. 18 May 1794, sp. Teunis Oostrander, Marytje Van Vliet.
 7. *John Wells*, b. 22 May 1796, bp. 18 Sept. 1796, sp. Jacob Wells, Polly Springsteen.
 8. *Sarah Wells*, b. 29 Oct. 1797, bp. 17 Dec. 1797.
 9. *John Wells* (again), b. 25 May 1799, bp. 2 June 1799.
 10. *Lena Wells*, b. 30 May 1801, bp. 28 June 1801.
5. ix. BENJAMIN VAN VLIET, bp. Poughkeepsie 19 May 1766, d. 20 Nov. 1861, m. ANNATJE/HANNAH HEEMSTRAAT.
- x. MACHTELD VAN VLIET, bp. Rhinebeck 1 Oct. 1768, sp. Jacobus Masten, Geertje Van Vliet,^[132] m. Schenectady 18 Feb. 1788 HENDRICK RUNJANS of Fort Hunter.^[133] Children, bp. Schenectady:^[134]
 1. *Maria Runjans*, b. 23 Mar. 1792, bp. 29 June 1794, sp. Benjamin Vliet, Magdel Oostrum.
 2. *Magdel Runjans*, b. 25 Jan. 1794, bp. 29 June 1794, sp. Philip Hoemstraat, Blandina Van Vliet.

¹²¹ "Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats," 86:46

¹²² Aaron or Aury Van Vliet pension application file no. W17406, BLWT 8142-160-55, claim of Maria Norton, former widow, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files, microfilm M804, roll 2451, frames 1189-1258, at 1206.

¹²³ *Ibid.*, 1192, 1193, 1995, 1205; Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 70.

¹²⁴ Aaron Van Vliet pension file, frames 1192, 1205.

¹²⁵ *Ibid.*, frames 1191-3, quotation at 1193.

¹²⁶ *Ibid.*, frame 1205.

¹²⁷ Kelly, "1788 Tax List—Mohawk District," 58, as "Amie Van Vleet."

¹²⁸ "Baptisms of the German Reformed Church of Rhinebeck," 111.

¹²⁹ Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 70.

¹³⁰ Cortland County, New York, Deeds, X:121.

¹³¹ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 270, 279, 289, 303, 315, 331, 388; Donald A. Keefer, *Baptism Record of Helderberg Reformed Church, Guilderland Center, N. Y., 1786-1860*, ed. Arthur C. M. Kelly (Rhinebeck, N. Y., 1984), 18, 21, 27.

¹³² "Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats," 86:50.

¹³³ Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 85.

¹³⁴ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 333, 343.

3. *Henry Runjans*, b. 7 July 1795, bp. 8 Nov. 1795.
xi. HELENA VAN VLIET, bp. Rhinebeck 9 June 1771, sp. Jerk Van Vliet, Helena Weever,^[135] evidently d. before 29 June 1794, m. JOHN RUNJANS. Child, bp. Schenectady:^[136]
1. *Lena Runjans*, b. 20 Mar. 1793, bp. 29 June 1794.

5. **Benjamin⁵ Van Vleet** (*Benjamin⁴, Arie³, Dirck², Adriaen¹ Gerritsen*) was baptized at Poughkeepsie on 19 May 1766, with witnesses Aart Van Der Bogert and Catharina Peele.^[137] He is apparently the one who died 20 November 1861, aged 91 years, 8 months and 8 days, and is buried in the Crush Cemetery in Lafayette Township, Medina County, Ohio,^[138] which calculates a birth date of 12 March 1760. The day and month may be correct, but his age in years seems to be overstated; the 1850 census gives his age as 88, rather than 90.^[139] He was married, as “Benjamin Van Vliet Jr.” of Fort Hunter, on 18 February 1788 to **Annatje/Hannah Heemstraat**, from Lysjes kill.^[140] She has been identified as Annatje, the daughter of Jacob Heemstraat and his wife Catherine Duret (see 505, 4009. *Heemstraat*, 4, ii.), born at Albany, Albany County, New York, on 27 July 1766; no other unmarried woman of this name is found in Schenectady who was of an age to marry in 1788.^[141] At the baptism of her last known child, in 1806, she was called Hannah,^[142] and was so called for the rest of her life. She died on 6 April 1853, aged 89 years [*sic*], and is also buried in the Crush Cemetery.^[143]

In order to establish that these are the likeliest candidates for the parents of Benjamin⁶ Van Vleet, afterwards of Medina County, Ohio, we need only review the census from 1810 on. The 1810 census places three consecutive families of the surname, in a non-alphabetized schedule, at Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York:^[144]

Benj. ⁿ Van Vleet Jun ^r .	0-0-1-0-0, 1-0-1-0-0
Benj. ⁿ Van Vleet	0-1-0-0-1, 4-1-0-0-1
Jacob Van Vleet	1-0-1-0-0, 0-0-1-0-0

¹³⁵ “Baptisms of the Dutch Reformed Church of Rhinebeck Flats,” 86:79.

¹³⁶ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 333.

¹³⁷ Worden, *First and Second Reformed Dutch Church, Poughkeepsie*, 25.

¹³⁸ Douglas King, “Benjamin Vanvleet,” Find a Grave memorial no. 11346858, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=11346858>>, created 13 July 2005, with a photograph by Bill Scott, viewed 30 July 2012. The stone has been broken, leaving only the date and age visible, but a 1984 transcript attributes them to Benjamin Vanvleet: *Tombstone Inscriptions from the Cemeteries in Medina County, Ohio, 1983: “Whispers from the Past”* (Evansville, Ind.: Whippoorwill Publications, 1984), 226.

¹³⁹ Benjamin Vanvleet household, 1850 U. S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Bucksville Township, page 147, dwelling 2716, family 2880, microfilm M432, roll 673 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁴⁰ Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 85.

¹⁴¹ This conclusion is based on a comprehensive survey of the Heemstraat entries in Jonathan Pearson, *Contributions for the Genealogies of the First Settlers of the Ancient County of Albany, from 1630 to 1800* (1872; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1984), 60-1, which lists Annatie at 61, and Jonathan Pearson, *Contributions for the Genealogy of the Descendants of the First Settlers of the Patent and City of Schenectady, from 1662 to 1800* (1873; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1976), 91-2.

¹⁴² Arthur C. M. Kelly, *Vital Records of Woestina Reformed Church (Rotterdam, NY) and Glenville Reformed Church, 1800-1899* (Rhinebeck, N. Y., 1984), 2.

¹⁴³ Douglas King, “Hanna Vanvleet,” Find a Grave memorial no. 11346859, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=11346859>>, created 13 July 2005, with a photograph by doc, viewed 30 July 2012; *Tombstone Inscriptions*, 226.

¹⁴⁴ 1810 U. S. census, Schoharie County, New York, population schedule, town of Schoharie, page 24, lines 2-4, microfilm M252, roll 36 (Washington: National Archives).

Both Jacob and the younger Benjamin were aged 16–25 years in 1810, and evidently married with one child (a son for Jacob; a daughter for Benjamin). There is only one son remaining in the the household of Benjamin Sr., in the next younger cohort: he could only be John. The remaining members of that household consist of one daughter in the same group (Catharina or Baata) and four born in 1800 or later (only two of whose baptisms have been found).

By 1820, the whole extended family had removed to Truxton, Cortland County, New York. This time the census has been alphabetized by first letter of surname, so their proximity to one another cannot be assumed, but the younger men once again appear in consecutive households and at least were visited in close order:^[145]

Benjamin Van Vleet	0-0-0-0-0-1, 0-1-0-0-1
Jacob Van Vleet	5-0-0-0-1-0, 0-0-0-1-0
Benjamin Van Vleet Jr.	3-0-0-0-1-0, 2-1-0-1-0
John Van Vleet	2-0-0-0-1-0, 0-0-1-0-0

Two of these men proceeded to Medina County at an early date, before 1830. In a non-alphabetized schedule, they were enumerated five houses apart:^[146]

Jacob Van Vleit	1 male, 0-4; 1 male, 5-9; 2 males, 10-14; 2 males, 15-19; 1 male, 30-39; 1 female, 0-4; 1 female, 5-9; 1 female, 30-39
Benj ⁿ Van Vleit	1 male, 0-4; 3 males, 10-14; 2 males, 15-19; 1 male, 20-29; 1 male, 40-49; 1 female, 10-14; 2 females, 15-19; 1 female, 30-39

One of the three males aged 15–29 in Benjamin’s household is certainly Garrett (no. 6, iii), who was newly married and living apart from his parents in 1840.^[147] By then, too, Jacob had departed for Illinois.^[148] The rest of the family appears elsewhere in the same county; and now the elder Benjamin has rejoined the family group:^[149]

John Vanvleet	<i>oldest male, 50-59; oldest female, 40-49</i>
Benj ⁿ Vanvleet	0 over 1 male, 5-9; 1 male, 10-14; 1 male, 70-79; 1 female, 80-89
Benj ⁿ Vanvleet [Jr.]	1 male, 10-14; 2 males, 15-19; 1 male, 20-29; 1 male, 40-49; 1 female, 5-9; 3 females, 15-19; 1 female, 20-29; 1 female, 40-49

Every time Benjamin⁶ appears in the federal census from 1820 to 1840, the only person of the same surname who is in a suitable geographical and chronological position to be his father is Benjamin⁵. That both men had children named *Benjamin*, *Jacob*, *John*, and *Catharine* lends further support to the placement of Benjamin⁶ as a son of Benjamin⁵. In order to be married for the first

¹⁴⁵ 1820 U. S. census, Cortland County, New York, population schedule, town of Truxton, page 613, lines 8, 16-18, microfilm M33, roll 66 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁴⁶ 1830 U. S. census, Medina County, Ohio, population schedule, Westfield Township, page 192, lines 11, 16, microfilm M19, roll 135 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁴⁷ Gerrit Vanvleet household, 1840 U. S. census, Medina County, Ohio, population schedule, Westfield Township, page 244, line 12, microfilm M704, roll 412 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁴⁸ Jacob Vanvleet household, 1840 U. S. census, Winnebago County, Illinois, population schedule, page 247, line 2, microfilm M704, roll 73 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁴⁹ 1840 U. S. census, Medina County, Ohio, population schedule, Lafayette Township, page 253, line 21, 29, page 254, line 21, microfilm M704, roll 412 (Washington: National Archives).

time by 1810, however, Benjamin⁶ cannot have been born very long after his parents' marriage in 1788, and certainly not long enough to postdate the family's recorded baptisms at Schenectady. Postulating that he was born at the earliest possible time closes a gap in the early part of Annatje's birth pattern.

Children of Benjamin⁵ and Annatje (Heemstraat) Van Vleet are:

6.
 - i. BENJAMIN⁶ VAN VLEET, b. ca. 1789, d. before 25 Nov. 1861, m. (1) NANCY ____; m. (2) SALLY G. HOFFSTETTER; m. (3) MARY ANN BLANNETT.
 - ii. JACOB VAN VLEET, b. 17 April 1791, bp. Schenectady 29 May 1791, sp. Jacob Heemstraate, Claartje Heemstraate,^[150] d. Rockvale, Ogle Co., Ill., 17 Dec. 1864, m. (1) ____ ____; m. (2) Westfield, Medina Co., 29 Oct. 1830, a widow whose maiden name was ELIZABETH COULTER,^[151] b. 25 Dec. 1796, d. 24 Aug. 1890, both bur. Brooklyn Cemetery, Oregon, Ogle Co., Ill.^[152]
 - iii. JOHN VAN VLEET, b. 20 Sept. 1794, bp. Schenectady 19 Oct. 1794, sp. John Van Vliet, Maria Vroman.^[153]
 - iv. CATHARINA VAN VLEET, b. 24 Mar. 1797, bp. Schenectady 30 April 1797, sp. Philip Heemstraat, Dina Van Vliet,^[154] evidently m. by 1822 LEVI LEWIS, who died before 1850. Catherine Lewis, aged 43 years, lived with Benjamin and Hannah in 1850.^[155] A grave marker next to those of Benjamin and Hannah in the Crush Cemetery is inscribed: "Rhoda, | Daughter of | Levi & Catharine | Lewis, | died April 12, 1845, | Aged 23 years, | 4 m's & 24 d's."^[156]
 - v. AARJE VAN VLEET, b. 15 April 1798, bp. Schenectady 27 May 1798.^[157]
 - vi. BAATA VAN VLEET, b. 20 April 1799, bp. Schenectady 26 May 1799, sp. Michael Levi, Batta Heemstrate.^[158]
 - vii. MACHTEL VAN VLEET, b. 12 Jan. 1802, bp. Woestina Reformed Church, Rotterdam, Albany (now Schenectady) Co., N. Y., 3 Mar. 1802.^[159]
 - viii. ELIZABETH VAN VLEET, b. 25 Oct. 1806, bp. Charleston (now Glen), Montgomery Co., N. Y., 28 Dec. 1806.^[160]

6. Benjamin⁶ Van Vleet (*Benjamin⁵⁻⁴, Arie³, Dirck², Adriaen¹ Gerritsen*) was born about 1789 in the state of New York.^[161] He last resided in Milton Township, Wayne County, Ohio, and died

¹⁵⁰ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 306.

¹⁵¹ Jacob Vanvleet, pension file, War of 1812, widow's certificate no. 27352, Military Bounty Land Warrants and Pensions, record group 15, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C.

¹⁵² Ben Jacobson, "Elizabeth Coulter Van Vleet," Find a Grave memorial no. 27498728, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=11346859>>, created 11 June 2008, with a photograph by Kris Gilbert, viewed 30 July 2012; Kris Gilbert, "Jacob VanVleet, Sr," Find a Grave memorial no. 25703927, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=25703927>>, created 2 April 2008, with a photograph by Kris Gilbert, viewed 31 July 2012 (misdates his birth to 12 April 1785).

¹⁵³ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 335.

¹⁵⁴ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 357.

¹⁵⁵ 1850 U. S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Bucksville Township, page 147, dwelling 2716, family 2880.

¹⁵⁶ Douglas King, "Rhoda Lewis," Find a Grave memorial no. 11346861, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=11346861>>, created 13 July 2005, with a photograph by Bill Scott, viewed 30 July 2012. A garbled transcript is given in *Tombstone Inscriptions*, 226.

¹⁵⁷ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 366.

¹⁵⁸ Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 375.

¹⁵⁹ Kelly, *Woestina Reformed Church and Glenville Reformed Church*, 2.

¹⁶⁰ Donald A. Keefer, *Records of the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the Town of Glen, Organized as the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Charlestown (Charleston), Montgomery County, New York, on March 18, 1795* (Rhinebeck, N. Y.: Kinship, 1990), 5.

¹⁶¹ Benjamin Vliet household, 1850 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 146, dwelling 194, family 195, micropublication M432, roll 739 (Washington: National Archives).

before 25 November 1861.^[162] He was apparently first married to **Nancy ____**, the mother of Garrett, and presumably of those of his other children who were not born to his subsequent wives.^[163] By the ages given for the oldest female in Benjamin's household in the 1820 and 1830 census, she apparently was born ca. 1796–1800.^[164] She evidently was still alive on 21 November 1838, when they both made and acknowledged a deed in Medina County, Ohio.^[165] Either he or his son applied for license to marry Betsey Miller on 18 March 1842 in Medina County, but the elder Benjamin certainly did not execute the license.^[166] Instead, he married secondly in Wayne County on 19 May 1842 **Sally G. Hoffstetter**,^[167] who was born about 1805 in Ohio, and was living with him in 1850.^[168] She died on 7 April 1857, aged 52 years, and was buried in the Rittman Cemetery at Rittman in Wayne County.^[169] He married thirdly, in Medina County on 18 February 1858, **Mary Ann Blannett**,^[170] who was born in the state of New York, about 1813,^[171] survived him, and was living in Wayne County on 26 April 1852.

Benjamin Van Vleet appears on one surviving muster roll and one surviving pay roll as a member of Captain Azel St. John's company, in the 98th Regiment of New York militia, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Clark. He was present from 27 October 1814 to 17 November 1814, when he was discharged at Smith's Mills, New York. At settlement, he was paid \$6.96 in wages at a rate of \$8 per month, and allowed 100 miles and 5 days travel. His residence was at Fabius, Onondaga County, New York, across the county line from Truxton.^[172] As noted above (no. 5), the federal census follows his movement from Truxton to Medina County, Ohio, and facilitates his identification as a child of Benjamin⁵ Van Vleet.

Benjamin was living in Lafayette Township, Medina County, when he executed a will on 18 December 1845.^[173] The 1850 census places him in Wayne County, with his second wife and their two daughters. He gave his age as 63 years, which dates his birth to circa 1787.^[174] On 29 March 1851, Benjamin Van Vleet applied for a bounty land warrant based on his military service, giving his age as 65 years (so born circa 1786). His claim was rejected because he had not

¹⁶² Benjamin Van Vleet, Wayne County, Ohio, estate file no. 1921, FHL microfilm 1,952,934.

¹⁶³ Fulton County, Ohio, Probate Court, Record of Deaths, A:186, FHL microfilm 423,615, names Garrett's parents as "B & N Vanvleet."

¹⁶⁴ Benjⁿ. Van Vleet Jun^r. household, 1820 U. S. census, Cortland County, New York, population schedule, town of Truxton, page 613, line 8, microfilm M33, roll 66 (Washington: National Archives); Benjⁿ Van Vleit household, 1830 U. S. census, Medina County, Ohio, population schedule, Westfield Township, page 192, line 16, microfilm M19, roll 135 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁶⁵ Medina County, Ohio, Deeds, Q:268-9, FHL microfilm 475,507.

¹⁶⁶ Medina County, Ohio, Marriage License Affidavits, A:196, FHL microfilm 423,817.

¹⁶⁷ Wayne County, Ohio, Marriage Records, 4B:33, FHL microfilm 425,754.

¹⁶⁸ 1850 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 146, dwelling 194, family 195, micropublication M432, roll 739.

¹⁶⁹ Genealogical Section of the Wayne County Historical Society, comp., *Wayne County, Ohio Burial Records* (Evansville, Ind.: Unigraphic, Inc., 1975), 455.

¹⁷⁰ Medina County, Ohio, Marriage Records, D:154, FHL microfilm 423,819.

¹⁷¹ Benjamin Vanvleet household, 1860 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 226, dwelling 817, family 817, micropublication M653, roll 1051 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁷² Benjamin Van Vleet, compiled military service record, 98th Regiment (Clark's) New York Militia, War of 1812, record group 94, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C. The services on which his sister-in-law Elizabeth (Coulter) Van Vleet received a pension are identical.

¹⁷³ Benjamin Van Vleet, Wayne county estate file no. 1921.

¹⁷⁴ 1850 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 146, dwelling 194, family 195, micropublication M432, roll 739.

performed one month of actual service. On 2 April 1853, Benjamin Vanvleet, age 66 years (born circa 1787), swore to another declaration for bounty land. His attorney Joseph Ross, writing from Seville in Medina County, enclosed a letter to the commissioner of pensions dated eleven days later, pointing out that under the bounty land act of 1852, Benjamin was allowed one day for every twenty miles on the march and could therefore qualify for bounty land. On 29 March 1855, Benjamin Van Vleet, age 71 years (born circa 1784), filed one more claim, reflecting the dates of his enlistment and discharge on the company muster roll. One of the two later claims must have succeeded. On 25 August 1856, Wiseman Cotton, an acting justice of the peace of Milton Township, deposed that Benjamin Van Vleet had appeared before him the previous March to acknowledge the sale of his bounty land warrant to Ebenezer M. Norton, and two days later Benjamin gave a deposition to the same effect before Cotton.^[175] The 1860 census also places him in Wayne County, aged 64 years (born circa 1796), with his third wife, Maria, his two daughters from his second marriage, and two other children, Ellen and Stephen Burns, whose relationship with Benjamin has not been established.^[176]

Benjamin died the following year, and his will was entered for probate on 25 November 1861. He named as his sole heir "Elizabeth Jane Vanvleet daughter of Benjamin and Sally G. Vanvleet." This directive clearly would have been prejudicial to the interests of his widow and youngest daughter, Amanda, none of which were contemplated at the time the will was written. Thus, although his will was filed in Wayne County, and proven by sworn statements of the witnesses, it was apparently set aside, and Wiseman Cotton appointed administrator with the will annexed. Cotton then entered a petition naming *all* of Benjamin's heirs at law, even though seeking distribution for the benefit of Elizabeth, Amanda, and Mary Ann only.

Children of Benjamin⁶ Van Vleet, apparently by Nancy _____, are:^[177]

- i. BENJAMIN⁷ VAN VLEET, b. say 1812, poss. m. (lic. app. Medina Co. 18 Mar. 1842) BETSEY MILLER.^[178]
- ii. JOHN VAN VLEET, b. N. Y., ca. 1814, m. Medina Co. 16 Feb. 1837 ABIGAIL BROWN,^[179] b. Ohio, ca. 1820, both res. Brooklyn Twp., Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 1850,^[180] apparently dau. of Samuel and Betsey G. (____) Brown of Westfield Twp., Medina Co.^[181]
- iii. CATHERINE VAN VLEET, b. N. Y., ca. 1815,^[182] d. Genoa, Vernon Co., Wis., 28 Oct. 1876,^[183] m. Medina

¹⁷⁵ Benjamin Van Vleet, bounty land warrant no. 10114-160-55, Military Bounty Land and Pension Files, record group 94, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

¹⁷⁶ 1860 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 226, dwelling 817, family 817, micropublication M653, roll 1051.

¹⁷⁷ Benjamin Van Vleet, Wayne county estate file no. 1921. This summary expands on Austin W. Spencer, "Re: VanVleet," *VanVleet Family Genealogy Forum*, 16 April 2011, online <<http://genforum.genealogy.com/vanvleet/messages/141.html>>.

¹⁷⁸ Medina County, Ohio, Marriage License Affidavits, A:196, FHL microfilm 423,817.

¹⁷⁹ Medina County, Ohio, Marriage Records, A:150, FHL microfilm 423,817.

¹⁸⁰ John Van Vliet household, 1850 U. S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Brooklyn Township, page 59, dwelling 849, family 959, micropublication M432, roll 673 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁸¹ Medina County, Ohio, Deeds, R:77-9, FHL microfilm 475,508 (three deeds recorded sequentially: one by Betsey, of her dower; one by Abigail, and one by John).

¹⁸² Ira S. Nichols household, 1850 U. S. census, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, population schedule, town of New Berlin, page 351, dwelling 1670, family 1692, micropublication M432, roll 1009 (Washington: National Archives). Alfred Van Vleet, aged 23 and born in Ohio, was living in the same dwelling.

¹⁸³ Jerry and Mickie Parr, *Vernon County, Wisconsin Tombstone Records* (Viroqua, Wis.: Vernon County Historical Society, 2003), 188.

- Co. 5 Feb. 1841 JABEZ HUNT,^[184] b. Vt., ca. 1821, res. Brooklyn Twp., Cuyahoga Co., Ohio, 1850,^[185] no issue. Her estate file names her heirs as follows: "brothers, John Van Vleet supposed deceased, Garret Van Vleet Hannah Huntington Stephen Vleet [*sic*] Jacob Van Vleet Benjamin Van Vleet Alfred Van Vleet your petitioner and Sally married but last name unknown."^[186]
- iv. HANNAH VAN VLEET, b. 12 Aug. 1816, d. 29 Dec. 1893,^[187] m. Kane Co., Ill., at the residence of Jabez Hunt, 13 June 1847, LUTHER HUNTINGTON,^[188] b. 6 June 1810, d. 20 July 1887, both bur. Genoa.^[189]
- v. GARRETT VAN VLEET, b. Cortland Co., N. Y.,^[190] 31 Aug. 1818,^[191] d. Pike Twp., Fulton Co., Ohio, 16 Sept. 1885, aged 66y 9m 16d,^[192] m. Medina Co. 15 Aug. 1839 MARY M. HANCHETT,^[193] b. Ohio, 6 Jan. 1818, d. York, Fulton Co., Ohio, 22 Mar. 1886, aged 68y 2m 16d,^[194] dau. prob. of Heman and Mary E. (Mason?) Hanchett of Guilford Twp., Medina Co.^[195]
- vi. STEPHEN VAN VLEET, b. N. Y., ca. 1821,^[196] d. Red Willow Co., Neb., before 7 Aug. 1896,^[197] m. ABIGAIL SWOPE,^[198] b. N. Y., ca. 1835,^[199] d. Danbury, Red Willow Co., Neb., 7 Nov. 1907.^[200]
- vii. SARAH JANE VAN VLEET, b. 6 Sept. 1823, d. 14 May 1865,^[201] m. Medina Co. 18 Jan. 1847 JOHN BATTLES,^[202] b. Pa., 5 Jan. 1807, d. Niles, Trumbull Co., Ohio, 28 Nov. 1895, both bur. Niles.^[203]
7. viii. JACOB VAN VLEET, b. 11 Mar. 1826, d. 26 May 1904, m. ELIZABETH STOWE.

¹⁸⁴ Medina County Marriage Records, A:244.

¹⁸⁵ 1850 U. S. census, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, population schedule, Brooklyn Township, page 59, dwelling 849, family 959.

¹⁸⁶ Catherine Hunt, Vernon County, Wisconsin, Probate Records, file no. 285, FHL microfilm 1,510,445, petition of Alfred Van Vleet, 1 Nov. 1876.

¹⁸⁷ Parr and Parr, *Vernon County, Wisconsin, Tombstone Records*, 188.

¹⁸⁸ Kane County, Illinois, Marriage Licenses, no. 0796 (1847), FHL microfilm 1,443,733.

¹⁸⁹ Parr and Parr, *Vernon County, Wisconsin, Tombstone Records*, 188.

¹⁹⁰ Fulton County, Ohio, Probate Court, Record of Deaths, A:186; Garrett Van Vleet pension file, application no. 161, 957, certificate no. 122,763, Military Bounty Land Warrants and Pensions, record group [RG] 15 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁹¹ *Tombstone Inscriptions, Fulton County, Ohio*, 2 vols. (Swanton, Ohio: Fulton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1986), 2:59.

¹⁹² *Ibid.*; Fulton County, Ohio, Probate Court, Record of Deaths, A:186.

¹⁹³ Medina County Marriage Records, A:201.

¹⁹⁴ Fulton County, Ohio, Probate Court, Record of Deaths, A:190; *Tombstone Inscriptions, Fulton County*, 2:59.

¹⁹⁵ Garrett Vanvleet, his wife Mary M. Vanvleet, and Mary E. Hanchett were all among Heman's successors in interest in two deeds for land in Guilford Twp. after Heman's death. See Medina County, Ohio, Deeds, U:485, FHL microfilm 477,124 (dated and acknowledged 29 July 1843); Medina County, Ohio, Deeds, Y:19, FHL microfilm 477,126 (dated and acknowledged 18 Jan. 1845); "Laurie H." and "Suzanne," "Heman Hanchett," Find a Grave memorial no. 24703422, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=2470422>>, created 17 Feb. 2008, with photographs by "essay," viewed 13 March 2016; "Laurie H." and "Suzanne," "Mary Elizabeth Mason Hanchett," Find a Grave memorial no. 24703440, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24703440>>, created 17 Feb. 2008, with photographs by "essay," viewed 13 March 2016.

¹⁹⁶ Stephen Vanvleet household, 1895 Kansas state census, Decatur Co. population schedule, Harlan Township, Norcatour post office, family 4, microfilm K-36, Kansas State Historical Society, in *Kansas State Census Collection, 1885-1925*, online (Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2009).

¹⁹⁷ *McCook Tribune*, McCook, Neb., 7 Aug. 1896, 4, col. 1. This is the county directly to the north of Decatur Co., Kans.

¹⁹⁸ Red Willow County, Nebraska, Marriage Record, 2:269, 3:195, 201, 218, FHL microfilm 1,994,204.

¹⁹⁹ 1895 Kansas state census, Decatur Co. population schedule, Harlan Township, Norcatour post office, family 4.

²⁰⁰ "Danbury," *McCook Tribune*, McCook, Neb., 1 Nov. 1907, 8, col. 2; "A Singular Case of Suspended Animation," *McCook Tribune*, McCook, Neb., 8 Nov. 1907, 6, col. 3.

²⁰¹ Grace M. Winnagle, comp., *Cemetery Records of Trumbull County, Ohio*, 4 vols. (n. d.), 4:184, FHL microfilm 496,521.

²⁰² Medina County, Ohio, Marriage Records, B:131, FHL microfilm 423,818, item 1.

²⁰³ Winnagle, *Cemetery Records of Trumbull County*, 4:184; Trumbull County, Ohio, Probate Court, Record of Deaths, 3:10, FHL microfilm 904,252.

- ix. ALFRED VAN VLEET, b. 14 Mar. 1827, d. 23 Jan. 1895,^[204] m. McHenry Co., Ill., 4 July 1851 ALMIRA HUNTINGTON,^[205] b. 13 Feb. 1834, d. 28 Sept. 1906, both bur. Genoa.^[206]

Children of Benjamin⁶ and Sally G. (Hoffstetter) Van Vleet, born in Ohio, are:^[207]

- x. ELIZABETH JANE VAN VLEET, b. ca. 1843, d. 1 Nov. 1862, aged 19y, bur. Rittman Cemetery.^[208]
xi. AMANDA VAN VLEET, b. 1846, d. 1900, bur. Mound Hill Cemetery, Seville, Medina Co., Ohio,^[209] m. Medina Co. 30 May 1867 JOHN CRAWFORD LEE,^[210] b. Seville 16 Oct. 1838, son of Henry and Ellen (Bowen) Lee, d. Guilford Twp., Medina Co., 3 May 1925.^[211]

7. **Jacob⁷ Van Vleet** (*Benjamin⁶⁻⁵⁻⁴, Arie³, Dirck², Adriaen¹ Gerritsen*) was born 11 March 1826,^[212] reportedly in Seneca County, New York,^[213] and died at South Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, on 26 May 1904, aged 88 years, 2 months and 15 days.^[214] He was buried in the Freemire Cemetery, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan, on 30 May 1904, and the sexton there recorded his age as 88 years.^[215] He married, 6 June 1844 in Medina County, Ohio, **Elizabeth Stowe**.^[216] She was born about 1828,^[217] in the area later known as Summit County, Ohio, and was living in Vermontville Township, Eaton County, in 1870.^[218]

Children of Jacob⁷ and Elizabeth (Stowe) Van Vleet are:^[219]

- i. HARRIET⁸ VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, ca. 1846, res. Madison Twp., Williams Co., Ohio, 1860.
+ ii. EMMA LENORA VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, 2 Aug. 1849, d. Sunfield Twp., Eaton Co., Mich., 15 Aug. 1922, aged 73y 13d,^[220] m. Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich., 29 June 1868, HOBSON SINCLAIR,^[221] b. prob. in Eaton Co., Mich., 16 March 1847, son of Hobson and Sophia (Boyer) Sinclair (see 31. *Sinclair*, 3), d. Sunfield Twp. 2 Sept. 1922, aged 75y 5m 17d.^[222]

²⁰⁴ Parr and Parr, *Vernon County, Wisconsin, Tombstone Records*, 189.

²⁰⁵ McHenry County, Illinois, Marriage Register, 1:24, FHL microfilm 1,420,738.

²⁰⁶ Parr and Parr, *Vernon County, Wisconsin, Tombstone Records*, 189.

²⁰⁷ 1850 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 146, dwelling 194, family 195, micropublication M432, roll 739; 1860 U. S. census, Wayne County, Ohio, population schedule, Milton Township, page 226, dwelling 817, family 817, micropublication M653, roll 1051.

²⁰⁸ *Wayne County Burial Records*, 455.

²⁰⁹ Margaret Gunn, "Amanda VanVleet Lee," Find a Grave memorial no. 7735335, online <<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=7735335>>, created 4 Aug. 2003, with a photograph by Margaret Gunn.

²¹⁰ Medina County Marriage Records, D:153.

²¹¹ John Crawford Lee, death certificate no. 30486 (1925), in *Ohio, Deaths, 1908–1953*, online <<http://www.familysearch.org>>, last updated 10 November 2011.

²¹² Jacob Van Vliet death certificate no. 746783 (1904), "Death Records, 1897–1920," *Seeking Michigan*, online <<http://seekingmichigan.org>>, viewed 10 May 2015.

²¹³ Eaton County, Michigan, Birth Records, 1:129; FHL microfilm 966,583, item 1.

²¹⁴ Jacob Van Vliet death certificate.

²¹⁵ Danny D. Aungst, transcr., "Sexton records for Freemire Cemetery, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan," online <<http://files.usgwarchives.net/mi/eaton/cemeteries/f65604.txt>>, updated 19 February 2000.

²¹⁶ Medina County Marriage Records, B:65.

²¹⁷ Jacob Van Vleet household, 1860 U. S. census, Williams County, Ohio, population schedule, Madison Township, Pioneer post office, page 207, dwelling 1327, family 1188, micropublication M653, roll 1052 (Washington: National Archives).

²¹⁸ Eaton County, Michigan, Birth Records, 1:129; FHL microfilm 966,583, item 1.

²¹⁹ 1860 U. S. census, Williams County, Ohio, population schedule, Madison Township, Pioneer post office, page 207, dwelling 1327, family 1188; Jacob Van Vleet household, 1870 U. S. census, Eaton County, Michigan, population schedule, Vermontville Township, Vermontville post office, page 317, dwelling 121, family 122, micropublication M593, roll 670 (Washington: National Archives).

²²⁰ Eaton County, Michigan, Death Records, 6:364; FHL microfilm 966,602.

²²¹ David Burns, "Marriage Register Kept by David Burns of Michigan Conference at Charlotte, 1867" (typescript, Lansing: Michigan State Library, 1964), 1; FHL microfilm 946,721, item 1.

²²² Eaton County, Michigan, Death Records, 6:365; FHL microfilm 966,602. This record calls his mother *Josephine*.

- iii. WILLIAM A. VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, 26 Oct. 1852, d. Hastings, Barry Co., Mich., 2 Feb. 1929,^[223] bur. Freemire Cemetery, Sunfield Twp., 2 Feb. 1929,^[224] m. Tekonsha, Calhoun Co., Mich., 25 Dec. 1875 ELECTA ELIZABETH MUDICA,^[225] b. Calhoun Co. 6 Oct. 1855, dau. of Joseph and Clarissa Caroline (Us-wick) Mudica, d. Bedford, Calhoun Co., 22 Dec. 1927,^[226] bur. Freemire Cemetery 24 Dec. 1927.^[227]
- iv. JOHN VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, 4 July 1852, d. Battle Creek Twp., Calhoun Co., 27 June 1925,^[228] m. Grand Rapids 10 April 1886 ROSE ELVA BROWN, b. Ind.,^[229] 11 Mar. 1870, dau. of Harvey and Tryphena (Reed) Brown, d. Battle Creek 26 Sept. 1946.^[230]
- v. JULIA M. A. VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, 29 May 1854, d. Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Mich., 31 Mar. 1929,^[231] m. (1) after 1870 ____ LEVEY; m. (2) Ovid, Clinton Co., Mich., 29 Oct. 1879 ELMER E. COWAN, b. Dayton Plains, Mich.,^[232] April 1857, res. Ovid, 1900;^[233] m. (3) Vermontville Twp., Eaton Co., Mich., 8 Jan. 1917, WILLIAM H. LEONARD, b. N. Y., ca. 1841, son of Asa and Mary (Lassiter) Leonard;^[234] m. (4) Bellevue Twp., Eaton Co., Mich., 26 July 1924 JOHN WESLEY SMITH of Grand Rapids,^[235] widower of her sister Adelia, b. Castleton, Barry Co. 26 Oct. 1859, son of Thomas Riley and Harriet (Collinson) Smith, d. Grand Rapids 9 April 1938.^[236]
- vi. HARRISON J. VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, 8 Feb. 1857, d. Grand Rapids 19 Feb. 1913,^[237] m. Grand Rapids 26 Jan. 1886 MARY E. (THURSTON) MAY, b. Ind., ca. 1865, who survived him.^[238]
- vii. JOSEPH VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, ca. 1859, d. Sunfield Twp. 20 Feb. 1882.^[239]
- viii. ELIZABETH ADELIA "LIBBIE" VAN VLEET, b. Williams Co., Ohio,^[240] 6 Dec. 1859, d. Grand Rapids 9 July 1923,^[241] m. (1) Vermontville 18 Nov. 1877 JOHN BERLIN BANTA,^[242] b. Wabash Co., Ind., 11 Feb. 1854, son of Abraham and Eve (Michler) Banta, d. Owosso, Shiawassee Co., Mich. 31 Aug. 1934,^[243] evidently divorced and both remarried;^[244] m. (2) Byron Center, Kent Co., 4 April 1883, JOHN

²²³ William A. VanVleet death certificate no. 108-672, "Death Records, 1921-1947," *Seeking Michigan*, online <<http://seekingmichigan.org>>, viewed 9 May 2015.

²²⁴ Aungst, "Freemire Cemetery."

²²⁵ Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925*, 1875, 1:164, online <<http://www.familysearch.org>>.

²²⁶ Electa Elizabeth VanVleet death certificate no. 13-2260 (1927), online, viewed 9 May 2015.,

²²⁷ Aungst, "Freemire Cemetery."

²²⁸ John VanVleet death certificate no. 13-1394 (1925), "Death Records, 1921-1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²²⁹ *Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925*, 1886, 2:315; Harvy Brown household, 1880 U. S. census, Kent County, Michigan, population schedule, Wyoming Township, ED 129, page 125, dwelling 56, family 57, micropublication T9, roll 587 (Washington: National Archives).

²³⁰ *Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952*, online <<http://www.familysearch.org>>, last updated 29 April 2013.

²³¹ Julia A. Smith, death certificate no. 14113728 (1929), "Death Records, 1921-1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015, gives birth year 1858; compare Jacob Van Vleet household, 1860 census.

²³² *Michigan Marriages 1868-1925*, 1879, 3:227.

²³³ Elmer E. Cowan household, 1900 U. S. census, Clinton County, Michigan, population schedule, Ovid Township, Ovid village, ED 16, sheet 12, dwelling 319, family 324, micropublication T623, roll 708 (Washington: National Archives).

²³⁴ Eaton County, Michigan, Marriage Records, 7:271; FHL microfilm 966,598, item 1.

²³⁵ Eaton County, Michigan, Marriage Records, 8:12; FHL microfilm 966,598, item 2.

²³⁶ John Wesley Smith death certificate no. 14128809 (1938), "Death Records, 1921-1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²³⁷ Harrison Van Vleet, death certificate no. 255 (1913), "Death Records, 1897-1920," online, viewed 10 May 2015.

²³⁸ Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925*, 1886, 2:119.

²³⁹ Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Death Records, 1867-1897*, 1882:94, online <<http://www.familysearch.org>>.

²⁴⁰ Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925*, 1883, 2:152.

²⁴¹ Elizabeth Adelia Smith death certificate no. 141-4190 (1923), "Death Records, 1921-1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²⁴² Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925*, 1877, 3:255. His middle name is documented by the marriage records of their two daughters, *ibid.*, 1896, 2:412 (Effie E., b. Eaton Co., ca. 1878), 2:479 (Lula, b. Kent Co., ca. 1880).

²⁴³ John B. Banta death certificate no. 276-2951 (1934), "Death Records, 1921-1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²⁴⁴ Banta to Emily G. Wheeler, in 1884: Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925*, 1884, 1:284.

- WESLEY SMITH,^[245] who survived her, and m. (2) her sister Julia.
- ix. JACOB J. VAN VLEET, b. Williams Co., Ohio, 3 April 1862, d. Battle Creek Twp. 22 July 1930,^[246] m. Grandville 25 Feb. 1893 LYDIA BROWN, b. Mich., ca. 1865, dau. of Harvey and Tryphena (Reed) Brown, who apparently survived him.^[247]
- x. SARAH JESSIE ALICE VAN VLEET, b. Ohio 9 June 1864, d. Grand Rapids 19 Jan. 1932,^[248] also enumerated with Hobson and Emma "St. Clair" in Sunfield Twp., 1870,^[249] m. (1) Vermontville Twp. 12 April 1882 ANDREW F. RUPE, b. Ind., ca. 1860;^[250] m. (2) CHAUNCEY E. BROWN,^[251] b. Ind., 3 May 1856, son of Harvey H. and Tryphena (Reed) Brown, d. Grand Rapids 16 Oct. 1925.^[252]
- xi. ETTA S. VAN VLEET, b. Ohio, 13 Mar. 1867, d. Grand Rapids 11 Mar. 1917,^[253] m. Georgetown, Ottawa Co., Mich., 22 Sept. 1883 ALBERT NATHAN COLE, b. Mich., ca. 1858, who survived her.^[254]
- xii. MINNIE MINERVA VAN VLEET, b. Vermontville Twp. 10 Aug. 1870,^[255] d. Plainfield Twp., Kent Co., Mich., 21 Nov. 1935,^[256] m. Byron Center, Kent Co., 5 June 1885 ALEXANDER NELSON, b. Huron Co., Ont.,^[257] Canada, 25 Mar. 1860, son of ____ and Ann (____) Nelson, d. Grand Rapids 28 Feb. 1924.^[258]

²⁴⁵ Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868–1925*, 1883, 2:152.

²⁴⁶ Jacob J. VanVleet death certificate no. 13-3332 (1930), "Death Records, 1921–1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²⁴⁷ Michigan Secretary of State, *Michigan Marriages, 1868–1925*, 1893, 446.

²⁴⁸ Mrs. Alice J. Brown death certificate no. 14118310 (1932), "Death Records, 1921–1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²⁴⁹ Hobson St. Clair household, 1870 U. S. census, Eaton County, Michigan, population schedule, Sunfield Township, page 305, dwelling 172, family 161, micropublication M593, roll 607 (Washington: National Archives).

²⁵⁰ Eaton County, Michigan, Marriage Records, 5:10; FHL microfilm 966,596.

²⁵¹ Mrs. Alice J. Brown death certificate.

²⁵² Chauncey E. Brown, death certificate no. 141-7775 (1925), "Death Records, 1921–1947," online, viewed 10 May 2015.

²⁵³ Etta S. Cole, death certificate no. 440 (1917), "Death Records, 1897–1920," online, viewed 10 May 2015.

²⁵⁴ *Michigan Marriages, 1868–1925*, 1883, 1:102.

²⁵⁵ Eaton County Birth Records, 1:129; FHL microfilm 966,583, item 1.

²⁵⁶ Minnie Minerva Nelson death certificate no. 41-11390 (1935), "Death Records, 1921–1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.

²⁵⁷ *Michigan Marriages, 1868–1925*, 1885, 2:133.

²⁵⁸ Alexander Nelson, death certificate no. 141-5510 (1924), "Death Records, 1921–1947," online, viewed 9 May 2015.