



## Jan Roelofse Schenck (1670 - 1753)



### Jan Roelofse (John) Schenck aka Schenk

Born **10 Feb 1670** in **Long Island, New York Colony**

Son of [Roelof Martense Schenck](#) and [Neeltje Gerrits \(van Couwenhoven\) Schenck](#)

ANCESTORS

Brother of [Marten Roelofse Schenck](#), [Annetje Roelofse Schenck](#), [Jannetje Roelofse Schenck](#), [Marike Roelofse Schenck](#), [Gerrit Roelofse Schenck](#), [Margrietie \(Schenck\) Couwenhoven](#) [half], [Neeltje Roelofse Schenck](#) [half], [Jonica Schenck](#) [half], [Mayke Schenck](#) [half], [Sara Roelofse Schenck](#) [half] and [Williampe Schenck](#) [half]

Husband of [Saartje Willemse Kowenhoven](#) — married 1 Oct 1692 in Long Island City, Queens, New York

Father of [Sarah Jansen Schenck](#), [Roelof Schenck](#), [Sarah Janse Schenck](#), [Altje \(Schenck\) Van Doren](#), [Rachel Janse \(Schenck\) Van Cleave](#), [Annetje Janse \(Schenck\) Van Dooren](#), [Jannetje Gerritje Albertse Van Kouwenhoven](#), [Maria Janse Schenck](#), [Pieter Jansen Schenck](#), [Leah Janse \(Schenck\) Covenhoven](#), [William Schenck](#) and [Jan Janse Schenck](#)

DESCENDANTS

Died **30 Jan 1753** at age 82 in **Holmdel, Pleasant Valley, Monmouth County, Province of New Jersey**

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## Biography

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Jan Roelofse Schenck was born on February 10, 1670, in Kings, New York, son of [Roelof Martense Schenck](#) and [Neeltje Van Couwenhoven](#). He married [Sara Willemse Kouwenhoven](#) on October 1, 1692, in Queens, New York. They had 18 children in 30 years. He died on January 30, 1753, in Pleasant Valley, New Jersey, having lived a long life of 82 years, and was buried in Holmdel, New Jersey.

## Birth

- Jan Roelofse Schenck was born on February 10, 1670, in Kings, New York, to Neeltje Gerretse Van Couwenhoven, age 28, and Roelof Martense Schenck, age 50. <sup>[1][2][3][4][5]</sup>

## Baptism

- Jan was baptized 1 March 1670 in Flatlands,, Long Island, New York Province.

## Marriage

- Jan married Sara Willemse VanKouwenhoven at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, Flatlands, New York, on October 1, 1692, when he was 22 years old. <sup>[1][2][3][4][5]</sup>

## Oath of Allegiance

- Jan took the Oath of Allegiance to England in 1667 in Flatlands, Long Island, New York Province. <sup>[1][2]</sup>

## Will

- Jan had a will dated 7 September 1746, which was proved on 3June 1753. <sup>[6][2]</sup>
- The will of Jan or John Schenck was executed on September 7 or 11, 1746 at Monmouth County, New Jersey, and proved on June 3, 1753 or 1755 at Monmouth County, New Jersey. Jan Schenck's will is on record in the office of the Secretary of state at Trenton, New Jersey in book F of wills. (#2099-2102 M)

"The seventh day of September in the twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God over Great Britain King, etc. Anno Domni one thousand seven hundred and forty-six [September 7, 1746], I, John Schenck, Sen[ior] of Middletown in the County of Monmouth and Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey, yeoman, being In health of body and of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks he given to God: therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. That is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave It and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God: and as touching these wordly things and Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, Devise and Dispose of the same in manner and form following. Viz: Imprimis I Will and positively Order that alt my Debts and Funeral charges be paid and fully discharged in convenient time after my Decease by my executors hereafter mentioned.

Item: I give and bequeath to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife (and hereby order that she shall have) the full and sole use and possession and benefit of all and singular my Estate Real and Personal after my decease of what nature or kind so ever or where so ever the same may be found to be belonging to me, by any way or means whatever the use



### [Will of Jan Schenck \(1670-1753\)](#)



[VanKouwenhoven ? Couwenhoven ? Van Couwenhoven ? Covenhoven ?](#) Mar 1, 2014.

benefits and profits thereof, and every part and parcel thereof to be received by and belong unto her for and during her natural life. That is to say for the support of herself and maintenance of my loving son John Schenck, so long as my above said wife's natural life shall continue.

Item: I give, bequeath and Devise unto my aforesaid son, John Schenck, after the decease of my aforesaid loving wife, Sarah Schenck, all and singular my Lands and Tenements, meadows and Rights to Lands and meadows that I shall die possessed of or that shall by any way or means belong unto me at the time of my decease; the same immediately after the decease of my aforesaid wife, to be received held possessed and enjoyed by my said son, John Schenck, his heirs and assigns forever, to his and their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever.

He [John Schenck] performing, fulfilling and paying what is hereinafter by me appointed for him to pay and discharge as legacies to his brothers and sisters as follows: Viz It is my will and desire and I do hereby order that my said son, John Schenck, shall pay unto my two [other] sons, Roelof and Peter, and their seven sisters In equal portions the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds current money of the Province aforesaid at eight shillings the ounce; the one half in two years and the other half in five years after the Decease of the longest liver be it either me or my wife; that is twenty-five pounds to each of my said nine children at two years and twenty-five pounds more to each of them at the end of five years after the decease of the longest liver of us two; that is me and my wife.

I do further order and it is my will and desire that the fifty pounds that falls to my daughter Sarah be equally divided between my said Daughter Sarah and all her children, as well as those she had by Johannes Voorhees, as those she had by Hendrick Voorhees; also In case of the Death of either of my two sons or seven daughters or that one or more of them should die before they have received their part of the said sum of four hundred and fifty pounds, then my will and desire is and I do hereby strictly charge and order that the share or part thereof that should be paid to such so Dying shall be by my said Son John paid to the Heirs of their Body or Bodies them surviving; also it is my will and desire that after the decease of the longest liver of us two that my said son John shall have his outfit of my movable Estate in quantity and quality equal with his Brothers and Sisters as they had of me when they left me, and if any of my movable Estate be then left, I will and devise it may be equally divided between all my children.

And in case my said Son John Dies before he is seized and possessed of the said Estate In fee simple, then I give and bequeath the same to my two Sons and seven daughters, Viz: that the whole Estate given as above said to my said Son John shall be sold to the highest bidder amongst my children, and the money thence arising shall be equally Divided amongst my two Sons and seven daughters in the same manner as the aforesaid four hundred and fifty pounds is to be Divided in every respect whatever.

But it is my Will and Desire anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding that my said Son John at the time of his Decease have issue of his Body, lawfully begotten altho it be before he is in actual possession; that if his Ex. shall perform in every particular what is herein by me ordered; that then the whole Estate given to him as aforesaid shall be and remain to his lawful Heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I Give and bequeath unto my Son. Roelof Schenck, the sum of Ten pounds money at eight shillings to the ounce with interest, to Barr him of further Claims to my Estate or part thereof either Real or Personal as Heir-at-Law or otherwise (except what is herein before given and bequeathed to him) the sum often pounds to be paid to him by my Executors In convenient time after my Decease.

And lastly I do hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Sarah Schenck, and my loving Son, Roelof Schenck, Executrix and Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby utterly disallowing, revoking and disannulling all and every other former Testament, wills, Legacies and Bequests and Executors by In any wise before named willed and bequeathed. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have here unto Set my Hand and Seal, this day and year above written.

JAN SCHENCK

This Will contained in two half side sheet of paper, the one of forty-seven lines, the other of forty-one lines without any alterations or interlinations was signed, sealed and pronounced by the said Jan Schenck. to be his last Will and Testament in Presence of Roelof Couvenhoven, Garret Schenck, Tho[mas] Craven."

## Death

- Jan died on January 30, 1753, in Pleasant Valley, New Jersey, when he was 82 years old. <sup>[1][2][3][5]</sup>

## Burial

- Jan is buried in Holmdel Cemetery in Holmdel, Monmouth, New Jersey. <sup>[6]</sup>

## Church Records

- Children's baptisms
  1. 1705 May 29 Aaltje; parents: Jan Schenk, Sara. Wit.: Jan Couwenhove, Coba, his wife. <sup>[7]</sup>
  2. 1710 Mar 05 Rachel; parents: Jan Schenk, Sara Kowenoven; no witnesses recorded. <sup>[8]</sup>
  3. 1712 Sep 07 Maria; parents: Jan Schenk, Sara Kowenhoven; witnesses Albert Kouenhoven, Nelke Schenk, his wife. <sup>[8]</sup>

## Children

- Jan and Sarah had the following issue:
  1. Roelof, b. February 21, 1692, d. January 19, 1766; married Gessie, dau of Capt. Daniel Hendrickson.
  2. Sarah, b. 1696, m. 1st, May 15, 1721, Johannes Voorhees, m. 2d, Hendrick Voorhees.
  3. Jannetje (1699 - ??)
  4. Ann (Altje), bap May 25. d. 1701, d. 1801; m. Chrystjan Van Dooren.
  5. Rachel, b. February 19, 1709
  6. Catherine
  7. Peter, b. 1712, d. 1816; m, 1st, Jannetje Van Nostrand, m. 2d. Jannetje Hendrickson'
  8. Marytje (Maria), b. August 8, 1712, d. October 31. 1756; m. Jacob VanDooren
  9. Leah b. Dec 24th, 1714, d. March 14. 1769; m. Dec 17, 1735, Peter Couwenhoven
  10. William, bap April 13, 1718. d. 1718.
  11. Jannetje, bap April 12, 1719, married Bertiardus Verbryke
  12. John, b. June 27, 1722, d. Dec 24, 1808; m. June 28, 1750, Nellie Bennett; .

## Research Notes

- February 10, 1670 -- Jan Schenck was born at New Amersfoort, Flatlands,

Brooklyn, Kings County, Long Island, New York, a son of Roelof Schenck and Neetje van Couwenhoven. <sup>[9]</sup>

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