

PART II.

THE HOLLAND ANCESTORS OF RULEF SCHENCK.

The ancestry of Roelof Martense Schenck, the first of the family in America, and from whom Rulef Schenck is traced in a following chapter, has been worked out, without a break, to the year 1346. The records of one or perhaps two generations are here missing, but thanks to the researches of van der Dussen, considerable information is at hand concerning the family as far back as 939, a brief outline of which has already been given.

It is our purpose here to trace the unbroken line of descent from 1346 to 1650, in the latter of which years Roelof Martense Schenck with his brother, Jan, and sister, Anetje, came to America.

In 1346, the head of the family was:—

1A. Heinrich Schenck van Nydeck, I., Knight, Lord of Afferden and Walbeck and Feoffer of Wachtendonk. He married Aleid van Rayde, heiress of Walbeck.

They had three children:—

2A. I. Wynand, married Aleid van Bellinghoven, heiress of Walbrick. They had one son who died young, and the title and estates on Wynand's death, went to his brother, Heinrich (3A).

3A. II. Heinrich, see below.

4A. III. Lisbeth, a nun at Graevendael. Lisbeth died September 29, 1443.

3A. Heinrich Schenck van Nydeck, II., son of Heinrich (1A) and Aleid van Rayde, Knight, Lord of Afferden, Walbeck and Blyenbeck (the latter purchased by Wynand in 1405), Feoffer of Wachtendonk, married Alheid van Goen van Kaldenbrock, daughter of Allard, Lord van Kaldenbrock and Anna Monfoort. Heinrich died December 8, 1452.

They had three children:—

5A. I. Diederich. See below.

6A. II. Johann, Lord of Walbeck, Mayor of Middlelaer, 1491, married Inugard van Schonan. His son, Arnold, married Isabella van Oest, heiress of Hillenrath, and thus became the head of that branch of the family. Johann died May 24, 1491.

7A. III. Alheit, married Engelbert van Brempt, Mayor of Straden.

5A. Diederich Schenck van Nydeck, III., son of Heinrich (3A) and Alheid van Goen van Kaldenbrock, Lord of Afferden and Blyenbeck, Walbeck, and Arrsen, married Adelheit van Buren, daughter of Johann van Buren and Aleid van Arendahl. He died in August, 1487.

They had eleven children:—

8A. I. Winand, Lord of Arrsen.

9A. II. Johann, Lord of Blyenbeck and Afferden.

10A. III. Roelmann, Lord of Walbeck.

11A. IV. Derick. See below.

12A. V. Heinrich, Lord of Horst.

13A. VI. Petronella, married Frederich van Huls.

14A. VII. Otto, monk at Leigburg.

15A. VIII. Thomas, monk at Corneli Munster.

16A. IX. Alheid, nun at Grafenthal.

17A. X. Anna, nun at Grafenthal.

18A. XI. Lisbeth, nun in Gelden.

11A. Derick Schenck van Nydeck, IV., son of Diederich (5A) and Adelheit van Buren, in the division of his father's property received an estate in the Province of Geldern, the estates of Nyfterich, Myllingen and Loet and the court Ter Neirssan, near Hurst. About 1515, after the death of his brothers, he became Lord of Blyenbeck and Afferden. He married Alheit Custers of Arssen.

They had nine children:—

19A. I. Otto, died before 1485.

20A. II. Derick, born about 1485. See below.

21A. III. Peter, became Bailiff of Gibberfort.

22A. IV. Heinrich, born about 1490.

23A. V. Johann, born about 1495.

24A. VI. Winand, became a priest.

25A. VII. Adelheid.

26A. VIII. Maria.

27A. IX. Margaretha.

20A. Derick Schenck van Nydeck, V., son of Derick (11A) and Alheit Custers, was born about 1485. He lived at Goch and was Lord of Afferden and Blyenbeck. He married Maria van Galen.

They had one child:—

28A. I. Dederick, born about 1507.

28A. Dederick Schenck van Nydeck, VI., son of Derick (20A) and Maria van Galen, was born about 1507. He was Lord of Afferden and Blyenbeck. He lived at Goch and married Anna van Berlaer.

They had five children:—

29A. I. Martin, born at Goch, 1543, Knight. General in the Netherlands army, killed in a night attack upon the City of Nimeguen, August 11, 1589.

30A. II. Peter, born 1547. See below.

31A. III. Johann, Colonel in the Spanish service.

32A. IV. Maria Margaretha.

33A. V. Maria Magdalena.

30A. Peter Schenck van Nydeck, VII., son of Dederick (28A) and Anna van Berlaer, was born at Goch in 1547. He served with great distinction in the almost constant wars of his time, attaining the rank of General in the service of the Netherlands. He married at Doesburg, May 17, 1580, Johanna van Scherpenzeel.

They had two children:—

34A. I. Wilhelmina.

35A. II. Martin, born August 7, 1584.

35A. Martin Schenck van Nydeck, VIII., son of Peter (30A) and Johanna van Scherpenzeel, was born at Doesburg, August 7, 1584. There is no record of his marriage.

He had three children:—

36A. I. Roelof Martense, IX., born 1619. See American Ancestors of Rulef Schenck, p. 61.

37A. II. Jan, born at Amersfoort; married at Flatlands, Long Island, Jannetje Stephens van Voorhees.

38A. III. Anetje, married at Flatlands, L. I., July 29, 1659, to Adrian Reyersz.

In 1650, these three children came to America. It is thought, but not absolutely proven, that they embarked from Holland on the ship "de Valckener," Wilhelm Thomassen, Captain, sailing some time in March and

landing in New Amsterdam June twenty-eighth. No record of the father, Martin, has been found in this country, but it is probable that he came with the family and being well advanced in years, may have died shortly after their arrival.

From Roelof and Jan, who had large families, there are many descendants now scattered throughout the United States. In addition to these families, there are also the descendants of Johannes Schenck, who at the age of 27 years, came with his wife, Maria Magdalena de Haes, to America in 1683. He resided for a time at New Amsterdam, Esopus (now Kingston) and Flatbush, and finally located permanently at Bushwick, Long Island.

The relationship between the descendants of Roelof and Jan on the one hand and those of Johannes on the other, may be accurately traced, as each family goes back to Derick Schenck van Nydeck and Alheit Custers. They had nine children, the second of whom was Derick and the third Peter. From Derick descended in the fourth generation Roelof and Jan; from Peter descended, also in the fourth generation, Johannes. The following diagram shows the relation of these two families.

There is no other family by the name for any long period in this country except one. In 1740, Michael Schenck emigrated from the Palatinate of the Rhine and located near Lancaster, Pa., and his descendants are fairly numerous in Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina. They are of German and not Dutch extraction.

Roelof Martense Schenck (1a)—Neeltje Geretsen van Couwenhoven.

Jan (6a)

Gerret Roelofse (7a)

Roelof (12a)

Koert

John (24a)

Rev. William Schenck

Cornelius (28a)

Rulef Schenck (36a)

Diagram showing the relationship between Rulef Schenck and Rev. William Schenck, from the latter of whom is descended the Ohio branch of the family.

Heinrich (1A) 1346

Heinrich (3A)

Diederich (5A)

Derick (11A)—Alheit Custers

Derick (20A)

Peter (21A)

Dederick (28A)

Martin (b. 1510)

Peter (30A)

Theodore

Martin (35A)

Martin (b. 1633)

Roelof

Jan

Flatlands, L. I., 1650

Johannes

Bushwich, L. I., 1683

Diagram showing the relationship of the Flatlands and Bushwick branches of the Schenck family.

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1a. Roelof Martense Schenck, I., was born at Amersfoort, Holland, in 1619, and in 1650 came to New Amsterdam, settling at Flatlands, Long Island. In 1660, he married Neeltje Geretsen van Couwenhoven, daughter of Garret Wolphertson van Couwenhoven. She was born at Flatlands and baptized September 20, 1641.

They had six children:—

- 2a. I. Martin, born at Flatlands, L. I., June 23, 1661; married June 20, 1686, Susanna Abrahamse Brinkerhoff; married, second, April 11, 1693, Elizabeth Minnen van Voorhees; married, third, Janetye van Voorhees. Martin was left the homestead farm and resided there until his death, May 2, 1721.
- 3a. II. Anetje was born at Flatlands, L. I., about 1663 and June 10, 1681, married Jan Alberte Terhune. She died about 1685.
- 4a. III. Jonica was born at Flatlands, L. I., about 1665 and June 7, 1684, married Peter Neefus.
- 5a. IV. Marike was born at Flatlands, L. I., February 14, 1667, and February 15, 1687, married Isaac Hegeman.
- 6a. V. Jan, born March 1, 1670. See p. 62.
- 7a. VI. Gerret Roelofse was born at Flatlands, L. I., October 27, 1671, and 1693 married Neeltje Coerton van Voorhees, baptized December 5, 1680. He died at Pleasant Valley, Monmouth County, N. J., September 5, 1745. From Gerret Roelofse descended the Rev. William Schenck and the Ohio branch of the family.

Neeltje Geretsen (van Couwenhoven) Schenck died in 1673 and in 1675 Roelof Martense Schenck (1a) married Anetje Pieterse Wyckoff.

They had four children:—

- 8a. VII. Margaretta was born at Flatlands, L. I., January 16, 1668, and September 8, 1700, married Cornelius Willemse van Couwenhoven. She died at Middletown, N. J., December 16, 1751.
- 9a. VIII. Neeltje was born at Flatlands, L. I., January 3, 1681, and about 1701 married Albert Willemse van Couwenhoven. She died at West Pleasant Valley, Monmouth County, N. J., July 7, 1751.
- 10a. IX. Mayke was born at Flatlands, L. I., January 27, 1684, and March 5, 1704, married Jan Lucase van Voorhees. She died at Flatlands, November 25, 1736.
- 11a. X. Sara was born at Flatlands, L. I., baptized December 18, 1685, and November 12, 1705, married Jacob Willemse van Couwenhoven. She died at Middletown, N. J., December 1, 1744.

Anetje Pieterse (Wyckoff) Schenck died and November 9, 1688, Roelof (1a) married Catryntyna Crigers. Roelof (1a) died in 1704. His will was probated August 3, 1705.

6a. Jan Schenck, II., son of Roelof Martense (1a) and Neeltje Geretsen (van Couwenhoven) Schenck, was born at Flatlands, L. I., N. Y., March, 1670, and married Sara Willemse van Couwenhoven. She was born at Flatlands, L. I., December 27, 1674.

They had ten children.

- 12a. I. Roelof, born February 21, 1692. See p. 63.
- 13a. II. Peter.

- 14a. III. John, baptized in 1722.
 15a. IV. Ann.
 16a. V. Allchy.
 17a. VI. Maria.
 18a. VII. Sarah.
 19a. VIII. Nellie.
 20a. IX. Leah.
 21a. X. Jane.

Jan Schenck (6a) died at Pleasant Valley, Monmouth County, N. J., January 30, 1753. Sara Willemse (van Couwenhoven) Schenck died January 31, 1761.

12a. Roelof Schenck, III., son of Jan (6a) and Sara Willemse (van Couwenhoven) Schenck, was born at Flatlands, Long Island, N. Y., February 21, 1692, and in 1716 married Geesie Hendrickson. She was born in October, 1696.

They had five children:

- 22a. I. Sarah was baptized in 1717 and married Joseph van Mater.
 23a. II. Catherine was baptized in 1718 and married — de Hart of Long Island.
 24a. III. John, born January 22, 1720. See below.
 25a. IV. Eleanor was baptized in 1725 and married Garret Conover.
 26a. V. Hendrick was born in 1731; married Katherine Holmes; died August 21, 1766.

Roelof Schenck (12a) died January 19, 1766. Geesie (Hendrickson) Schenck died September 20, 1747. They are buried at Pleasant Valley, N. J.

24a. John Schenck, IV., son of Roelof (12a) and Geesie (Hendrickson) Schenck, was born at Pleasant Valley, January 22, 1720, and November 26, 1741, mar-

ried Jacamyntie van Couwenhoven. She was born October 4, 1717.

They had four children:

- 27a. I. Rulief was born July 21, 1742, and married Sarah Lippert. They had three sons, Rulief (VI), Daniel and Moses. About 1800 the family removed to Ohio, locating near Cincinnati.
- 28a. II. Cornelius, born September 19, 1744. See below.
- 29a. III. Gasha was born September 14, 1748. Married Aaron van Dorn.

John Schenck (24a) died June 27, 1749.

28a. Cornelius Schenck, V., son of John (24a) and Jacamyntie (van Couwenhoven) Schenck, was born September 19, 1744, and July 3, 1765, married Margaret (Taylor), the widow of James Hankenson. She was born in New Jersey, in November, 1742.

They had six children:

- 30a. I. Eleanor was born July 11, 1766.
- 31a. II. Gasha was born September 18, 1767.
- 32a. III. John was born in New Jersey, April 7, 1770. He married Mary Quackenbush. They had fourteen children. He died January 8, 1850, at Springport, Cayuga County, N. Y.
- 33a. IV. Mary was born March 29, 1772.
- 34a. V. Margaret was born April 21, 1774.
- 35a. VI. Rulief, born August 4, 1776. See p. 65.

Cornelius Schenck (28a) died in January, 1790.