

Name: Roelof Martense (Hon.) SCHENCK ^{1 2 3 4} *Sex:* M *Birth:* 20 JUN 1619 in Amersfoort, Utrecht, Netherlands *Event:* 1J7D-SFB Ancestral File Number *Emigration:* 1650 From Amersfoort, Utrecht, Holland to New Amsterdam (New York) on the 'De Valckener' *Will:* 04 SEP 1704 Created, Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York *Probate:* 03 AUG 1705 Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York ⁵ *Immigration:* 28 JUN 1650 To New Amsterdam (New York) aboard the ship "de Valckner" with his brother, Jan, and sister Anetje ^{6 7} *Residence:* ABT 1650 New Amersfoort, New Netherlands *Occupation:* Magistrate (Judge) BET 1662 AND 1664 *Event:* Event 1665 Representative in the Hempstead Convention *Military Service:* Captain of the Horse 1690 ⁸ *PROP:* 1774 Bought 200 acres, with buildings, from the heirs of Gerret (Govert) Loockermans *Burial:* 1704 Dutch Churchyard, Flatlands (formerly Amersfoort), Kings County, Long Island, New York ⁶ *Death:* 14 JAN 1705 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York *Name:* Roeloff Martense SCHENCK *Name:* Roelof Martense SCHENCH *Name:* Roelof Martense SCHENCK ⁹ *Name:* Rolof Martense SCHENCK *Name:* Ruloff Martense "Roelof" SCHENCK *Name:* Roelof Martense SCHENK *Birth:* 16 SEP 1620 in Amersfoort, Utrecht, Netherlands *Probate:* 26 JUL 1705 Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York *Residence:* 1661 Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York *Residence:* 19 MAR 1674 Amersfoort, Kings County, New York *Occupation:* Justice of the Peace 1684 *Occupation:* Sheriff of Kings County 1685 ⁸ *Occupation:* Justice of the Peace 1689 ⁸ *Occupation:* Justice of the Peace 1692 ⁸ *Occupation:* Justice of Kings County 1693 ¹⁰ *PROP:* 29 JAN 1661 Obtained a patent for 23 morgens and 75 rods of land at Flatlands ¹¹ *Note:*

From 'The Rev. William Schenck, His Ancestry and His Descendants,' p. 24

The immigrant ancestor of the Rev. William Schenck was Roelof Martense Schenck, who was born at Amersfoort, Holland, in 1619. The probably cause of his coming to this country was the misfortune which overtook his ancestors and family during the Netherlands wars of the sixteenth century and the action taken by the civil courts respecting the ancestral estates [Note: these legal battles continued over 3 generations, and are described in great detail in 'Geschichte der Familie Schenck von Nydeggen : insbesondere des kriegsobristen Martin Schenk von Nydeggen.].

Roelof's grand uncle, Sir Martin Schenck van Nydeck, was heir to the castle and estate of Blynbeek [Bleijenbeek, Netherlands], but his title was contested by a cousin, and, by the decision of the courts and the actions of the authorities, Sir Martin was besieged in his castle and finally forcibly ousted. [Note: the castle had been determined 2 generations earlier to be the possession of another branch of the family, based on the illegitimate birth of Martin's grandfather. Successive Dukes and even the Emperor himself passed their judgments in this case against

Martin's grandfather and father.]

His after services are, to some extent, given in the appendix. His brother Peter, also a gallant soldier, who faithfully served the cause of the Netherlands, and attained to the rank and command of a general officer, naturally espoused the cause of his brother, and found no favor in the civil courts, though both were loaded with honors and emoluments by the military authorities.

Losing the greater part of their fortunes and possessions in Holland their descendants sought others in the then new and wonderful Nieu Netherlands [New York], and were no doubt possessed with a due share of the spirit of individual enterprise and fondness for adventure so characteristic of their race.

As already stated, Roelof, with his brother Jan and sister Anetje, probably arrived at Nieu Amsterdam [New York City] on the 28th day of June, 1650. In the same ship were Adrian van der Donck, Jacob van Couwenhoven, and Jan Eversten Bout, who, before leaving Holland, had made a contract at Amsterdam, dated 19th March, 1650, with the West India Company "to take to the Nieu Netherlands before the 1st of June prox. 200 passengers, 100 to be farmers and farm servants and 100 such as the Amsterdam Chamber usually send over."

After his arrival in this country Roelof lived for a time in Breuklyn. In 1660 he married a niece of this same Jacob [p. 25] van Couwenhoven, and about that time removed and settled at Flatlands (formerly Amersfoort), Long Island, where he lived until his death in 1704, and where he is buried.

From 'The Ancestors and Descendants of Rulef Schenck : A Genealogy of the Onondaga County, New York, Branch of the Schenck Family,' p. 27 [Which "borrows" liberally from earlier work 'The Rev. William Schenck, ... ,' by Alexander Dubois Schenck]

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Nieu Netherlands [New York].

It is probable that Roelof with his brother, Jan, and sister, Anetje, sailed in the ship "de Valckner," arriving in New Amsterdam, June 28, 1650. That they arrived some time during 1650 is certain, as will be shown later.

In this ship came also Jacob van Couwenhoven, who with Adrian van der Donck and Jan Eversten Bout, had made a contract with the West India Company, dated at Amsterdam, March 19, 1650, to take "to the Nieu Netherlands, before 1st June, prox., 200 passengers, 100 to be farmers, and farm servants, and 100 such as the Amsterdam Chamber usually send over."

Roelof lived for a few years in Breuklyn and in 1660 married Neeltje Geretsen van Couwenhoven, a niece of Jacob van Couwenhoven. He then settled at Amersfoort (later Flatlands), Long Island, where he resided until his death in 1704, and where he is buried.

In the early colonial records of the New Netherlands, Roelof's name first appears in connection with a grant of land at Amersfoort, consisting of twenty-three morgans, or about forty-six acres. This grant is dated January 29, 1661. In 1664, he was one of the magistrates of the five towns on Nassau Island (Long Island) who joined in a protest against the outrages of the English. The Director-General called a meeting of delegates at Midwout, February 26, 1664, and they then made accusations against the English Captain Scott and voted a remonstrance. It was in this year that the English took over the government of New Amsterdam and the so-called Knickerbocker rule ceased.

The English required new patents to be taken out and the following patent for the town of Amersfoort was issued by Governor Richard Nicoll: ---

RICHARD NICHOLL, Esq., Gov., &c., &c.: Whereas, there is a certain town within this Government situate and being in the West Riding of Yorkshire upon Long Island, commonly called or known by ye name of Amersfoort, als. Flattlands, which said town is now in ye tenure or occupation of several freeholders and inhabitants who have heretofore been seated there by authority, and likewise made lawful purchasers of ye granted part of ye lands thereunto belonging, have also improved the greater part thereof, and settled a competent number of families there-upon; Now for -a confirmation unto ye Freeholders and inhabit-ants of the premises, Know ye, that by virtue of ye Commission and Authority unto me given by His Royal Highness, I have given, ratified, confirm and grant unto Elbert Elbertse (Stoothoff), Gerrit Loockemans, Roelof Mattense (Schenck), Pieter Claes (Wyckoff), Wellem Gerrits (van Couwenhoven), Tho. Hillebrants, Stephen Coerten (van Voorhees), and Coert Stephens (van Voorhees), as Patentees for and on behalf of themselves and their associates, ye Freeholders and inhabitants of ye said town, their heirs, successors and assigns, All ye tract together with ye several parcels, &c.

MATHIAS, Secretary.
(Signed) RICHARD NICHOLL. (L. S.)
Fort James, 4th October, 1667, etc.

Governor Cleve appointed Roelof Schenck one of the Schepens for Flatlands, August 18, 1673, and October 25th of the same year, he was chosen a lieutenant of militia. He was a deputy to the council held at the city hall in New Amsterdam, March 26, 1674.

In volume II. of the Documentary History of New York, a valuation of property shows that Roelof Schenck possessed 2 polls, 4 horses, 1 do. of years old, 10 Cows, 2 do. of 2 years old, 4 do. of 1 year old, 3 hogs: Total 152 pounds, 14 shillings. Also 52 morgans of valley land, 104 pounds. Total 256 pounds, 14 shillings.

He was next to the wealthiest man in town and sixth or seventh on Long Island in point of possessions. In 1688 he had four slaves.

The inhabitants of the New Netherlands were required to take the oath of allegiance to the English king and these documents show whether the individual was a native or an immigrant. If the latter, the length of residence in the New Netherlands was given. Roelof took this oath of allegiance in 1687 and it is stated that he and his brother, Jan, had been "thirty-seven years in the country," thus confirming the date of arrival as 1650.

There are documents showing that Roelof was commissioned a justice of Kings County in 1689 and a Captain of Horse in 1690.

Roelof was three times married. His first wife, by whom he had six children, Martin, Annetje, Jonica, Marike, Jan and Gerret Roelofse, died in 1673. Two years later, he married Anetje Pieterse Wyckoff, by whom he had four children, Margaretta, Neeltje, Mayke and Sara. The date of the death of the second wife is unknown. In 1688, however, Roelof married Catrina Crigers, widow of Christopher Hoogland. ...

... his will was probated August 3, 1705, and may be found in the New York Surrogate's Office, liber 7, pp. 209.

To Investigate:

Sources:

Title: Genealogy of the Lefferts Family by Teunis G Bergen 1878 pg 7#

Title: The Bergen Family by Teunis G Bergen 1876 pg 14#

Title: Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth Co, NJ by George Beekman pg 1

Father: [Martin Pietersen SCHENCK van Nideggen](#) b: 07 AUG 1584 in Doesburg, Gelderland, Holland, Netherlands

Mother: [Maria Margretha BOCKHURST](#) b: ABT 1600 in Muiden, Nord-Holland, Netherlands

Marriage 1 [Neeltje Gerretse van COUWENHOVEN](#) b: BEF 20 SEP 1641 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

- *Married:* 1660 in Kings County, Long Island, New York [12](#) [4](#) [6](#) [13](#)

Children

[Garret \(Gerret\) Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 09 OCT 1671 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York c: 27 OCT 1671 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

[Martin Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 23 JUN 1661 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

[Anetje Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: ABT 1662 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

[Jonica Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 04 FEB 1663 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

[Jan Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 10 FEB 1670 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

[Marike Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 14 FEB 1667 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

Marriage 2 [Katrina COUIJER](#) b: ABT 1621

- *Married:* 30 OCT 1688 [4](#)

Marriage 3 [Annatie Pieters WYCKOFF](#) b: 01 NOV 1650

- *Married:* 1675 in Flatlands (formerly Amersfoort), Kings County, Long Island, New York [6](#) [14](#)

Children

[Margaretta Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 16 JAN 1678

[Neeltje Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 03 JAN 1682 in Flatlands, Kings County, Long Island, New York

[Sarah Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 18 DEC 1685

[Mayken "Mayke" Roelofse SCHENCK](#) b: 14 JAN 1684

Sources:

Author: Benjamin Robinson Schenck, M.D. (from Records compiled by Adrian Adelbert Schenck)

Title: The Ancestors and Descendants of Rulef Schenck : A Genealogy of the Onondaga County, New York, Branch of the Schenck Family

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Author: Elias W. van Voorhis

Title: A Genealogy of the Van Voorhees Family in America, or, The Descendants of Stephen Coerte van Voorhees of Holland and Flatlands, L. I

Publication: Name: G. P. Putnam's Sons, The Knickerbocker Press, New York, 1888;

Note:

Source Medium: Book

Page: p. 160

Author: George C. Beekman

Title: Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth, New Jersey
Note:
Source Medium: Book

Page: p. 1

Author: Teunis G. Bergen
Title: The Bergen Family; Or, The Descendants of Hans Hansen Bergen
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Author: Francis Bazley Lee
Title: Genealogical and Personal Memorial of Mercer County, New Jersey
Publication: Name: Lewis Publishing;
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Author: Frank Rosebrook Symmes
Title: History of the Old Tennent Church
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Page: p. 442

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Author: Teunis G. Bergen

Title: Register in Alphabetical Order, of the Early Settler of Kings County, Long Island

Publication: Name: 1881;

Note:

Source Medium: Book

Page: p. 254

Author: American Historical Company, National Americana Society, New York, American Historical Society, John Austin Stevens, Lyman Horace Weeks, Florence Hull Winterburn, John R Meader, John Howard Brown, David Inman Nilke, I M Greene, L Greenway Greene

Title: Americana

Publication: Name: Publishing Society of New York, 1940;

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