

**Descendants of  
John George Achenbach and Anna (Van Buskirk) Achenbach  
of Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey  
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This is a study of the Achenbach family who settled in the northern part of Bergen County, New Jersey in a valley formed by the Saddle River. John George Achenbach was of German ancestry, and his wife Antye's father's family the Van Buskirks (Van Boskirks), originally from Holstein had been in this country since 1658, being one of the first families to settle in the northern Saddle River Valley. Her mother Eva Wannemaker was a descendant of 1710 Palatine immigrants. They lived in an area of northern Bergen County near the New York state line where the majority of their neighbors were descendants of Dutch ancestors, who had immigrated to New Amsterdam and from there to New Jersey in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Even those neighbors who had not come from Dutch ancestry soon blended into the community where the Dutch Reformed religion predominated and the majority continued to speak Dutch in their homes and churches well into the nineteenth century, though in a somewhat altered version which came to be known as "Jersey Dutch."

This study will show how this family also came to blend into the the Jersey-Dutch community, marrying their neighbors, and adopting their language and customs, yet still retaining their desire to retain their own identity and religion, and so founded a Lutheran Church in Saddle River in 1821. It will also show how in the the Nineteenth Century, they like their neighbors began to adopt the English language, Antye became known as Ann, Geertje - Charity, Hendrick - Henry, and Eva became Effy and then adopted the even more sophisticated, and stylish name of Euphemia. It will demonstrate how the father's provided farms for their sons, and "outsets" for their daughters, and how the children cared for the elderly, with often three or four generation living in the same house. While most of the first two generations were farmers, who remained in the Saddle River valley, by the third and fourth generation they began to diversify and move beyond their native valley, becoming or marrying shoemakers, millers, carpenters, and bankers. They lived simple lives, none became great leaders or participated in any armed conflicts. They were content to raise their families, in the Christian tradition, obeying the commandment to go forth and multiply. John George Achenbach and Ann had twelve children, nine of whom reached their majority, at least twenty grandchildren, and more than fifty great grandchildren, one of whom, Rachel Catherine (Achenbach) Voorhis, was my husband Leigh Hopper's great-great-great grandmother.

The descendants of John George and Antye (Van Buskirk) Achenbach had their roots in the Saddle River Valley, for many generations even those who had moved away, returned to the valley to be buried in the Lutheran Churchyard of their ancestors. The family homestead, part of which is believed to have been built before the Revolution, stood for over two hundred and thirty year at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road in Saddle River - a symbol of this family's roots. Several generations of the Achenbachs were born and died in the the house which the original Achenbachs had built. The sand stone Dutch Colonial, though added onto over the years, was well known in the area, and listed on both the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Sites. Sadly in the early morning hours on 19 March 2004, during a freezing winter storm, the majority of the house was destroyed by fire. Fortunately one room survived, the oldest Pre-Revolutionary section of the home, and it is being preserved, though the house will not be rebuilt. This study is dedicated to the Achenbach House and the family who are its heritage.

The research on this family was made more complicated by the changing political boundaries, for example in the two hundred and thirty plus years of the homestead, it was located first in the Townships of New Barbadoes, then Harrington, then Washington, then Orvil, and finally in the Borough of Saddle River. Also the Saddle River itself was the political - though definitely not social boundary - so that siblings living on opposite sides of the river were in two different townships. Another difficulty was that vital records though required by New Jersey since May 1st, 1848, were very sporadically kept, and while a record might be found for someone who died in 1864, there may be none for someone who died in 1892. I personally visited both of the Saddle River cemeteries, however most of the gravestones are so old that they are no longer readable, fortunately three earlier transcriptions of the markers (the first in 1911) have been made and were compared to each other and my observations. I also had a huge advantage as I live several miles from the Saddle River Valley and have been collecting information on the family for many years.

## ----- First Generation -----

**1. JOHN GEORGE<sup>1</sup> ACHENBACH** was born on 23 January 1739.<sup>[1]</sup> According to family tradition he was born in Germany,<sup>[2][3]</sup> though the records of his two children who were still living when the 1870 census was taken did not indicate that their father was foreign born.<sup>[4]</sup> He is presumed to have died in his homestead at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road, Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey,\* on 6 August 1802, aged 63 years, 6 months, 14 days,” and is buried in the Van Buskirk Family Burial Ground in Saddle River.<sup>[5][6]</sup> On 24 March 1763, recorded in Dutch in the family record as “*In t jaar Anno 1763 zen 24 Dag Marth in Den Egten Staat getreden,*” [In the year 1763 the 24th day of March stepped into The Married State], he married **ANTYE “ANN” VAN BUSKIRK (BOSKIRK)**,<sup>[7]</sup> the daughter of Lawrence Thomsen and Eva (Wannemaker) Van Boskirk. She was born likely in Bergen County on 27 February 1748, according to the family record and her gravestone, though her baptismal record gave 22 February as the date of her birth. She was baptized, according to the New York Lutheran Church records, in March 1748, as “Antje, daughter of Laurens Thoomsen v. Boskerk and Eva.” witnessed by Diederich Wannemaker and Antje, and in their place Lucas van Hoorn and Jannie Smith.”<sup>[8]</sup> She died presumably in the homestead, on 11 February 1801,<sup>[9]</sup> and is buried with her husband <sup>[10]</sup>

John George Achenbach, was usually referred to as George, as it was common among German people in those days, to be known by their second given name and not by their first name which was a saint’s name, and often the same first name was given to several siblings.<sup>[11]</sup> On three of his children's' grave markers (1793) he was John

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**\*Unless otherwise noted, all localities are in Bergen County, New Jersey.**

**All U.S. census population schedules were viewed as digital images by subscription, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed from August 2005 to May 2006.**

<sup>1</sup> “Achenbach Family Record,” written in Dutch, probably copied from a family Bible. The record written on a very old and yellowed piece of paper contains the names and birth dates of George and Antye Achenbach and their twelve children, and the marriage date for George and Antye. The record was passed down through the Esler-Inskeep family and a copy was made in 1977 and given to the compiler. The same information, with a few additional death dates was submitted in English, to the pension file of Peter Van Buskirk See note 9.

<sup>2</sup> James M. Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey* (New York: New Jersey Publishing and Engraving Co., 1900). “Upper and Lower Saddle River Boroughs” by John G. Esler, 228.

<sup>3</sup> Alfred P. Smith, *The Landscape*, Saddle River, New Jersey, (May 1887), 3.

<sup>4</sup> 1870 U.S. censuses, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Saddle River post office, p. 20 (penned) p. 556, (stamped), dwelling 3, family 3, Thomas Achenbach and Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 47 (penned), pp. 389 (stamped), dwelling 341, family 381. Rachel Esler; both National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>5</sup> John Neafie, “Bergen County Gravestone Inscriptions; Van Buskirk Burial Ground, Lower Saddle River, Bergen Co., N. J. (adjoining the property of H. P. Kern) Copied May 21, 1911. Verified Nov 10, 1912. “Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, New Series 2: (Newark, N. J. Historical Society 1917), 164, gravestone #24. Birth and death date and age at death on English gravestone of George Achenbach.

<sup>6</sup> [Anonymous], “Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground Near Saddle River,” *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*, volume 24, no. 3, (July 1949) 65 “This cemetery lies on the east side of the Saddle River between the river and the highway, a short distance south of the Borough of Saddle River, in Washington Township,” Incorrect the burial ground is located behind a home at 45 East Saddle River Road, in Saddle River, not Washington Township.

<sup>7</sup> “Achenbach Family Record.”

<sup>8</sup> [Anonymous], “Baptisms in the Lutheran Church, New York City from 1725,” *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 100 (January 1969): 66. 1748 baptism #8. No date or place of baptism given only born 22 February 1748; located between #7 baptized 11 March 1748 in *N. York*; and #9 baptized 13 March 1748 in our church at Hakkinsack [sic]. “Achenbach Family Record” and gravestone (see note 10) have born 27 February 1748. Her surname was v. [Van] Boskerk at her baptism, but Van Buskirk on her gravestone. Her mother’s surname was Wannemaker from her parents marriage. See page 5 and note 40.

<sup>9</sup> Peter Van Buskirk file, no. S11613/BLWT33757-160-55, *Pension Claim Soldier Revolutionary and War of 1812*, Envelope #2 pages 14 and 15; *HeritageQuest Online* - Revolutionary War Image, digital images by subscription, Heritage Quest. (<http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/revwar/results/image?urn=urn:proq>. accessed 25 January 2006); National Archives microfilm M805, roll 820.

<sup>10</sup> Neafie, “Van Buskirk Burial Ground” #25. Ann Van Buskirk wife of George Achenbach gravestone. Her age at death from the pension file of Peter Van Buskirk cited above was 53 years 11 months and 16 days, and from her gravestone 52 years 11 months and 12 days. Given her birth and death dates - 52 years - 11 months and 15 or 16 days (depending if you count the day she died) would be correct.

<sup>11</sup> S. Chris Anderson and Ernest Thode, *A Genealogist Guide to Discovering Your German Ancestors* (Cincinnati: Bellway Books, 2000), 16.

George Achenbach,<sup>12</sup> in the Ramapo Lutheran Church records from (1770-1774) he was Hans Georg Achenbach,<sup>13</sup> and in tax records (where his surname was spelled eleven different ways) he was Hanjurie, Janjurie, Juie, Jorge, Hanye, and Uirje (1779-1786), but George from 1789-1797.<sup>14</sup> In the family record, written by him, his will and inventory, and on other legal documents signed and witnessed by him he was George Achenbach.<sup>15</sup> His daughter Rachel (Achenbach) Esler's death record in Trenton gave her parents as John and Anna Achenbach.<sup>16</sup> The most accepted spelling of the surname and the one used by twentieth century descendants is Achenbach. However in eighteen and nineteenth century records the name is found as: Achenback, Aghenbach, Aggenbach, Ackenback, and even Hackerbac, Hackenbas, Hacenbac, Hacanbos, Hackembock, and Hackenbac.<sup>17</sup> The last record of the name spelled with the initial letter H was in the 1830 and 1840 censuses where his sons and grandson were enumerated as Hackenback.<sup>18</sup> The earlier spellings with the initial letter H, was probably how the name sounded to the local residents with the hard German pronunciation of Ach which sounded to the enumerators like Hac or Hag. In all legal document signed by George or any of his sons the surname was always spelled Achenbach.<sup>19</sup>

There are two conflicting versions as to the origins of the Achenbach family. The first appears in a May 1887 issue of *The Landscape*, a tiny local newspaper, of only four pages, published monthly, by Alfred P. Smith, a crippled man, who lived in Saddle River, very near the Achenbach homestead. "The first of the name in this part of the country we are informed came from Dusseldorf, settling at Chestnut Ridge some time during the last century. He was the possessor of a good collection of books and specimens of his handwriting show that he was a man of excellent education."<sup>20</sup>

Another account of the immigrant Achenbach appears in *The History of Bergen County*, published in 1900, in the section of the book entitled, "Upper and Lower Saddle River Boroughs," written by George Achenbach's great grandson John G. Esler. "John George Achenbach located on the Eastern hill [Chestnut Ridge], overlooking the Valley [Saddle River]. He was a German shepherd boy who ran away with his employer's daughter, and the eloping pair never communicated their whereabouts to their relatives in the Fatherland."<sup>21</sup> This version was referred to also by Rosalie Fellows Bailey in her book *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York*, which stated: "Hans George Achenbach emigrated from Saxony and settled on Zabriskie's New Paramus patent, locating on the eastern hill overlooking the Saddle River valley. Romance is connected with his name, for tradition states that he was a shepherd boy who eloped with his employer's daughter, and was therefore compelled to leave Germany."<sup>22</sup>

There seems to be little to support the German shepherd boy legend, and more for the account that said he was well educated, as from his inventory and will he owned books in English, Low Dutch [Dutch] and High Dutch [German].<sup>23</sup> His handwriting may have referred to a family record of the births and deaths in the family kept by

<sup>12</sup> Neafie, "Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground," 65.

<sup>13</sup> Smith, Alfred P, translator (1891), with corrections by William Nelson (1894), recopied by Sterling Potter (1902), *Ramapo Lutheran Church Records 1750-1817*, (New York: Holland Society of New York, 1902) 23,34,35, Family History Microfilm US/Can #1019520, titled *Church Book of Ramapo Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mahwah, Family History Library Salt Lake City Utah*.

<sup>14</sup> [Anonymous], *Bergen County New Jersey Taxpayers 1777-1797* (Miami Beach, Florida: T.L.C. Genealogy, ca. 1990), 176.

<sup>15</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. George Achenbach Mortgage (1773) Bergen County Mortgage Book A: 119, Bergen County Clerk's Office, Hackensack. Elmer T. Hutchinson, editor, *New Jersey Archives, Documents Relating to the Colonial, Revolutionary and Post-Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey*; First Series, 42. volumes, "Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Administrations, Etc. Volume VIII 1791-1795," (Jersey City, New Jersey, Scott Printing Co., 1942), 37: 367. George and Antye Achenbach witnessed will of Abraham Van Buskirk on 6 March 1794.

<sup>16</sup> Rachel Esler death record, AQ-24, line 20, (1 May 1870-30 April 1871), Register of Deaths Township of Hohokus, Bergen County, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

<sup>17</sup> *Bergen County New Jersey Taxpayers 1777-1797*, 176.

<sup>18</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Harrington, p. 38, line 26 Thomas Hackenback, line 27 Lawrence Hackenback, line 28, Rynard Hackenback; National Archives microfilm M19, roll 79. 1840 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Washington, p. 83, line 24 Lawrence Hackenback, line 25, Thomas Hackenback, line 28 John Hackenback; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 247.

<sup>19</sup> Bergen County Mortgage Book A: 119, Bergen County Clerk's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>20</sup> Smith, The Landscape, (May 1887), 3.

<sup>21</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 228.

<sup>22</sup> Rosalie Fellows Bailey, *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York* (1936, reprint New York: Dover Publication Inc. 1968), 269 and plate 70.

<sup>23</sup> George Achenbach inventory (1802), Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 175, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

George. Their are two copies of the information, though the location of the original (most likely the Dutch Bible, mentioned in his will) is not known.<sup>1241</sup> The "Achenbach Family Record" is a sheet of very old paper, written in Dutch, which descended through his youngest child Rachel (Achenbach) Esler's family containing the birth dates of George, his wife and children, and George and Antye's marriage date. The original most certainly was written by George, as it refers to as it refers to "Myn Sohn" [My Son] and "Myn togter" [My Daughter]. However this list is a copy, as all entries are in the same handwriting and seem to have been made at the same time. The same information found on the Dutch copy of the family record was included in the pension file of Peter Van Buskirk - these records were in English and included the dates of their four children who died before George and Antye. Antye's death was recorded as, "My dear wife Antye, the mother of all, died February 11, 1801, her age was 53 years 11 months and 16 days." George died the following year, and as his death was not recorded, he was assuredly the writer of the original record.<sup>1251</sup>

Mrs. Inskeep, a descendant of George's daughter Rachel Esler, believed he was the "first school teacher in Saddle River, most probably because he had a large personal library. His handwriting was extremely good so he was given the task of writing most, if not all, local deeds, wills, and other legal papers."<sup>1261</sup> There is evidence of his handwriting, and the fact that he owned books in three languages is confirmed by his inventory.<sup>1271</sup> However, there is no evidence that he was ever a teacher, which seems unlikely as at least three of his children at one time signed legal documents with their marks,<sup>1281</sup> surely a teacher would have taught his own children to read and write. His grandson George A. Achenbach (#19) was a school teacher early in his career which may have lead to this assumption.

When George married Antye Van Buskirk he was 24 years old, and she was definitely born in this country, and it very doubtful he was the young widower of his employer's daughter. As mentioned, he may even have been born in this country, the son of German immigrants, as in the 1870 census, his two surviving children Thomas Achenbach and Rachel (Achenbach) Esler's, census records did not indicated their father was foreign born.<sup>1291</sup> As a matter of record, George was not the only Achenbach to have lived in the Saddle River valley in colonial times. Records show that, Rinehart Achenbach was there as early as 1757. Two leases exist one written in 1752 for 306 acres, "laying at a place called Boks Swamp near Paskeck [Pascack] in the County of Bergen, adjoining [sic] to the North side a tract called Werimus [land east of the Saddle River],"<sup>1301</sup> which is endorsed on the back dated 17 March 1757, "isaac [??] (unreadable) assigns all right to Rinehart Hagebagh for 100 acres, and March 21 1760, Jurie Hagaback 10 shillings for 1 year rent 100 acres."<sup>1311</sup> In the Minutes of the East Jersey Proprietors, reference is made to a meeting held 19 August 1763 at which time 123 leases were executed with tenants at "Ramapock" [Ramapo - large area west of Saddle River, later Mahwah area], among them, Lot No. 122 containing 306 acres by a lease dated 9 August 1763 to Lawrence Buskirk, Rydert Achenbach, Abraham Vanderbeek and Adam Snyder at a yearly rent of 60 shillings, the first payment due March 28 1764.<sup>1321</sup>

<sup>24</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B.

<sup>25</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." Peter Van Buskirk pension file, no. S11613/BLWT33757-160-55, NARA microfilm M05 roll 820. After the entry for Antye's death a line was drawn and the death dates of Ann (Achenbach) Cole, and Jane Achenbach were added.

<sup>26</sup> *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey*, (No place: Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Bergen County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs, Bergen County Historic Sites Advisory Board, 1982-1983), Saddle River, No. 0258-3 "Achenbach House." This survey contained a copy of the application for National Historic Site nomination which contained Mr. Inskeep's information which was undoubtedly the source, though not cited, of the story in the 1996 history of Saddle River. Van Benschoten, Sandra G. *The History of Saddle River* (No place: Borough of Saddle River, 1996), 6, 7. Also Helen and Mark Inskeep researchers. C. K. Tholl, artist, "Early Days of Upper Saddle River Map,;" (No place: privately printed, 1964). Depicts Achenbach house and states "He was the first school teacher."

<sup>27</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B, George Achenbach inventory Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 175.

<sup>28</sup> *ibid.* Lawrence sign with his mark in probating the will and making inventory. Bergen County Deeds, Esler-Esler (1849) Q4:382. and R4:349 Bergen County Clerk's Office, Hackensack, New Jersey. In both deeds Rachel (Achenbach) Esler signed as a grantor, with her mark. Achenbach-Achenbach (1803 - recorded 1909) 714: 81, Jane Achenbach signed as a witness with her mark.

<sup>29</sup> 1870 U.S. censuses, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Washington, Saddle River post office, p. 20 (penned), dwelling 3, family 3, Thomas Achenbach and Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 47 (penned), dwelling 341, family 381. Rachel Esler:

<sup>30</sup> Patricia Webb Wardell, "A Dictionary of Bergen County Place Names," (unpublished manuscript, December 2001), 124-125, private collection of Maria Pratt Hopper, used by permission of author.

<sup>31</sup> Reginald McMahon, "Werimus," *Bergen County Historical Society 1974 Annual*, (River Edge, New Jersey: Bergen County Historical Society, 1974): 39-40, 50 (map) Cites *Budke Miscellaneous Collection*, vol. 80, New York Public Library, which contained the 1752 lease. A transcript of the lease was given to Maria Hopper in 1979 by the late Howard I. Durie.

<sup>32</sup> Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, *Minutes of the Eastern Division of New Jersey 1685-1794*, 4 volumes (Perth Amboy, New Jersey: Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, 1949), 3: 403. Wardell, "A Dictionary of Bergen County Place Names," 93-94.

As Jurie [i.e. George] was just 18 in 1757, it assumed that he was younger than Rinehart (Rydert). It was traditional in the Jersey Dutch community in which they lived for a couple to name their first two male children after their grandfathers and their first two female children after their grandmothers. George and Antye named their second son Laurens and second daughter Eva after Antye's parents, so it is very likely their first son Rynart and first daughter Eliesabeth, were named for his parents.<sup>[33]</sup> There is no further record for Rinehart (Rydert), after the 1763 lease, but there is a gravestone, in the Van Buskirk Burial Ground, part of which is broken of which reads, "[----]. AVG./ IST :I :H :E :S :F: /R.H.A.B." The recording of this gravestone in the *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* stated this was in German, not Dutch as many of the others in this cemetery are, and stands for [----] *August ist in Herren entschlefen R. H. Achenbach* or [----] August here rest the gentleman R. H. Achenbach. It is suggested that R. H. may have been for Reinhard.<sup>[34]</sup> The oldest gravestone in the burial ground is located next to this one and reads "1769 den 4 October L.B.A. BACH," could stand for Lisbeth Achenbach. There are also several unidentified fragments of grave markers.<sup>[35]</sup> Perhaps if there is any truth to the shepherd boy folklore, it refers to George's parents, quite possibly Rinehart and Elisabeth (\_\_\_?\_\_) Achenbach.

There was a third Achenbach, Hanpeter, Jan (John) Peter, or Peter, who is listed next to Jurie (George) in the index of the earliest available tax assessments of Harrington Township 1777-1797. From 1779 to 1786, they are listed next to one another as: Hanpeter and Hanyurie (?) Hagchenbag (1779), Hanpeter and Janjuri Hagenbac (1780), Peter and Jurie Haaggebag (1782), Peter and Jorge Haggebag (1784), Peter and Hanye Haggeb (1785) and Peter and Uirje (?) Haenbac (?) (1786).<sup>[36]</sup> A sampling of those records shows that in 1779, Hanyurie [i.e. John George] was assessed for 80 acres of improved land, 2 horses, 4 horned cattle, and 2 hogs, valued at £43.10 - amount of rated £25.00. The assessment for Hanpeter [i.e. John Peter] was for 50 improved acres, 1 horse, 4 horned cattle and 2 hogs, valued at £20.5 - amount of rated £16.00, both were listed as householder [tenants], 1784 and 1786 were similar. It is unlikely Peter was George's father as George did not name a son Hans Peter or Peter, though he did name his third son Johannes (John). Also Peter owned less land than George so he may have been a younger relative of George's perhaps a brother, as brothers often had the same first name. Whoever Han Peter was his 1786 assessment is the last record found for him. George is the only one recorded from 1789-1797, but again he is recorded with his name spelled six different ways - Hackerbac, Hackenbas, Hacenbac, Hacanbos, Hackembock, and Hackenbac. In 1797 George Hakenbac was assessed for 103 acres, 3 horses and 5 cows, valued at £41.<sup>[37]</sup>

A search of all existing indexes to passenger list from Germany, and Palatine immigrant records has been made, but no information has yet been found on when or from where George, Rhinehart/Rynart or Peter Achenbach emigrated. A Johan Achenbach and a Johan Jacob Achenbach, are on a list of "Heads of Households of the 1709/10 Palatine Who Went from Germany through the Port of Rotterdam to London," but their final destination is unknown.<sup>[38]</sup> Whether George was the immigrant or the son of the immigrants the family was definitely of German origin. His wife Antye was the daughter of Laurens Thomsen Van Buskirk, the son of Thomas Laurens Van Buskirk and Margarrietje Bricker, and great-granddaughter of "*Laúrens Andries*," who from his marriage banns to *Jannetje Jans* on 12 December 1658 in New Amsterdam, was "*Úýt Holsteýn*," out of or emigrated from Holstein (Denmark on the border of Germany, and later Germany).<sup>[39]</sup> Antye's mother listed only as Eva at her baptism, was Eva Wannemaker, her father's second wife, according to the New York Church Records, where on "1747, Apr. 5. with banns at Remmerpoch [Ramapo] "Laurens Thoomsen Van Boskerk, widower, married Eva Wannemaker, Y.D. [young daughter i.e. unmarried woman]."<sup>[40]</sup> Eva was the daughter of 1710 Palatine immigrants from Darmstadt Germany, Johann

<sup>33</sup> "Achenbach Family Record."

<sup>34</sup> Neafie "Van Buskirk Burial Ground,"164, #12. and "Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground,"66.

<sup>35</sup> *ibid.* #11, Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground,"66.

<sup>36</sup> *Bergen County New Jersey Taxpayers 1777-1797*, 176.

<sup>37</sup> *New Jersey Tax Ratables Books 1-126 Reel 2 Bergen County (Bergen Township - Pompton Township)*, New Jersey State Archives Microfilm. "Harrington Township "(1779) page 8, (1780) page 7, (1782) unpagged 6th page, (1797) page 7.

<sup>38</sup> Gale Research. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 1500-1900s database* Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 1 May 2006) (*Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2005*). Original data: Filby, P. William ed. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index 1500-1900s*, (Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Research, 2003). citing Breitbard, Gail. "Heads of Households of the 1709/10 Palatine Who Went from Germany through the Port of Rotterdam to London," *The Lost Palatine*, no. 10 (1983), 7. Hank Z. Jones, Jr., *The Palatine Families of New York*, 2 volumes (Camden, Maine: Pickton Press, 1985). Letter from Hank Z. Jones, Jr. to Maria J. Hopper, 17 June 1999.

<sup>39</sup> [Anonymous] *Collection of the New-York Genealogical and Biographical Society vol. 1; Marriages from 1639-1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York* (New York: printed by the Society, 1890), 23.

<sup>40</sup> Banta, Theodore M., editor, *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York 1903*, "Some Early Records of the Lutheran Church, New York," (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1903), 23.

Dietrich. Wannamacher and his wife Anna Kunigunda Kornman.<sup>141</sup> She was probably born in the Ramapo [now Mahwah] in Bergen County; Eva and her twin brother Jan Adam, (notice again the use of John or Jan in Dutch, as the first name for a German male), were baptized at the Hackensack Reformed Dutch Church on 20 November 1719. Parents names recorded as Titus Wannemaker and Annek Korman, and witnessed by Hannes Miller, Jacob Heel, Catrina Strýdt, and Anna Maria Heyl.<sup>142</sup>

Antye (Van Boskirk) Achenbach, as her mother's first daughter, was no doubt named for her grandmother Anna Kunigunda (Korman) Wannamacher [Wannemaker], as the intended witnesses to her baptism were "Diederich Wannemaker and Antje, [her grandparents] and in their place Lucas van Hoorn and Jannie Smith."<sup>143</sup> From the will of her father "Laurens vanboskerk (signed Laurnes van boskerk), of Bergen County, yeoman," dated 20 November 1773, and probated on 22 February 1774, in Perth Amboy, Province of East Jersey. Laurens left his daughter Antye" £20, as he did her sisters (her mother Eva received £40), her brothers were to divide the land. Her mother and two sisters also each received 2 sheep and 2 cows. [This may have been an outset and Antje would have received a similar two cows and two sheep when she married.<sup>144</sup> Her parents lived at 116 East Saddle River Road, he too was buried at the Van Buskirk Burial Ground. gravestone reads "Den. 22:D:Dec/ Anno 1773 I. DHO: SB/ L T: V: B :K," from other gravestones in the cemetery DHO: SB would be "den heer ont. slapen" [The 22nd day of December 1773, here rests the gentleman Laurens Thomsen Van Boskirk.] There was no similar stone found for his wife, Eve (Wannamaker) Van Boskirk.<sup>145</sup>

From the inventory of his estate George owned books in English, "High Dutch" and "Low Dutch" that is books written in German and in Dutch. Antye could apparently read and write as well, or at least sign her name, as they both signed as the witness to the will of Abraham Van Buskirk on 6 March 1794.<sup>146</sup> George, his wife Antye or Ann, and five of their children are buried in the Van Buskirk Burial Ground in Saddle River. Five of them, buried from 1793-1802, have two gravestones the older in Dutch and the newer one in English, and the family record of births was written in Dutch, so the family, like most of their neighbors spoke Dutch in the eighteenth and early nineteenth century. At some point in time, prior to 21 May 1911 when the first copy of the cemetery gravestones was made,<sup>147</sup> it was important to the family that they replace the old Dutch stones with newer English ones, perhaps because the old ones were deteriorating, and/or because the younger generations could no longer understand the old Dutch inscriptions.

The original one room western wing of the sandstone homestead, and the only part still standing after the 2004 fire, was believed to have been built about the time or prior to the Revolution, and according to family tradition it was built in 1764, the year after their marriage.<sup>148</sup> If so then the house was built on land that George leased, rather than owned a common occurrence at the time. A copy of an interesting document was found in the earliest mortgage book of Bergen County, it is an abstract of a chattel mortgage - in which George Achenbach borrowed £100 pounds from Lawrence T. Van Boskirk. In order to do so, he put up all his possessions as collateral. It seems odd that the document was created at all considering he was only borrowing the money for 15 days, from his father-in-law! Nevertheless, it does give a picture of the extent of his holding in 1773, and as no real property is mentioned, it is likely he was not a land owner at the time.

Abstract of a bill of Sale (as a mortgage) dated seventeenth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, from George Achenbagh of Township of New Barbadoes, County of Bergen to Lowrence T. Van Boskerk of same place in consideration of £100 current money of the State of New York, bargain and sell to the said Lowrence T. Van Boskerk one brown Mare, one black hors [sic], one cow, one heifer, two hogs and Iron Pot, six pewter plates, and all the remainder of his creatures, his household furniture, and all his farmer's utensils and all the remainder of his Goods and estates wherever and whereso ever the same shall be found,

<sup>41</sup> Jones., *The Palatine Families of New York*, 2: 1061-1062.

<sup>42</sup> [Anonymous] *Collections of the Holland Society of New York Volume 1, Part 1 and Part 2; "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, New Jersey,"* (New York, Holland Society of New York, 1891), Schraalenburgh, Part 2, 122.

<sup>43</sup> "Baptisms in the Lutheran Church, New York City from 1725,"100: 66. Baptism #8 Antye v. Boskerk baptism.

<sup>44</sup> Lawrence Vanboskerk Will (1774), New Jersey Will 1085B, New Jersey Archives, Trenton.

<sup>45</sup> Neafie, Van Buskirk Burial Ground, 166, #52.

<sup>46</sup> Hutchinson, *New Jersey Archives First Series*, 37:367.

<sup>47</sup> Neafie, Van Buskirk Burial Ground, 164-166.

<sup>48</sup> Bailey, *Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses*, 269 - photo plate 70. *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Saddle River*, No. 0258-3 "Achenbach House."

Provided if I George Ackenback pay to the said Lowrence T. Van boskerk the said one hundred pounds on the first day of April (Thurs) next. signed George Achenbach.<sup>1491</sup>

As mentioned previously John George Achenbach was leasing land as early as 1760 and was a taxpayer from 1779-1797 in Harrington Township, but people paid taxes and even built houses on leased land so that is not necessarily an indication of when he purchased the property. On 22 August 1795 he bought 103+ acres from John Neafie and his wife Caty for £124.0.3. On the same date he mortgaged “all that lot of land whereon the said George Aghenbagh now dweleth,” for £195.16.5 New York currency to John Neafie of Franklin Township. The mortgage was canceled on (??) May 1796,<sup>1501</sup> and recast on 29 August 1796 with Jacobus Perry of Orange Town, Orange County [now Rockland County], New York, holding the Mortgage for £195.0.0. There is no record of this mortgage being canceled in Bergen County.<sup>1511</sup> Since in 1797 he was taxed on 103 acres - this would reflect this purchase, yet how could he mortgage the property for £71 more than he paid for it? One suggestion is the building or other improvements on the land which George had built were not included in the purchase price of the land. In his will George devised 50 acres of his farm to each of his three sons; no deed for the additional acreage has been located. The 1793 deed mentioned above was not recorded in Bergen County until 1909 when 23 deeds dating from 1795-1826 were filed. All showed an Achenbach as a grantee. including two of the three deeds were the brothers exchanged the land of their fathers as per his will.<sup>1521</sup>

George Achenbach would have been in his late thirties during the Revolutionary War, with a large family to support, and there is no evidence that he participated on either side of the conflict. His great grand son John Esler’s statement that “the Achenbachs were decidedly in favor of the rebels,” has not been substantiated.<sup>1531</sup> Nor have any records been found for any of his children or grandchildren serving in any military conflict, or being a member of any militia unit, which seems very unusual.

Hans Georg Achenbach was a warden of the Ramapo Lutheran Church in nearby Mahwah, on 1 April 1770 when he was elected elder, on office he held until 28 February 1774 when he retired as senior elder. Strangely though church records exist, none of his twelve children were baptized there, not even those born while he was elder.<sup>1541</sup> Baptismal records have been found for only one child, Mary (*Marya* in Dutch) whose baptism was recorded in 1779 in the Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church, in Bergenfield.<sup>1551</sup> Yet, religion was very important to his children several of whom, as will be seen, founded the Lutheran Church in Saddle River in 1821.

In 1793, tragedy struck the family when due to an unknown illness, George and Antye lost three teenage children 13 year old Mary and 15 year old John in February, and 18 year old Margaret in May. They were not alone; 17 year old Susanah Bauldwin also died that May of that year.<sup>1561</sup> According to the copy of family records submitted with the Peter Van Buskirk pension file, George wrote, Antye, died February 11, 1801, her age was 53 years 11 months and 16 days.”<sup>1571</sup> Her two gravestones read: “Ann Van Buskirk wife of George Achenbach, born Feby. 27 1748, died Feby. 11, 1801 aged 52 years 11 mos. 12 dys,” and “*Anno 1801 den 11 dag Febru[---] is overleden Antie de huisvrouw van George Achenbach*” [Year 1801 the 11 day Febru[ary] has died Antie the housewife of George Achenbach]. George died the following year his gravestones read: “George Achenbach, born Jany. 23, 1739, died August 6, 1802 aged 63 yrs. 6 mos. 14 days,” and “*Anno 1802 den 6 dag August is overleden George Achenbach*” [Year 1802 the 6 day August has died George Achenbach].<sup>1581</sup>

His will is interesting as it demonstrates practices that were common in the area at the time. The fathers retained possession of the land until their death, even though their sons may have been farming their own section, paying taxes on the land, and even as in this case, have built their own homes on the land. It was also traditional for the youngest son to inherit the homestead farm, as usually he was the last son to marry and would have been still

<sup>49</sup> Bergen County Mortgage A: 119, Bergen County Clerk’s Office, Hackensack, New Jersey.

<sup>50</sup> Bergen County Deed 713:103 (1795 recorded 1909), Bergen County Mortgage B: 312, Bergen County Clerk’s Office.

<sup>51</sup> Bergen County Mortgage B: 375, Bergen County Clerk’s Office, Hackensack.

<sup>52</sup> Bergen County Deeds, 713: 520-524 and 714: 91-103.

<sup>53</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 229. Article written by John G. Esler (See #72 John George Esler).

<sup>54</sup> Smith, Nelson, and Potter, *Ramapo Lutheran Church Records 1750-1817*, 23, 34, 35 (FHL Microfilm US/Can #1019520).

<sup>55</sup> *Marya* daughter of *Jurre Aggeback* and wife baptism, *Collections of the Holland Society Vol. 1, Part 2; Schraalenburgh*, 273. See her record.

<sup>56</sup> “Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground,” 65-67 Neafie, Van Buskirk Burial Ground, 164-165, #26, #20, #28, #13, #27 and #4.

<sup>57</sup> Peter Van Buskirk pension file, no. S11613/BLWT33757-160-55, NARA. microfilm M805, roll 820. She was actually 52 years, 11 months and 15 or 16 days given her birth and death dates.

<sup>58</sup> “Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground,” 65; Neafie, Van Buskirk Burial Ground, 165, #17, #18 (Dutch), #24, #25.(English).

living in the homestead. The fathers did not want to reduce the amount of land their sons would inherit in order to give their daughters a share of the estate, so typically the sons were instructed to pay their sisters their share out of the income of their farms over a period of several years. The will was not written in George's handwriting. The following is an abstract of the will.

The will of George Aghenbagh [signed by him as George Achenbach] of the Township of Herington [Harrington] County of Bergin [Bergen], state of New Jersey, yeoman, being weak in body but of sound and deposing mind and memory mentioned: First - all debts and funeral charges be paid. Second - two sons Laurance and Thomas, each one riding horse, saddle and bridle and each one gun. Three daughters, Jenny, Anny and Rachel, each an outset as my other daughters has had, out of my moveable estate. [These were his five unmarried children, who were to be given what their sisters and brother had apparently received when they married, without selling any real estate, to pay for same.] Second - daughter Rachel, one white heffer and the heirs of my daughter Caty an outset as my other daughters has had. The remainder of my household furniture to go equally to my daughters, and likewise the remainder of my Moveable to be divided among my sons, except the grain which is on the fields - that is to remain for the support of the family. Third - son Thomas the homestead and fifty acres of land through the farm East and West. To other sons Rynard and Lawrance Aghenbagh the remainder of the land equal on the north and south side of the farm. (If they can not agree they shall get each a man and have it divided.) Three sons to pay any unpaid debt on the land. "When the Said Laurance Shall Want A House the Said Rynard and Thomas Shall help him With Such help as the Said Rynard has had When he was Building his House, And the Said Lawrance Shall Get the Timber for his house from the Farm wher [sic] he can find it Convenient. Laurance and Rynard shall have the Frute [sic] of the farm for the use of their Familyes [sic] Untill they have Got Frute [sic] of their Own so as to help themselves." Fourth - Large Dutch Bible to Rynard for his birthright. Fifth - The remainder of my books to be divided among all my children. Sixth - Each of six daughters [should be 5 daughters and heirs of daughter Caty], were to be paid £20, by his three sons beginning with Elizabeth 6 months after his death, then Eve in 1 year and 6 months later, Jenny in 2 years and 6 months, Heirs of Daughter Caty their £20 in 3 years and 6 months, Anne in 4 years and 6 months, and Rachel in 5 years and 6 months. Sons to share equally the expense or loss of land should any person or persons claim and recover any part of the land. Executors three sons. Signed by George Achenbach on 13 June 1802. Witnessed by Garret A Zabriskie, Thomas Van Boskerk and George Smith (who signed with his mark). The will was probated in Bergen County on 11 September 1802, by Rynard, Laurance, and Thomas Aghenbagh, signed "Rynart achenbach," "Laurance (with his mark) Ahenbach" and "Thomas Achenbach."<sup>59</sup>

The inventory of George Achenbach, (original filed in Hackensack not Trenton) was made 6 September 1802. It was five pages long and in great detail, although the assets were never totaled. The inventory gives a good representation as to the nature and extent of his farm. The most valuable items were a wind mill, fields of wheat, rye and flax, 5 hiffers [sic], 2 milk cows, 1 yearling bull, 2 milk calves, 3 hogs, 2 barrows [castrated hogs], 1 sow, 3 pigs, 1 black mare, 1 sorrel horse, 1 gray mare, and 4 sheep. Other items of interest besides the usual assortment of household furniture and kitchen and farm items, were a weaving loom and furniture, the whole lot of shoemaker tools, 12 chairs, one Dutch Bible £2-0-0, one lot of High Dutch Books £1-0-0, one lot of Low Dutch Books £0-16-0, and one lot of English Books £0-6-0. Also mentioned was the the bedstead in the Beag [Big] Room £3 and the bedstead in the Little Room £4. The inventory was taken by his three sons, Lawrence again being the only one to sign with his mark.<sup>60</sup>

Children of John George and his wife Antye "Ann" (Van Buskirk) Achenbach all presumed to be born in Saddle River, Bergen County, New Jersey, where the family lived at the time. Their birthdates and Dutch names, listed first, are from the "Achenbach Family Record."<sup>61</sup>

2. i. ELIESABET<sup>2</sup> "ELIZABETH" ACHENBACH, b. 3 June 1764, most likely m. DAVID FISHER.
3. ii. EVA "EFFY" ACHENBACH, b. 26 December 1765, m. STEVEN WESTERVELT.
4. iii. RYNART "RYNARD" ACHENBACH, b. 27 October 1767, m. MARIA HOPPER.

<sup>59</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B.

<sup>60</sup> George Achenbach inventory (1802), Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 175.

<sup>61</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." See note 1.



- iv. JANNITYE "JANE" ACHENBACH, b. in Saddle River on 25 July 1769<sup>62</sup> and d. in Saddle River of old age on 11 April 1860, aged 90 years, 8 months and 16 days.<sup>63</sup> Her funeral was conducted from the Lutheran Church in Saddle River\*, and she was bur. in the cemetery there.<sup>64</sup> She was called Jannitye in the family record, Jenny in her father's will, and Jane on her gravestone, and when she witnessed a deed (with her mark) on 1 March 1803.<sup>65</sup> She never married, and in 1850, Jane Ackenback [sic] 81, was living with her brother Thomas and his wife, in the homestead.<sup>66</sup>
- 5. v. CATRIENA "CATHARINE" "CATY" ACHENBACH, b. 14 May 1771, m. GEORGE SMITH.
- 6. vi. LOURENS "LAWRENCE" ACHENBACH, b. 12 February 1773, m. MAGDALENA "LENA" REMSEN.
- vii. MARGRITYE "MARGARET" ACHENBACH, b. 7 February 1775, and likely named after her maternal great grandmother Margarrietje Bricker. She d. presumably in Saddle River, on 3 May 1793, aged 18 years, 2 months, and 12 days, bur. there in the Van Buskirk Burial Ground. There are two gravestones one in English as Margaret daughter of John George Achenbach, and an older one in Dutch as "Anno 1793, den 4 (cut over a 3) dag Maij, is Margritie, Achenbach, overleden." [Year 1793, the 4/3 day of May has Margritie Achenbach died.]<sup>67</sup>
- viii. JOHANNIS "JOHN" ACHENBACH, b. 12 June 1777 and d. presumably in Saddle River, on 28 February 1793, aged 15 years, 8 months, and 16 days, bur. there in the Van Buskirk Burial Ground. There are two gravestones one in English as John Achenbach son of John George Achenbach, and an older one in Dutch as "Anno 1793 den, 28 dag February, is overleden Johannis Achenbach." [Year 1793 the 28 day February has died Johannis Achenbach.]<sup>68</sup>
- ix. MARYA "MARY" ACHENBACH, b. 24 March 1779, and bap. as "Marya, daughter of Jurre Aggeback and wife." at the Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church in Bergenfield, on 27 September 1779, witnessed by Samuel Demarest and wife. She d. in Saddle River, on 2 February 1793, aged 13 years, 10 months and 8 days, bur. there in the Van Buskirk Burial Ground, as Mary Achenbach daughter of John George Achenbach. Like her brother and sister who also died in 1793, she no doubt had a Dutch grave marker that has not survived.<sup>69</sup>
- 7. x. THOMAS ACHENBACH, b. 9 April 1781, m. ANTYE "ANN" WESTERVELT.
- 8. xi. ANTYE "ANNA" ACHENBACH, b. 20 February 1783, m. JOHN COLE.
- 9. xii. RACHEL ACHENBACH, b. 8 March 1785, m. ANDREW ESLER.

----- *Second Generation* -----

**2. ELIESABET<sup>2</sup> "ELIZABETH" ACHENBACH**, was born in New Jersey presumably in Saddle River, on 3 June 1764.<sup>70</sup> She died likely in what is now Ramsey, then Hohokus Township, with funeral from the Saddle River Lutheran Church, after 1 November 1854 and before 24 May 1855 at the age of 90.<sup>71</sup> She very likely married **DAVID FISHER**, who was born in New Jersey, ca. 1764 the son of Michael and Mary (---?---) Fisher.<sup>72</sup> He died

<sup>62</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." Birthdate from family record.

<sup>63</sup> Mrs. Basil Lo Presti, transcriber, "Vital Records, Township of Washington, 07675-3853; Births 1851-1878, Marriages 1848-1878, Deaths 1850-1878," Daughters of the American Revolution, Series 2, Volume 15, (No place: Polly Wyckoff Chapter of DAR, 1991), 81.

<sup>64</sup> Herbert Stewart Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches of Saddle River and Ramapo New Jersey*, second edition, (No place: printed, 1943), 86 and Jane Achenback funeral, 74.

\*Note: the name Zion was not added to the church until 1900 and is not used in the text for events prior to that time.

<sup>65</sup> Bergen County deed 714:81 (1803, recorded in 1909).

<sup>66</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, p. 511 (penned) p. 256 (stamped); dwelling 737, family 806, Jane Ackenback [sic]; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442.

<sup>67</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." Neafie, "Van Buskirk Burial Ground," 165 #20. #28. Death date and age at death from English gravestone.

<sup>68</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." Neafie, "Van Buskirk Burial Ground," 164, 165 #13, #27 Age at death from English gravestone.

<sup>69</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." and baptism, *Collections of the Holland Society Vol. 1, Part 2; Schraalenburgh*, 273. No birthdate given at baptism, birthdate is from family record. Neafie, "Van Buskirk Burial Ground," 165, #26 Age at death from gravestone.

<sup>70</sup> Achenbach Family Records. 1850 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, p. 240 (penned) p. 256 (stamped); dwelling 518, family 567, Elizabeth Fisher; dwelling 517, family 565, William May, family 566 Michael Fisher; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442. Birthdate from family record and born in New Jersey from census, and family was known to live in what is now Saddle River.

<sup>71</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 73. Funeral of Elizabeth Fisher, wife of David, 90.

<sup>72</sup> Michael Fisher Will (1802) New Jersey Will 3229B, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Ramapo*, 130. Mikel and Mary Fisher gravestones, buried in old Lutheran Cemetery. Assumed to be born about the same time as wife and mentioned in father's will.

likely in what is now Ramsey, then Franklin Township, after 13 April 1826 when his will was written and before 5 January 1827 when the inventory of his estate was taken.<sup>1731</sup>

Elizabeth was an heir of her father in his will dated 2 June 1802; from the wording of his will she was married as she had already received an outset, but her married name was not given. A thorough search of the three Saddle River and Upper Saddle River cemeteries for an Elizabeth, who from her age at death would have been born in 1764 was made and none was found<sup>1741</sup><sup>1751</sup> nor was there any local church record which mention an Elizabeth Achenbach as a wife or mother found.<sup>1761</sup><sup>1771</sup> <sup>1781</sup><sup>1791</sup> Since her birthdate was known from family records, a search of the 1850 Bergen County census index was made for an Elizabeth, Elisabeth, Eliza, Elisa or Lizzie (no surname) who was born in New Jersey between 1762 and 1766. While this might seem like a remote possibility, as Elizabeth who would have been 86, however two of her siblings lived to be 90, and four others lived well into their 80's.<sup>1801</sup> Only one Elizabeth was located, Elizabeth Fisher 88, who was living in Hohokus Township, with David Fisher, aged 49, and his family, and on the next line was a Michael Fisher aged 52 and his family, likely her sons.<sup>1811</sup>

In addition to their longevity, another characteristic of this family which will be demonstrate was they all (with the exception of Ann (Achenbach) Cole who moved to Rochester, New York) attended the Saddle River Lutheran Church, located in what was then Hohokus Township, which several of the Achenbach helped found in 1821. A search of the records of the church showed only one entry for Elizabeth Fisher, her funeral listed after 1 Nov 1854 and before 24 May 1855, (when Lawrence Achenbach died), for "Elizabeth Fisher, wife of David age 90"<sup>1821</sup> and Elizabeth Achenbach born in June of 1764 would have been exactly 90 at the time. In addition, Michael Fisher and Elon Fisher [his wife] had joined the Lutheran Churches of Ramapo and Saddle River on 1 May 1824 and David Fisher was received at Ramapo on 24 Nov 1838, and Catharine M. Fisher [his wife] was received at Saddle River on 10 March 1839. [The Ramapo and Saddle River Lutheran Churches shared a pastor.] David and Catharine also had four children baptized at Saddle River from 1828 to 1840.<sup>1831</sup>

In 1830 and 1840 censuses of Bergen County showed David and Michael Fisher located in Franklin Township, the eastern portion of which became Hohokus Township in 1849,<sup>1841</sup> each time they were enumerated on the same page, on adjacent lines. In 1830 Michael had a 60-70 year old female enumerated with him and in 1840, David had an 70-80 year old female with him, presumedly this was their mother Elizabeth.<sup>1851</sup> From his probate records David Fisher died after 12 April 1826 and before 5 January 1827.<sup>1861</sup> No burial records were found for either David, or

<sup>73</sup> David Fisher will (1827), Bergen County Will Book C: 169 and Bergen County Inventory Book C: 403, Bergen County Surrogate's Office, Hackensack, New Jersey, also New Jersey Will No. 4113B, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

<sup>74</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 81-91 and "Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground," 65-67.

<sup>75</sup> Herbert S. Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, *Records of Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, Upper Saddle River, NJ 1812-1924* (No place: privately printed, 1944).

<sup>76</sup> Howard S. Randolph and Russell Bruce Rankin, *Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey, Reformed Dutch Baptisms, 1740-1850, Together with Records from the gravestones in the Church Yard and a List of Members* (Newark, New Jersey: The Somerset Press, 1935).

<sup>77</sup> Herbert S. Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, *Records of Ramapo Reformed Church at Mahwah, NJ and Records of Ramapo Lutheran Church at Mahwah, N. J* (No place: privately printed, 1944).

<sup>78</sup> Herbert S. Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, *Records of Paramus Dutch Reformed Church Marriages 1799-1900; Baptisms 1851-1900*, (No place: privately printed, 1944).

<sup>79</sup> Smith, Nelson, and Potter, *Ramapo Lutheran Church Records 1750-1817*, 23, 34, 35 (FHL Microfilm US/Can #1019520). *Collections of the Holland Society of New York Volume 1, Part 1 and Part 2; "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh, New Jersey."* Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion, Ackerman and Goff, Records of Saddle River Reformed*.

<sup>80</sup> See siblings #3 Eva, #4 Rynart, Jane (page 8), #6 Lawrence, #7 Thomas, and #9 Rachel. Three siblings Margaret, John, and Mary died in 1793 as teenagers (page 8), #5 Catherine, died in childbirth, and #8 Anna died at the age of 73.

<sup>81</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.. 1, Hohokus, p. 240 (penned) p. 256 (stamped); dwelling 518, family 567, Elizabeth Fisher; dwelling 517, family 566 Michael Fisher; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442.

<sup>82</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 73.

<sup>83</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 2, 3, (memberships); and 37, 40, 42, 47 (baptisms).

<sup>84</sup> Lang, Arnold, "Bergen County's Townships and Municipalities," 1836-1893 (Part 3), Hohokus Township, viewed on the Genealogical Society of Bergen County Website, (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc/gsbArch03.html> accessed 19 Apr 2006).

<sup>85</sup> 1830 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 108, line 4, Michael Fisher, line 5, David Fisher; National Archives microfilm M19, roll 79. 1840 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 144, line 22 David Fisher; line 23 Michael Fisher; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 247.

<sup>86</sup> David Fisher will (1827), Bergen County Will Book C: 169, and Bergen County Inventory Book C: 403.

Elizabeth Fisher. Since Elizabeth's funeral was from the Saddle River Lutheran Church, and funeral records were not being kept there at the time of David's death, they may have both been buried there, but no markers remain.

The will of David Fisher, (weak of body) of the Township of Franklin, was dated 13 April 1826 and proven 9 January 1827 in Bergen County. He mentioned first that he wished to receive a good Christian burial and that all his debts and funeral expenses be paid. Wife Elizabeth in addition to her dower rights was to receive the use of all household goods and furniture, during her widowhood, (except those herein disposed of). Sons Michael and David all tenements and real estate (subject to the right of dower of my wife, their mother). If they want to divide the land, David to have the tract with the old homestead. "Michael to have his share of apples from out of the orchard till he shall have apples of his own." Sons to receive all horses, wagons, harnesses, and other farming utensils and stock (except wool wife shall want for her use). Three daughters Maria, Hannah, and Catharine \$15.00 each, one year after my death paid by sons. Remainder after death of wife to five children share and share alike. The executors were his trusty friends Christian Wanamaker and John Mandingo and the witnesses were Peter Westervelt and David Christie (signed with his mark). David Fisher signed with his mark.<sup>187</sup>

Since the daughters received only a small amount of money, and no outlets were mentioned, it is very likely that they were all already married and had received their shares; their husband's have not been identified. The old homestead, was undoubtedly the property in Franklin Township, David had inherited from his father Michael Fisher's will dated 6 January 1802 and probated 9 June 1802. From that will David inherited "the south part of my farm, being the part on which I now dwell, per survey by John D. Harin, on March 15, 1796" also "all my horses, horned cattle, sheep and live stock; bed, cupboard, wagon, weaving loom and other utensils."<sup>188</sup> His brother Michael was to receive the other half of the property, and the two of them were to pay their five brothers or their heirs and one sister \$15 each. After the death of Mary all were to share equally in the estate.<sup>189</sup>

The inventory of the late David Fisher of the Township of Franklin was taken 5 January 1827 by the executors and Abraham Forshee and David Christie (signed with his mark), appraisers. His estate (exclusive of real estate) was valued at \$394.25 and included the following items: "purse and wearing apparel [sic] - \$30.12 1/2., household goods - \$46.50, Buckwheat in the chamber, rye and oats in the sheaf and corn in the ear - \$47.00, horses, cow, horned cattle, sheep and swine - \$140.00, hay, straw, and other utensils found in barn - \$64.50, potatoes and other good found in the cellar and out of doors - \$66.12 1/2."<sup>190</sup>

David's farm was located in what is now Ramsey, but then known as the Masonicus section of Franklin [later Hohokus] Township. The 1876 atlas of Bergen County shows the three Fisher houses then owned by son Michael and grandsons, David (son of David) and David M. Fisher (son of Michael), located in the north eastern section of Ramsey, known then as Masonicus, on Airmont Avenue, which is only 3.2 miles from the Saddle River Lutheran Church. David's homestead is believed to be the one located at 485 Airmont Avenue, and known as the "Fisher House" occupied by David M. Fisher in 1876.<sup>191</sup>

While it has not been possible to prove conclusively that Elisabeth, wife of David Fisher was Elizabeth Achenbach, it is more than likely as she was exactly Elizabeth's age when she died, and like Elizabeth Achenbach's siblings, she lived to an advanced age. Also her family attended the same church, she lived in the same vicinity, and was buried from the same church as the rest of the Achenbach family. In addition it was the custom of their Dutch neighbors, and followed by others in the family to name the first two male and female children after their grandparents, and two of their children were named Michael and Maria likely after his parent, and one of their daughters was name Hannah, a common English translation for the Dutch Antye, possibly named in honor of Antye "Ann" (Van Boskirk) Achenbach. On the other hand, they did not name a son George, at least none that survived. While it may seem a coincidence, this compiler, who has abstracted more than eighty Bergen County wills, finds it telling that the only two wills to mention the inheritance of the fruit or apples in the orchard were those of George Achenbach and David Fisher, and the wording is amazingly similar. George Achenbach's will stated, "Laurance and Rynard shall have the Frute [Fruit] of the farm for the use of their Familyes [sic] Untill they have Got Frute [sic] of their Own so as to help themselves." David Fisher's will written 25 years later stated, "Michael to have his share of

<sup>187</sup> David Fisher will (1827), Bergen County Will Book C: 169.

<sup>188</sup> Michael Fisher Will (1802) New Jersey Will 3229B.

<sup>189</sup> *ibid.* Michael Fisher probate file (1802) No. 176, Bergen County Surrogate's office.

<sup>190</sup> David Fisher Inventory (1827), Bergen County Inventory Book C: 403.

<sup>191</sup> A. H. Walker, compiler, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876, (Reading, Pennsylvania: C. C. Pease, 1876)*, 117. Mileage driven 15 April 2006, by Maria Pratt Hopper. *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Ramsey (1985-1987) No. 0248-17 Fisher House*.

apples out of the orchard, till he shall have apples of his own.”<sup>1921</sup> Perhaps David remembered his father-in-laws will?

Children of Elizabeth (Achenbach) Fisher and her husband, David Fisher, mentioned in their father’s will, and likely born in Ramsey, then Hohokus Township, where the family lived. Order of birth uncertain.<sup>1931</sup>

- i. MARIA<sup>3</sup> FISHER, b. ca. 1780-1811.
- ii. HANNAH FISHER, b. ca. 1780-1811.
- iii. CATHERINE FISHER, b. ca. 1780-1811.
10. iv. MICHAEL FISHER, b. about 1799-1800, m. HELENA “ELLEN” “ELEANOR” MAY.
11. v. DAVID FISHER, b. about May 1801, m. CATHERINE “CATY” MAY.

**3. EVA<sup>2</sup> “EFFY” ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey, presumably in Saddle River, on 26 December 1765.<sup>1941</sup> She died likely in Bergen County after 1 June 1850, when she was 85 and living in Washington Township.<sup>1951</sup> Eva married ca. 1792-1799, **STEPHEN WESTERVELT**,<sup>1961</sup> who was born in New Jersey, likely in Bergen County, on 10 October 1773, and baptized at Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church, in Bergenfield, on 7 November 1773, the son of Benjamin Westervelt and Sara (Bodett) Westervelt, (witnessed by Jan Lisier and Maria Bodett, his wife.)<sup>1971</sup> He died in the Bergen County Poor House, in Hackensack, on 25 March 1862, of old age.<sup>1981</sup>

Eva or Effy as she was sometimes called was undoubtedly named after her maternal grandmother Eva Wannemaker. On 15 July 1861 her husband Stephen stated in a pension deposition, that he had heard Peter Van Buskirk was in the Revolutionary War, and his son Benjamin stated in his deposition (to help identify the validity of Stephen’s testimony), that his father Stephen Westervelt was married to Eva Achenbach, and he had one sister Sally who was deceased.<sup>1991</sup> Were it not for this deposition, Eva’s married name and family, would have remained unknown.

Eva was nearly eight years older than her husband, which was unusual in those days. They lived first, in Franklin Township, then a very large area in northern Bergen County, west of the Saddle River, where they were enumerated in 1830 and 1840. In 1830, there were eight people in the household; from their ages, it is apparent that their son Benjamin and his wife, and three children were living with them as well as a additional 20-30 year old female.<sup>1001</sup> In 1840 Stephen and a female both 70-80 years old, were enumerated there, and on the previous line was Benjamin Westervelt, his presumed wife, and five children under fifteen.<sup>1011</sup>

On 8 March 1840, Eve Westervelt and her daughter Sally Carlough joined the Lutheran Church in Saddle River, which several of her brothers and sister Rachel’s family had helped found in 1821; Stephen joined on 2 April 1842.<sup>1021</sup>

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<sup>92</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B. David Fisher will (1827), Bergen County Will Book C: 169.

<sup>93</sup> Daughters mentioned in father’s will and assumed to have been born when Elizabeth was between the ages of 16 and 48.

<sup>94</sup> “Achenbach Family Record.” Birth date from family record and born in New Jersey from 1850 census (cited next), and family was known to live in what is now Saddle River.

<sup>95</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, pp. 338-339 (penned) pp. 269-270 (stamped) ; dwelling 967, family 1042, Benjamin Westervelt , family 1043 Effy Westervelt; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442.

<sup>96</sup> Approximate date of marriage, assuming Stephen was at least 19 when they married and they were married before son Benjamin was born.

<sup>97</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 339 (penned), dwelling 967, family 1043. Steven Westervelt. *Collections of the Holland Society Vol. 1, Part 2; Schraalenburgh*, 175. From census he was born in New Jersey, likely in Bergen County where he was baptized, date of birth and mother’s maiden name from baptismal record.

<sup>98</sup> Stephen Westervelt death record, B -470, line 29, (1 May 1861-30 Apr 1862), Register of Deaths Township of *New Barbadoes, Bergen County N. J. Marriages and Deaths 1848-1867, Volume B*, New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, (Family History Library US/CAN film 493702.). Lo Presti, *Vital Records Township of Washington*, 86. Cause of death.

<sup>99</sup> Peter Van Buskirk pension file no. S11613/BLWT33757-160-55; National Archives microfilm M805 roll 820.

<sup>100</sup> 1830 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 95, line 1, Stephen Westervelt; National Archives microfilm M19, roll 79.

<sup>101</sup> 1840 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 142, line 4, Stephen Westervelt, line 3 Benjamin Westervelt; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 247.

<sup>102</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 4.

In 1850, in Washington Township, Stephen 76 a shoemaker, and Effy 85, were with Benjamin 50, a carpenter, his wife Maria 42, and their 4 children, no one owned any real estate and all were born in New Jersey.<sup>[103]</sup> No further records were found for Eva or Effy, and she is assumed to have died before June 1860 when Benjamin's family was living in Hackensack. It was extremely rare, in those days for a family not to care for their elderly parents, and there may have been circumstances other than poverty which necessitate the move, but in June 1860, Stephen Westervelt aged 86, was a pauper living in the county home in Hackensack. There were 26 inmates of all ages, both blacks and whites, including many children also in the home, 19 were paupers, 3 were insane, 2 were idiotic, and 2 were foolish.<sup>[104]</sup>

His death was reported twice, first as Stephen Westervelt age 90, died 25 March 1862 at the poor house in Hackensack" (New Barbadoes Township), and second in Washington Township as "Stephen Westervelt, 91, died of old age, on 28 March 1862 [sic].<sup>[105]</sup> No burial or probate records have been found for Stephen or Eva. However the funeral of Stephen Westervelt age 91, was noted in the Saddle River Lutheran Church records as occurring on 26 March 1862, so they may both have been buried in the churchyard there, but no gravestones remain.<sup>[106]</sup>

Children of Eva "Effy" Achenbach and her husband Stephen Westervelt, born likely in Bergen County:

12. i. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> WESTERVELT, b. about 1799-1800, m. MARIA ELIZABETH ACKER.
13. ii. SALLY "SARAH" WESTERVELT, b. about 1803, m. JOHN A. CARLOUGH [a.k.a. CARLOCK].

**4. RYNARDT<sup>2</sup> "RYNARD" ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey, presumably in Saddle River, on 27 October 1767,<sup>[107]</sup> and died in there, on 30 March 1857, aged 89 years and 5 months, buried there in the Lutheran Churchyard.<sup>[108]</sup> From the records of the Kakiat Reformed Church in West Hempstead, Rockland County, New York, "Rynert Achback" was married by Rev. George G. Brinkerhoff on 8 May 1796 to **MARIA HOPPER**.<sup>[109]</sup> She was born about 6 February 1780,<sup>[110]</sup> and died of consumption on 17 October 1837, in Saddle River, and is buried with her husband.<sup>[111]</sup>

According to the family record of his birth his name was Rynardt, but he was most often called Rynard, as he was on his gravestone, and he signed his name Rynart, and at his marriage he was Rynert Achback.<sup>[112]</sup> Like his father his surname too, was often misspelled as in the 1830 census when spelled "Hackenback."<sup>[113]</sup> From his father's will written in 1802, we know that Rynard and his family were already living in a house which his father and

<sup>103</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Washington, pp. 338-339 (penned), dwelling 967, family 1042 (Benjamin Westervelt), family 1043 (Stephen Westervelt).

<sup>104</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, New Barbadoes, Hackensack post office, p. 72, p.460 (both penned), dwelling 579, family 614, line 15, Stephen Westervelt, County Poor House, (John C. Demarest Warden); National Archives microfilm M653, Roll 683.

<sup>105</sup> Stephen Westervelt death B -470, line 29. Lo Presti, *Vital Records Township of Washington*, 86. Since his funeral (cited next) was on the 26th, the 28th is incorrect.

<sup>106</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 74.

<sup>107</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, p. 513 (penned) p. 257 (stamped); dwelling 739, family 808, Rynard Ackenback; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442. Birthdate from family record and born in New Jersey from census, and family was known to live in what is now Saddle River.

<sup>108</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 83. Date of death and age at death from Rynard Achenbach's gravestone.

<sup>109</sup> Kakiat Marriages #56, Regina Haring, *Dutch-Door Genealogy*, "Marriages Recorded in the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead, New York, also known as Kakiat Church" contributed by Bruce E. Hopper, "Records of the Rev. George G. Brinkerhoff 1793 - 1808" Records of the Rev. James D. Demarest's Marriages 1809-1864 ([http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/dutch\\_reformedchurch\\_marriage\\_records\\_kakiat\\_hempstead\\_new\\_york.html](http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/dutch_reformedchurch_marriage_records_kakiat_hempstead_new_york.html).) Marriages were performed at various locations in northern New Jersey and southern New York by Rev. Brinkerhoff. and later Rev. Demarest and recorded at Kakiat Church and numbered sequentially.

<sup>110</sup> George H. Budke, compiler *Tomb-stone Inscriptions: Bergen County, N. J. and Rockland County, N. Y.*, 9 volumes, 1916-1920, Original is in Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City; copies at New City Public Library, sequentially numbered. #5482 Maria Hopper, wife of Rynard Achenbach.

<sup>111</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 83. Maria Hopper wife of Rynard Achenbach's gravestone transcribed age at death as 67 years 8 months 11 days, but Budke #5482 (cited above) and recorded earlier (1816-20) has 57 years, 8 months and 11 days, and in the 1830 census she was 50-60 years old. 1830 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Harrington, p. 38 (penned) line 28, Rynard Hackenback. Cause of death from "Charity Ackerman's Memorandum," *The Archivist*, vol. 21, no. 4, (November 1994), 6.

<sup>112</sup> Bergen County Deeds 714: 91. He also signed his name as executor of his father's will and inventory as mentioned in father's record.

<sup>113</sup> Kakiat Marriages #56. 1830 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Harrington, p. 38 (penned) line 28, Rynard Hackenback.

brothers had helped him build. This house was on the north west side of Chestnut Ridge Road, and East Allendale Avenue in Saddle River, opposite the family homestead.<sup>1144</sup> He and his brothers divided his father's property according to his father's will, by deeds dated 1 March 1803, each son received about fifty acres, the deeds were not recorded until 1909.<sup>1145</sup> Rynard and Maria were to remain in the same house for the rest of their lives, and like his father and brothers he would farm the land. In 1816, "Rinehart Hoghenbagh" was taxed on 72 acres, all but six improved acres, 2 horses and 5 neate cattle, and paid \$1.47 in taxes.<sup>1146</sup>

In 1821 several local people, mostly from the Van Buskirk, Achenbach, Wanmaker [sic], and Esler families founded a Lutheran Church in Saddle River. Rhynard, Maria and their daughter-in-law Tiney Ackenback [sic], and his sister Rachel Esler, were on the first list of members dated 25 August 1821; their son John Ackenback [sic] joined on the 23 December 1821.<sup>1147</sup> Rynard, Maria and their son and his family are all buried in the churchyard there.

In 1810 Rynard and Maria sold a small piece of land to his brother Thomas, at the time Maria signed the deed with her mark, by 1826 when they sold him another small lot she signed her own name.<sup>1148</sup> In 1830 the portion of present day Saddle River, that was east of the river, was part of Harrington Township and in that census Rynard Hackenback was the head of the household aged 60-70, Maria was no doubt the female aged 50-60 and from the ages of the other six people in the household their only son John and his family were living with them.<sup>1149</sup> On the 17 of October 1837, twenty year old Charity Ackerman, a local girl, noted in her diary, "Died at Saddle River of consumption, Maria wife of Rynard Achenbach."<sup>1150</sup> (Two years later Charity Ackerman married their oldest grandson Henry Achenbach.)<sup>1151</sup> Rynard never remarried, and was to remain a widower for the next twenty years living with their only son, John, and his family.

By 1840 the western part of Harrington Township had become the Township of Washington where his son John Hackenback [sic] was enumerated with nine people including one 70-80 year old man, most assuredly Rynard, 3 were employed in agriculture.<sup>1152</sup> In 1850, when Rynard was 84, with no occupation, and living with his John, Rynard's real estate was valued at \$5,000, while John's was only \$1,000. There were four generations living in the house, six adults and three children.<sup>1153</sup>

In 1852 Rynard, John and Catherine deeded 30 acres they had purchased from Catherine's mother in 1827 and 1830 to grandson George, and in 1854 Rynard deeded 30 acres from the home farm to grandson Henry.<sup>1154</sup> In 1853 Rynard was taxed for 51 acres valued at \$2,040, with no personal estate, John was assessed for 40 acres valued at \$1,060 and a personal estate of \$460, and his grandson Henry was taxed for 30 acres valued at \$1,200 and \$850 personal estate. They paid taxes of \$5.33, \$4.29, and \$5.31, respectively. Grandson George was also taxed on ----- on 30 acres valued at \$2,000, \$50 personal, and paid taxes of \$3.15.<sup>1155</sup> Rynard died in 1857 and left no recorded estate, as his only child the rest of the land passed to his son John without a recorded deed.

Children of Rynart (Rynard) Achenbach and Maria (Mary) Hopper all presumed to have been born in Saddle River:

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<sup>114</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876*, 112.

<sup>115</sup> Two deeds dated 1 March 1803 were recorded in 1909, in the first (Bergen County Deed 713: 523) Thomas and Lawrence Achenbach sold 50+ acres to Rynard and in the second Bergen County Deed 714: 91) Lawrence and Rynard Achenbach sold 50+ acres to Thomas Achenbach. Also Bergen County Deed Y4:326 and Y4: 328 mention a deed dated 1 March 1803 in which Lawrence purchase his homestead farm from Thomas and Rynard Achenbach; the latter original deed was never recorded.

<sup>116</sup> Rinedert Hoghenbagh entry, *New Jersey Tax Ratables Books 1-126*, Reel 2, Bergen County (*Bergen Township - Pompton Township*), (New Jersey State Archives Microfilm), "Harrington Township 1816," 3, line 11.

<sup>117</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 1.

<sup>118</sup> Bergen County Deeds Y-2: 331 (1810). and 714: 96 (1826 recorded in 1909).

<sup>119</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Harrington, p. 38, line 28, Rynard Hackenback.

<sup>120</sup> "Charity Ackerman's Memorandum," *The Archivist* (November 1994): 6.

<sup>121</sup> "Charity Ackerman's Memorandum," *The Archivist* (May 1995): 8, "24 December 1839 - Married by Mr. Manley, Mr. Henry Achenback to Miss Charity Ackerman, both from Saddle River."

<sup>122</sup> 1840 U.S. census Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. Washington, p. 83, line, 28, John Hackenback.

<sup>123</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co. N. J., pop. sch., Washington, p. 513 (penned), dwelling 739, family 808 John Ackenback, family 809 Henry Ackenback.

<sup>124</sup> Bergen County Deeds Y2: 331 (1927), D3: 379 (1830), P4: 349 (1852), T4: 90 (1854).

<sup>125</sup> "Washing Township Tax Assessment List," *Relics*, 16 (January 1972):4. Newsletter of the Pascack Historical Society, Park Ridge, New Jersey. Rynard, John, and Henry entered on 3 consecutive lines. *Relics*, 16 (May 1972):4. (January 1972):4.

14. i. JOHN R.<sup>3</sup> ACHENBACH, b. 6 October 1796, m. CATHERINE “TYNA” “CATY” HOPPER (HOPPE).
- ii. POLLY ACHENBACH, b. about 28 February 1801, and d. 16 August 1802, bur. Van Buskirk Burial Ground, Saddle River. (Her grave marker reads “Rynard Achenbach daughter Polly died Aug. 16, 1802 aged 1y, 5m, 16d stone found in 1911/12, but broken off and missing in 1940 although a P. A. B. foot stone remains.” There is also a stone inscribed “Anno 1802 den 16 dag October is overleden Mary Achenbach,” possibly also referring to this Polly, if “Aug” was mistranscribed.<sup>1126</sup>

**5. CATRIENA<sup>2</sup> “CATHARINE” “CATY” ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born presumedly in Saddle River, on 14 May 1771.<sup>1127</sup> She died after giving birth, on 15 February 1797, aged 25 years, 9 months, and 1 day, and is buried there in Van Buskirk Burial Ground.<sup>1128</sup> She married **GEORGE SMITH**, who was born in New Jersey about 1772-1773.<sup>1129</sup> From the records of the Kakiat Reformed Church in West Hempstead, Rockland County, New York, he was married (2) by the Rev. George G. Brinkerhoff, on 13 May 1798, to Geertje “Charity” Van Buskirk.<sup>1130</sup> He died after 1 June 1850 when George, aged 77, and Charity were in New York City, New York.<sup>1131</sup>

She was called Catriena in the family record of her birth, Caty in her father's will and Catarina and Catharine on her gravestones. Like her parents and her two siblings who died in 1793, there are two gravestones for her, the older one in Dutch, “Anno 1797 dag 15 dag Fe is overleden Catarina Smet,” [Year 1797 day 15 Fe[bruary] has died Catarina Smet,] and a newer one in English “Catharine Achenbach, wife of George Smith, born May 14, 1771, died Feby 15, 1797, aged 25 years, 9 mos and 1 dys.”<sup>1132</sup> It is significant that the original grave marker was in Dutch as it demonstrates that during her lifetime the family's primary language was Dutch.

In her father's will, written in 1802, he stated, “I Give to the Heirs of my Daughter Caty an Outset As my Other Daughters has had.”<sup>1133</sup> Since outsets given to daughters were different than outsets given to sons, this would mean that in 1802 Caty had at least two living daughters and no sons. No baptismal records were found for any children of George Smith and Caty, nor did George Smith leave a recorded estate. A search of the Van Buskirk Burial Grounds and the Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River yielded only two Smith women born after say 1789 (when George was 17, and Catherine was 18) and on or before 15 February 1797, when she died.

Katy (Smith) Berdan, wife of Daniel Berdan, who was born on the same day Caty died, (and therefor named after her mother), was definitely their child as confirmed by her death certificate.<sup>1134</sup> Maria (Smith) Bush, wife of Cornelius H. Bush, died on 11 March 1848, aged 52 years, 4 months, and 7 days; and therefor born about 4 November 1795.<sup>1135</sup> However, as there were several Smith families in the area, and Maria died before death records were kept in New Jersey, there is not enough evidence to include her in the family at this time, although there is some circumstantial evidence, including the fact that one of their sons was named George,<sup>1136</sup> possibly in honor of her father George Smith, and they were active members the Saddle River Lutheran Church as was the rest of the family.<sup>1137</sup> In addition, Conrad H. Bush's first cousin Conrad P. Bush<sup>1138</sup> later married Caty and George's niece Ann Achenbach (see #17), making her a strong candidate. It is possible that Caty had more than two daughters, but no other possibilities have been located.

<sup>1126</sup> “Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground,” 66; Neafie, “Van Buskirk Burial Ground,” 165, #21 Polly), #14 (Marry). Birthdate computed from age at death on gravestone.

<sup>1127</sup> “Achenbach Family Record.” Birthdate also on English grave marker, Neafie, “Van Buskirk Burial Ground,” 165, #23.

<sup>1128</sup> Neafie, “Van Buskirk Burial Ground,” 164, 165 #7 (Dutch). #23 (English, which has birth and death dates and age at death).

<sup>1129</sup> 1850 U.S. census, New York County, New York, population schedule 1, Ward 8 New York City, p. 645 (penned) p. 322 (stamped), dwelling 51, family 108, George Smith in Jacob Demarest household; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 542.

<sup>1130</sup> Kakiat Marriages #124.

<sup>1131</sup> 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N. Y., pop. sch. 1, Ward 8 New York City, p. 645 (penned), dwelling 51, family 108, George Smith.

<sup>1132</sup> “Van Buskirk Family Burying Ground,” 66. Neafie, “Van Buskirk Burial Ground,” 164, 165 #7 (Dutch). #23 (English).

<sup>1133</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B.

<sup>1134</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85. Katy Smith, wife of Daniel Berdan gravestone. See her record #15.

<sup>1135</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 81. Maria Smith wife of Conrad H. Bush gravestone.

<sup>1136</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 30. George son of Conrad H. and Mary Bush baptized 8 April 1821.

<sup>1137</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3.

<sup>1138</sup> Kaiser, John “Jack and Caro Kaiser's Genealogy” Gedcom “Conrad Bush and Elizabeth Cramer” (<http://www.ancestry.com>) They were the sons of Henry C. Bush and Peter C. Bush, and both named for their grandfather. Peter C. Bush his wife and parents Conrad and Elizabeth Bush, are buried in Saddle River Reformed Churchyard. Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 90-91 #280-#282.

George and his second wife had at least ten children possibly more. George or Jores and Geertje or Gitty (and later Charity) as they were called in the Dutch Reformed Church records, had four children baptized at Paramus: Margrietje born 1 June 1799, Femmetje born 25 October 1802, Peter born 11 December 1805, and Abram, born 7 December 1808.<sup>139</sup> After the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church was established, they had three children baptized there: George born 31 December 1811, Hannah born 1 February 1814, and Elizabeth born 18 February 1817 (mother's name given as Charity Van Buskirk).<sup>140</sup> They had at least two other children Jane (Smith) Christopher wife of John J. Christopher who from her gravestone died 3 September 1883 age 65 so born about 1818, was buried with her sister Elizabeth (Smith) Fairchild, wife of Benj. P. Fairchild, in the Saddle River Lutheran churchyard.<sup>141</sup> According to *the Demarest Family*, George and Charity also had a daughter Rachel, born about 1825 who married William Howard Demarest, son of Jacob Demarest and Sophia Green.<sup>142</sup>

George Smith was probably a farmer like most men in the neighborhood, he is presumed to be the George Smith who witnessed her father's will in 1802, and if so he apparently could not read or write as he witnessed the will with his mark. He lived just north of the Achenbach land on County Road, on land once owned by his father-in-law, possibly sold to him by Lawrence Achenbach, but his deed of purchase was not recorded. In 1816 George Smith paid a tax of 61 cents on 12 acres, 3 horses and 3 neat cattle.<sup>143</sup> On 23 Apr 1821, George and Charity Smith of New York City, sold the farm of 12 acres and a stone homestead formerly located at 16 County Road to Peter Campbell for \$700.<sup>144</sup> Even after their move to New York City, like others in the family, they remained close to the Saddle River community. George G. Smith, undoubtedly their son, aged 26, died at New York of consumption, and the funeral sermon was preached at the Saddle River Lutheran Church on 2 September 1836.<sup>145</sup> In the 1850 census of New York City, George Smith, aged 77, (no occupation or real estate) and Charity Smith aged 70, both born in New Jersey were living with William and Rachel (Smith) Demarest, [their daughter] and their three children, in the household of William's parents Jacob and Sophia Demarest.<sup>146</sup> No further records of George or Geertje "Charity" (Van Buskirk) Smith have been found.

Children of Catriena "Catharine" "Caty" Achenbach and her husband George Smith, born in New Jersey, likely in Saddle River.

- i. Daughter<sup>3</sup> SMITH, b. ca. 1791-1796.<sup>147</sup>
- 15. ii. CATHARINE "CATY" SMITH, b. 15 February 1797, m. DANIEL BERDAN.

**6. LOURENS<sup>2</sup> "LAURENCE" "LAWRENCE" ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey, presumably in Saddle River, on 12 March 1773,<sup>148</sup> and died there, on 24 May 1855, aged 82 years, 2 months, and 12, days, buried there in the Lutheran Churchyard.<sup>149</sup> From the records of the Kakiat Reformed Church in West

<sup>139</sup> Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed*, Baptisms: 104 (Margrietje daughter of Jores and Geertje Smith), 47 Femmetje (daughter of George and Geertje Smith), 116 (Peter son of George and Geertje Smith), 19 (Abram son of George and Geertje Smith) Birthdates from baptisms.

<sup>140</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, Baptisms: 33 (George son of George Smith and Gitty Vanbeskirk), 36 (Hannah daughter of George Smith and Gitty Van Buskirk), 39 (Elizabeth daughter of George Smith and Charity Vanbuskerk). Birthdates from baptisms.

<sup>141</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches* 82. Gravestones of Jane Smith, wife of John J. Christopher, died 3 September 1883 aged 65, buried with Elizabeth (Smith) Fairchild aged 32 in 1848 when she died. See Stephen Carlough #39 as in the 1850 census he was living with John and Jane (Smith) Christopher.

<sup>142</sup> [Voorhis D. Demarest], *The Demarest Family*, (1964: reprint, No place: Westview Press, 1992 ) #7-54, page VII-7.

<sup>143</sup> George Smith entry, *New Jersey Tax Ratables Books 1-126*, Reel 2, Bergen County (*Bergen Township - Pompton Township*), (New Jersey State Archives Microfilm), "Harrington Township 1816," 2, line 10.

<sup>144</sup> Howard I. Durie, "The Six Sandstone Houses of Woodcliff Lake" #3 Crim House, 16 County Road (built before 1775), Relics (September 1971), 2. Citing Bergen County Deed N3: 461 (1821). Possibly purchase from Lawrence, who had only 37 acres out of original 50 acres in 1816.

<sup>145</sup> "Charity Ackerman's Memorandum" *The Archivist*, vol. XXI, no. 3, (August, 1994), 8.

<sup>146</sup> 1850 U.S. census, New York Co., N. Y., pop. sch. 1, Ward 8 New York City, p. 645 (penned), dwelling 51, family 108, George Smith.

<sup>147</sup> George Achenbach will (1802), New Jersey Will 3219B. Female heir of mother's from grandfather's will and likely born after father was 18 and at least a year before her sister Caty.

<sup>148</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., New Jersey., population schedule., Washington, p. 512 (penned), dwelling 736, family 805 Lawrence Ackenback [sic]; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442. Birthdate from family record, and born in New Jersey from 1850 census and family lived in what is now Saddle River.

<sup>149</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85, Laurence Achenbach gravestone, and 74, Lawrence Ackerbach [sic] funeral. Date of death and age at death from gravestone and funeral record. Place of death based on known residence at the time.



Hempstead, Rockland County, New York, he was married by Rev. George G. Brinkerhoff, on 3 September 1808, to **MAGDALENA “LENA” REMSEN** (transcribed as Lawrence Ackebach to Magdalena Ramson).<sup>[150]</sup> She was born in New Jersey about 30 June 1790, and died in Saddle River on 9 November 1859, age 69 years, 4 months and 11 days, and is buried with her husband.<sup>[151]</sup>

Laurence or Lawrence as he was usually called was undoubtedly named in honor of his maternal grandfather, Laurens Thomsen Van Buskirk. He inherited about 50 acres from his father, confirmed by deeds exchanged between the three brothers on 1 March 1803.<sup>[152]</sup> Although Lawrence was the only brother to sign his father’s probate records and inventory with his mark in 1802, he signed the 1803 deeds with his signature. Assuming he followed the instructions, in his father’s will, Lawrence continued to live in the family homestead, with his brother Thomas and family, until his marriage six years later at the age of 35, to 18 year old Magdalena Remsen.<sup>[153]</sup> It was probably at that time that he built his home, north of the homestead, still located in 2006 at 196-198 Chestnut Ridge Road in Saddle River and known as the “Lauren Achenbach House.”<sup>[154]</sup> By 1816 he had sold off some of his land, likely to his brother-in law, George Smith (who was taxed on 12 acres, north of Laurence), as “Laurence Hoghenbagh” was taxed on only 37 acres, 2 horses and 3 neat cattle, and paid a tax of 88 cents.<sup>[155]</sup> On 22 April 1829, he purchased a seven and one quarter acre woodlot, from John I. Haring.<sup>[156]</sup> There like his father and brothers he farmed the land and they raised their family.

In 1830 the land east of the Saddle River was in Harrington Township and by 1840 it had become the Township of Washington and that is where he was enumerated as Lawrence Hackenbach. From the ages of the six people enumerated with him in 1830, his son Thomas and his teenage bride were apparently living with Thomas and his wife and daughters. By 1840 there were five people in the household, one of whom was engaged in agriculture, (one male 10-15, one male 60-70, one female under 5, one female 15-20, one female 50-60). Who the male 10-15 and a female under 5, were is undetermined, the latter may have been one of their son Thomas’s daughters who was not enumerated with her parents in 1840.<sup>[157]</sup>

In 1850 Lawrence was 77 with \$2,500 in land, living with Magdalena age 60, and their daughter Elisa C. 26, all born in New Jersey.<sup>[158]</sup> He had no occupation listed, nor was he in the 1850 agricultural census. In the 1853 tax list of Washington Township, Lawrence was only taxed on 25 acres and his son on 10 acres. His total estate, in 1853, including \$50 personal was valued at \$1,050 and he paid a \$3.21 in taxes for the year.<sup>[159]</sup>

The Christian religion was important to the family as they were married in the Reformed Church and all three of their children were baptized in Reformed Churches. The Lutheran church in Saddle River was founded in 1821, by members of the Van Buskirk, Achenbach, Wanmaker [sic], and Esler families, and “Elen and Lawrance Achenbach” joined in May of 1824, and were both buried in the cemetery there.<sup>[160]</sup>

He did not leave a will nor was his estate probated, but eighteen days after he died on 11 June 1855, Magdalena Achenbach, widow of Lawrence Achenbach, deceased, sold to her son Thomas L. Achenbach of the city of New York, for \$10, “the homestead farm of the said Lawrence Achenbach” consisting of 16 acres more or less, plus the seven and one quarter acre woodlot conveyed in 1829. The same day Conrad P. and Ann Bush and James and Eliza

<sup>150</sup> Kakiat marriage #325.

<sup>151</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co. N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 512 (penned), dwelling 736, family 805, Magdalena Ackenbach. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85 Magdalena wife of Lawrence Achenbach gravestone and 74, Magdalena Ackenbach [sic] funeral on 10 November 1859 in 69th year. Birthdate computed from age at death on gravestone, and born in New Jersey from 1850 census. Lo Presti, *Vital Records Township of Washington*, 80 Magdalena Achenbach death record (1 May 1859- 30 April 1860).

<sup>152</sup> Bergen County Deed Y4:326 and Y4: 328 mention a deed dated 1 March 1803 in which Lawrence purchase his homestead farm from Thomas and Rynard Achenbach; the original deed was never recorded although two other deeds both dated 1 March 1803, were recorded in 1909, Bergen County Deeds 713: 523 Thomas and Lawrence Achenbach sold 50+ acres to Rynard Achenbach, and in the second Bergen County Deeds 714: 91, Lawrence and Rynard Achenbach sold 50+ acres to Thomas Achenbach.

<sup>153</sup> Kakiat marriage #325.

<sup>154</sup> *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Saddle River*, No. 0258-29 “Lauren Achenbach House.”

<sup>155</sup> Laurence Hoghenbagh entry, *New Jersey Tax Ratables Books 1-126*, Reel 2, Bergen County (*Bergen Township - Pompton Township*), (New Jersey State Archives Microfilm), “Harrington Township 1816,” 3, line 8, also lines 9 and 11.

<sup>156</sup> Bergen County Deed D3: 145.

<sup>157</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Harrington, p. 38, line 27, Lawrence Hackenbach. 1840 U. S. census, Bergen Co., NJ., pop. sch., Washington, p. 83, line 24, Lawrence Hackenback [sic].

<sup>158</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co. N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 512 (penned), dwelling 736, family 805, Lawrence Ackenbach.

<sup>159</sup> “Washington Township Tax Assessment List of 1853,” *Relics* vol. 16, (May 1972): 4.

<sup>160</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 1.

Catharine Demarest, sold [their interest in] the homestead lot for \$800 to Thomas L. Achenbach of the city of New York. Also mentioned in this deed was 9 and 84/100 acre conveyed to Thomas L. by Lawrence and Magdalena on 17 April 1852.<sup>[161]</sup> On 11 June 1855 Thomas L. Achenbach and Margaret his wife mortgage 25.75 acres “formerly the homestead lot of Lawrence Achenbach, which he bought from Thomas and Rynard Ackenback by deed dated 1 March 1803” for \$400 to James Demarest and Ann Bush wife of Conrad P. Bush. This was an assurance that Thomas would pay his two sisters and their husbands each \$200 out of the income from the property which he now owned. The mortgage was canceled 2 May 1882, indicating the sisters had been paid.<sup>[162]</sup>

In another mortgage written the same day, Thomas L. Achenbach and wife Margaret mortgaged to Magdalena, widow of Lawrence Achenbach, the above mentioned property, as a \$300.00 bond guaranteeing that they will pay the widow \$8.00 and one third of a good livelyhood [sic] for her lifetime. The next mortgage, also on the same day was similar with James Demarest and his wife Eliza Catharine mortgaging their property on the east side of Saddle River Road, bounded on the north, south and west by the property of Thomas Baldwin, guaranteeing the same to the widow.<sup>[163]</sup> A similar mortgage, or a bond, was probably issued by Ann and Conrad Bush, but it was not recorded.

His wife was called Magdalena at her marriage and in the aforementioned mortgages and deeds, Magdalena in the census, Lenah, Helenah, and Lena at the baptism of her children, Elen when she joined the church, and she signed her name “Magdalanah” in the 1855 deed. Unfortunately her death record of 9 November 1859 did not reveal her parents, place of birth, or cause of death only that she died in Saddle River at the age of 69.<sup>[164]</sup>

Children of Lourens “Lawrence” and his wife Magdalena “Lena” (Remsen) Achenbach, all likely born in their home at 196-198 Chestnut Ridge Road, Saddle River:

16. i. THOMAS L.<sup>3</sup> ACHENBACH, b. 10 September 1811, m. (1) MARIA ANN BANTA, (2) MARGARET POST.
17. ii. ANTYE “ANNA” ACHENBACH, b. 4 December 1813, m. CONRAD P. BUSH.
18. iii. ELIZA CATHARINE ACHENBACH, b. 5 October 1821, m. JAMES A. DEMAREST.

**7. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Saddle River, on 9 April 1781,<sup>[165]</sup> and died of old age there, on 15 or 17 of August 1871, aged 90 years, buried there in the Lutheran Churchyard.<sup>[166]</sup> He married at Paramus Reformed Dutch Church, in Ridgewood, on 8 December 1804, **ANTYE “ANN” WESTERVELT** (transcribed as Thomas Hachebach and Antye Westervelt).<sup>[167]</sup> She was born in New Jersey on 14 January 1785 and died at Chestnut Ridge, part of present day Saddle River, on 21 September 1877, and is buried with her husband.<sup>[168]</sup>

Thomas was no doubt named in honor of his paternal great grandfather Thomas Laurens Van Buskirk. Like his father and brothers his surname was often misspelled as it was at his marriage and in the 1830 and 1850 censuses. As the youngest son, he inherited his father’s homestead, confirmed by deeds exchanged between the brothers in 1803.

<sup>[169]</sup> In 1804 at the age of 23, he married 19 year old, Antye Westervelt. They were married for sixty-six years, until

<sup>161</sup> Bergen County Deeds Y4: 326 and Y4: 328 (1855), P4:676 (1852).

<sup>162</sup> Bergen County Mortgage N: 244, Bergen County Deed D11: 357.

<sup>163</sup> Bergen County Mortgage Book, N : 245, N: 246, County Clerk’s Office, Hackensack,.

<sup>164</sup> Lo Presti, *Vital Records Township of Washington* p. 80. Magdalena Achenbach death record.

<sup>165</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." Birthdate from family record agrees with birthdate on gravestone and place of birth from death record cited next.

<sup>166</sup> Thomas Ackenback death record, AS-45, line 4, (1 May 1871 - 30 April 1872), Register of Deaths Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 86 Thomas Achenbach gravestone, also funeral on p. 76. Death record had place of birth and death, and a death date of 15 August 1871, but gravestone and record of funeral have 17 August 1871. Find A Grave “Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery” digital image (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi: accessed 6 May 2006>), photograph, gravestone for Thomas Achenbach (1781-1871), Saddle River, New Jersey.

<sup>167</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Paramus Dutch Reformed Church Marriages . . .*, 4.

<sup>168</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 86. Ann Westervelt, wife of Thomas Achenbach gravestone, 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 512 (penned), dwelling 737, family 806 Thomas. Ackenback [sic]. 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Hohokus post office, p. 56 p. 717 (both penned), dwelling 409, family 472 Thos. Ackenback [sic]; National Archives microfilm M653 roll 683. Birth and death dates from gravestones, born in New Jersey from censuses.

<sup>169</sup> Two deeds dated 1 March 1803 were recorded in 1909, in the first Bergen County Deed 713: 523 Thomas and Lawrence Achenbach sold 50+ acres to Rynard. In the second Bergen County Deeds 714: 91 Lawrence and Rynard Achenbach sold 50+ acres to Thomas Achenbach. Also Bergen County Deed Y4:326 and Y4: 328 mention a deed dated 1 March 1803 in which Lawrence purchase his homestead farm from Thomas and Rynard Achenbach; the latter original deed was never recorded.

his death at the age of 90. She died six years later at the age of 92. They lived in the homestead at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road in Saddle River for the rest of their life. In 1812 they sold 4.25 acres to Abraham Delamater; it is significant that Ann as well as Thomas signed the deed as many women of her generation could not read or write.<sup>170</sup>

In 1816 "Thomas Hoghenbagh" was taxed in Harrington Township, on 72 acres, 2 horses and 5 neat cattle, and paid \$1.59 in taxes.<sup>171</sup> In 1830 he was enumerated there as Thomas Hackenback, from the ages of the people in the household he would have been living with his wife, son and daughter, and a free colored male age 10-24.<sup>172</sup> By 1840 the western part of Harrington Township had become the Township of Washington, where he was enumerated from 1840-1870. The value of his land grew from \$6000 in 1850, to \$8,000 in 1860 and \$12,000 in 1870.<sup>173</sup> The farm schedule for 1850 shows he had 25 acres of improved land and 25 acres of unimproved land valued at \$6,000 with \$100 in farm implements, 4 horse, 2 milch cows, 2 working oxen and 11 other cattle and 3 swine valued at \$430. He grew rye, Indian corn, oats, Irish potatoes, buckwheat, 4 tons of hay, produced 150 pounds of butter, and earned \$15 from orchard products and \$40 from animals slaughtered.<sup>174</sup> He added additional acreage to his farm, which was only about 50 acres when he inherited it. In 1853 he was taxed on 123 acres valued at \$4,920 and a personal estate of \$400 and paid taxes of \$12.18, and a dog tax of 18 cents.<sup>175</sup>

The Christian church was an important part of their lives, they were married and had their first child baptized in the Paramus Reformed Church, and then after the Saddle River Reformed Church was built in Upper Saddle River, they had their next two children baptized there.<sup>176</sup> Like others in his family he was involved in founding the Lutheran Church in Saddle River in 1821, which Thomas and Ann joined in December of 1823, and both were buried in the churchyard there, as were their children. Thomas was also a civic leader, serving as an elected freeholder from the Township of Washington in 1841.<sup>177</sup>

In 1870 Thomas, still listed as a farmer, and Ann were living alone.<sup>178</sup> Thanks to the inventory of his estate we know what the homestead farm was like in 1871, when he died, as items were located in two bedrooms, a parlor, hall, garret, two bedrooms over the garret, kitchen, cellar, out kitchen, blacksmith shop, waggon [sic] house, work shop and barn. Quite a sizable improvement on the original house built about 100 years before. He also acquired considerable personal wealth ranging from the \$400 in 1853 to \$9,000 in 1860, to \$1,500 in 1870. At his death his inventory totaled \$2,810.30 and included \$520.30 in items on the farm and the rest in notes and interest.<sup>179</sup>

The will of Thomas Achenbach of Township of Washington, dated 11 June 1867, and probated on 19 September 1871 in Bergen County, mentioned son George to whom he left all land, real estate, money and interest, stock, grain, and farming equipment, and daughter Mary Ann was to be paid \$6,000 by George for which the land was liable. His wife Ann was to have what furniture she wanted and was to be paid by George and Mary Ann \$150.00 a year if she requires same. Executors were George Achenbach and Mary Ann Terhune and the witnesses were Thomas L. Achenbach and Garret S. Demarest. A final accounting was made 10 October 1872 and stated the inventory (exclusive of real estate), was \$2,810.30 (\$2,290 on money at interest, \$358.05 in farm stock and equipment, and \$162.25 furniture to the widow) less expenses of \$292.21, for a balance of \$2,518.09.<sup>180</sup>

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<sup>170</sup> Bergen County Deed G2:402 (1812), (abstracted by Pat Wardell) as posted to NJBergen@rootsweb.com. on 2 March 1999. (<http://listsearches.rootsweb.com/?list=NJBERGEN>).

<sup>171</sup> Thomas Hoghenbagh entry, *New Jersey Tax Ratables Books 1-126*, Reel 2, Bergen County (*Bergen Township - Pompton Township*), (New Jersey State Archives Microfilm), "Harrington Township 1816," 3, line 8.

<sup>172</sup> 1830 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Harrington, p. 38, line 26, Thomas Hackenback. 1840 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Washington, p. 83, line 25, Thomas Hackenback.

<sup>173</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 512 (penned), dwelling 737, family 806 Thomas Ackenback; [sic]. 1860 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, Hohokus post office, p. 56 (penned), dwelling 409, family 472 Thos. Ackenback [sic].

<sup>174</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Washington, pp. 9 and 10 line 30, Thomas Achenbach; National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

<sup>175</sup> "Washington Township Tax Assessment List of 1853," *Relics* vol. 16, (May 1972): 4.

<sup>176</sup> Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed* 52. George son of Thomas and Antje Nachebach [sic] baptism, Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 33, 35. See #19 George Achenbach and #20 Mary Ann Achenbach.

<sup>177</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 292.

<sup>178</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J. pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 20 (penned), dwelling 3, family 3, Thomas Achenback.

<sup>179</sup> Thomas Achenbach inventory (1871), Bergen County Inventory Book K: 320, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>180</sup> Thomas Achenbach will (1871), Bergen County Will Book K: 299, final accounting (1872) Bergen County Surrogate's Surrogate's file no. 4250.

Ann was to live for another six years, the 1876 atlas of Bergen County shows the homestead as belonging to Mrs. Achenbach.<sup>181</sup> In April 1875 the local paper reported that George Mapes has taken George Achenbach's place to work shares. In December 1875 George Mapes age 70 died at his residence on the estate of George Achenbach. Her obituary said "the funeral of Annie Achenbach, 93 widow of the late Thomas Achenbach of Chestnut Ridge, took place at the Lutheran Church. She was the mother of George Achenbach, late President of the Bergen County Bank."<sup>182</sup> In 1877 after Ann's death the paper reported an auction "at the former residence of Thomas Achenbach on Chestnut Ridge Road. To be sold household furniture, farm implements etc. Mrs. George Mapes, Thomas Achenbach [her grandson] auctioneer."<sup>183</sup>

Children of Thomas Achenbach and his wife Antye "Ann" (Westervelt) Achenbach, born in the homestead at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road in Saddle River.

- i. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> ACHENBACH, b. 18 December 1805, and bap. 26 January 1806 at the Paramus Reformed Dutch Church in Ridgewood, as the son of Thomas and Antje Nachebach [sic]<sup>184</sup> He d. 3 October 1810, aged 4 years 9 months and 15 days, bur. Van Buskirk Burial Ground, Saddle River.<sup>185</sup>
19. ii. GEORGE A. ACHENBACH, b. 8 January 1812, m. LEAH MARGARET QUACKENBUSH.
20. iii. MARY ANN ACHENBACH, b. 6 March 1817, m. JOHN RICHARD TERHUNE.

**8. ANTJE<sup>2</sup> "ANNA" ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey,<sup>186</sup> presumably in Saddle River, on 20 February 1783, and died on 21 July 1856, and is buried in the Van Buskirk Burial Ground in Saddle River.<sup>187</sup> She married ca. 1815-1821, **JOHN COLE**<sup>188</sup> who was born in New York, ca. 1796-1797 and died after the fall of 1851, when he visited Saddle River, and likely before 1 June 1860, when not located in census.<sup>189</sup>

Anna or Ann as she was called in English was from her gravestones in the family cemetery, the wife of John Cole. According to the 1850 census, Anna was about thirteen years older than her husband, which would have been very unusual at the time.<sup>190</sup> As she would have been at least 33 when she married John Cole, it is possible that she had married before, but no record of a previous marriage has been found.

In an article written in 1900 on the appointment of his grandfather Henry Esler as postmaster, her grand nephew, John G. Esler stated, "In the fall of 1851 John Cole a resident of Rochester, New York, but a frequent visitor at Saddle River began an agitation for a post office."<sup>191</sup> This was the first clue that they lived in Rochester some 340 miles north of Saddle River. She was the only member of her generation, to move out of Bergen County. It is not clear when they moved to Rochester, their son George who was born in in New York (possibly in Rochester or in nearby Rockland County), was baptized in the Lutheran Church in Saddle River on 8 December 1822, but that was six months after his birth.<sup>192</sup>

<sup>181</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876*, 121, map of "Saddle River Valley."

<sup>182</sup> Smith, *The Landscape*, (October 1877), 3. Mrs. Anne Achenbach obituary, *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, New Jersey, 28 September 1877, p. 3, column 3. From the birth and death dates on her grave marker she would have been 92 not 93.

<sup>183</sup> Beatrice Cannon, "*Beatrice Cannon Notebook - Saddle River #1*," 89. A collection of newspaper clipping pasted into a notebook - year was handwritten on article, but name of newspaper not indicated. Ridgewood Historical Society Collection.

<sup>184</sup> Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed*, 52. Birthdate from baptism, George son of Thomas and Antje Nachebach [sic] baptism,

<sup>185</sup> Neafie, Van Buskirk Burial Ground,"165, #19.

<sup>186</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." 1850 U. S. census, population schedule 1, Monroe County, New York, Ward 6 Rochester, p. 487 (penned) p. 244 (stamped), family 301, Anna Cole; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 531. Birthdate from family record and born in New Jersey from census, and family was known to live in what is now Saddle River.

<sup>187</sup> Neafie, Van Buskirk Burial Ground,"165, #22. "Anna Achenbach, wife of John Cole gravestone. From birthdate in family record and death date on gravestone, she would have been 73 years 6 months old, not 5 months as recorded, but 5 and 6 on gravestones are often misread.

<sup>188</sup> Approximate date of marriage, assuming they were married before son George was born. and John was at least 19 when they married.

<sup>189</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 6 Rochester, p.487 (penned), dwelling 288, family 301, John Cole. Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 232-233. Approximate date of birth from age 53 and born in New York in 1850.

<sup>190</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 6 Rochester, p.487 (penned), dwelling 288, family 301, John Cole.

<sup>191</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 232-233.

<sup>192</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 34. Baptism of George son of John and Ann Cole. 1850 U. S. census, Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1., Ward 6 Rochester, p.487 (penned), dwelling 288, family 301, George Cole.

In 1830 one John Cole was enumerated in the town of Brigham, village of Rochester, Monroe County, with 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10 [likely George], 1 male 30-40 and 1 female 40-50. By 1840, the boy who was under 5 in 1830 was no longer with them probably having died young, as it was just John 40-50, a woman 50-60, and a male 15-20 in the household, one of whom was employed in agriculture.<sup>[193]</sup> In 1850 John was 53, born in New York, a farmer, with no real estate, and Ann was 66 born in New Jersey, with them was Margaret Finn 19, born in Canada (no occupation listed, but probably a servant), and George Cole age 28, and enginier [sic] with \$6,000 in real estate, and his wife Amelia Cole 24, both born in New York.<sup>[194]</sup> John Cole, once noted as a farmer, was listed in six of the Rochester city directories, living on west North [Street] or west North near the A & R. R.R. in the 1841-1849 editions. A John Cole farmer was also listed in 1853 as a farmer at Gorham [Street].<sup>[195]</sup> It is not known where Anna died on 21 July 1858, but she was buried in the old Van Buskirk Burial Ground; the last person ever buried there<sup>[196]</sup> No probate or burial records for John Cole have been found in Bergen County, New Jersey or Monroe County, New York, nor was he found in the 1860, 1870 or 1880 censuses.

Child of Antje "Anna" Achenbach and her husband, John Cole. (They may have had another son born 1825-1830 who died young.)<sup>[197]</sup>

21. i. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> COLE, b. in New York on 3 June 1822, m. AMELIA SHUART BUCHAN.

**9. RACHEL<sup>2</sup> ACHENBACH** (*John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Saddle River, on 8 March 1785,<sup>[198]</sup> and died of apoplexy [sic] in there, on 6 July 1870, aged 85 years, 3 months, and is buried there in the Lutheran Churchyard.<sup>[199]</sup> She married at the Paramus Reformed Dutch Church, in Ridgewood, on 31 October 1807,<sup>[200]</sup> **ANDREW ESLER**, (transcribed as Rachel Hachebach to Andrew Astler or Andrus Arthor), the son of Henry and Hannah (Van Buskirk) Esler. Andrew was born in Ramapo, [now Mahwah], New Jersey, about 25 July 1784,<sup>[201]</sup> and died of palsey [sic] in Saddle River, Hohokus Township, on 1 January 1864, aged 79 years, 5 months, and 7 days, and is buried with his wife.<sup>[202]</sup>

It is likely that Rachel and Andrew were cousins of some kind, as both of their mothers were Van Buskirks, though Hannah (Van Buskirk) Esler's parents have not been determined. From her date of death on her gravestone, 8 March 1785, Andrew's mother died giving birth to him.<sup>[203]</sup> A biography of their grandson John G. Esler, stated that Andrew's father was, "Henry Esler, who with his father John Esler, came to America in March 1739, from the village of Plattenburg in the province of Oldenburg, Germany, and settled near Suffern, Rockland county, New York. A house [was] erected by Henry in 1765 and is said to be the oldest building in the county. Henry Esler was a

<sup>193</sup> 1830 U. S. census, Monroe County, New York, populations schedule, Town of Bigham, Ward 5 Village of Rochester, p. 21, line 12, John Cole; National Archives microfilm M19, roll 94. 1840 U. S. census, Monroe County, New York, population schedule, Ward 5 Rochester, p. 747 (penned) p. 381 (stamped), line 16, John Cole; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 298.

<sup>194</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Monroe County, Ward 6 Rochester, p.487 (penned), dwelling 288, family 301, John Cole.

<sup>195</sup> *Rochester City Directories*, (Rochester, New York, various publishers, 1827-1899): digital images *Monroe County Library Systems* (<http://www.libraryweb.org/rochcitydir/citydirectoriestable.html>: accessed 21 June 2006), 1841, p.55, 1844, p.127, 1845 p.56. 1847. p.56, 1849 p.74, 1853, p.107.

<sup>196</sup> "Van Buskirk, Family Burying Ground," 65- 67; *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches 79-91*.

<sup>197</sup> 1830 U. S. census, Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Town of Bigham, Ward 5 Village of Rochester, p. 21 (penned) line 12, John Cole.

<sup>198</sup> "Achenbach Family Record." Birthdate from family record, place of birth from death record cited next.

<sup>199</sup> Rachel Esler death record, AQ-24. line 20. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84 Rachel, wife of Andrew Esler gravestone, and 72 Mrs. Adeline [sic] Esler burial record. Gravestone has her age as 85 years and 4 months and burial record has 85 years and 3 months, from her birthdate, she was 2 days short of 85 years and 4 months.

<sup>200</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Paramus Dutch Reformed Church Marriages . . .*, 7.

<sup>201</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Birthdate calculated from age at death on gravestone of Andrew Esler. Names of parents from Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 235-237.

<sup>202</sup> Andrew Esler death record, B-492, line 10, (1 May 1863-30 April 1864), Hohokus Township, *Bergen County N. J. Marriages and Deaths 1848-1867*, New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, (Family History Library US/CAN film 493702.). Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Andrew Esler gravestone, and funeral on p. 74. Gravestone had 79 years, 5 mos. 7 da.; funeral of 3 January 1864 had 80 years at death.

<sup>203</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Ramapo Reformed*, 130. Gravestones of Hannah V. Buskirk, late wife of Henry Asler [sic] born 4 March 1759, died 25 July 1784, buried with Henry Esler (Asler [sic]) 24 January 1749, died 28 Aug 1798, (Andrew's parents) and John Asler [sic] 1703-1774 (Andrew's grandfather).

Lieutenant in Washington's army during the Revolution."<sup>204</sup> His military service has been confirmed as records show Henry Esler, was a Lieutenant in the Second Regiment of the Orange County New York Militia.<sup>205</sup> The article also stated, "Andrew Esler a millwright and builder was widely known as the builder of the tidewater Mills on the Hackensack River, and as architect and builder of the Lutheran Church at Saddle River."<sup>206</sup> The Lutheran church was formed in 1821, by several local families, including the Achenbachs and Eslers, Rachel was on the first list of members dated 25 August 1821, and Andrew joined in 1823.<sup>207</sup> Prior to that they had been married and had their sons baptized in the local Reformed Churches.<sup>208</sup>

Andrew and Rachel lived on the west side of West Saddle River Road, north of Allendale Avenue in Saddle River, west of the river, originally part of Franklin Township and later Hohokus Township. In the 1840 census there were four men in the Esler household two who earned their living in manufacture and trade [no doubt as carpenters or millwrights], one in commerce and one in agriculture, [one may have been a hired hand].<sup>209</sup> In the 1850 and 1860 census, and on his death record, Andrew was listed as a farmer. From the 1850 agricultural census Andrew Esler's farm consisted of 35 improved and 28 unimproved acres, valued at \$4,000 [but \$3,000 on the population schedule, so no doubt combined with sons' land], with \$200 in farm equipment and \$295 in live stock including 2 horses, 4 milch cows, 1 other cattle, and 8 swine. They grew rye, Indian corn, oats, potatoes, and hay. And had income for their orchard of \$15, and the sale garden produce of \$50, and 100 pounds of butter.<sup>210</sup> In the 1850 census, their son Henry Esler 42, was listed as the head of the household with his wife, son, parents, and brother George a 34 an unmarried carpenter, living with them. Both Henry and his father Andrew were listed as farmers, but Andrew's land was worth \$3,000 and Henry's only \$700.<sup>211</sup> This was the two and 12/100th acres of land that Andrew and Rachel (who signed with her mark) had conveyed to Henry on 24 April 1849 for \$105. A similar deed to their son George was written on the same day.<sup>212</sup> By 1860 Andrew and Rachel were living with George and his family, and in the next house was Henry and his family, all three men were farmers, but Andrew had no land or personal estate, and each son had \$4,000 in real estate.<sup>213</sup> It was actually three years later, on 25 March 1863, that Andrew executed two deeds transferring eighteen acres to son Henry, north of Andrew's house, and nineteen and 30/100 of an acre to George, each son paying \$1,000.<sup>214</sup>

Since he had already deeded his land to his sons, when he died the following January, his estate was not probated. In 1870 the widow Rachel Esler, age 85 was living with her son Henry and his family.<sup>215</sup> She died in Saddle River, Hohokus Township, on 6 July 1870 of apoplexy (i.e. a stroke).<sup>216</sup>

Children of Rachel Achenbach and her husband Andrew Esler, all born in Saddle River, presumedly in their home on West Saddle River Road.

22. i. HENDRIK<sup>3</sup> "HENRY" ESLER, b.15 December 1808, m. JANE SNYDER.
23. ii. GEORGE ESLER b. 29 September 1815, m. (1) ADELIN ZABRISKIE, (2) USILLA "UZILLA" DURYEA.

<sup>204</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 235.

<sup>205</sup> "New York Military in the Revolution," database, *Ancestry.com*. (<http://www.ancestry.com>) (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000) Electronic reproduction of *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Vol. 2*, originally published in 1897, entry for Henry Esler.

<sup>206</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 229

<sup>207</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 1, 2.

<sup>208</sup> See children: #22 Hendrik Esler and #23 George Esler.

<sup>209</sup> 1840 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 141, line 24, Andrew Esler; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 247.

<sup>210</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Hohokus, line 36 of the 9th and 10th pages (pages not numbered), Andrew Esler, National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

<sup>211</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, page 242, dwelling 545, family 599; Henry Esler; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442.

<sup>212</sup> Bergen County Deeds (1849) Q4:382 (George), R4:349 (Henry), and 1864 deeds, W5: 397(Henry), W5: 399 (George).

<sup>213</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p. 64, p. 725 (both penned), dwelling 474, family 544 Geo. Esler, family 545 Andrew Esler, dwelling 475, family 546 Henry Esler; National Archives microfilm M653, roll 683

<sup>214</sup> Bergen County Deeds, W5: 397, W5: 399.

<sup>215</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Ramsey post office, p. 46-47 (penned) p. 389-390 (stamped), dwelling 341, family 381 (Henry Esler) and dwelling 343, family 383 (George Esler); National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>216</sup> Rachel Esler death record, AQ-24, line 20.

----- *Third Generation* -----

**10. MICHAEL<sup>3</sup> FISHER** (*Elisabeth Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey, no doubt in present day Ramsey, then known as Masonicus, where the family lived, about September 1793. He died in Ramsey, Hohokus Township on 15 June 1888, of hemiplegia [paralysis of one side of the body], aged 94 years and 9 months,<sup>[217]</sup> and is buried at Airmont Lutheran Cemetery, in Suffern, Rockland County, New York<sup>[218]</sup> From the records of the Kakiat Reformed Church in West Hempstead, Rockland County, New York he was married by the Rev. James D. Demarest on 30 Jan 1819 to **HELENA “ELLEN” “ELEANOR” MAY**, both were of Masonicus.<sup>[219]</sup> She was born in New Jersey about 1802 the daughter of William and Rachel (De Baun) May. She died 7 June 1889 in her 87th year, and is buried with her husband..<sup>[220]</sup>

Michael's wife was called Helena at their marriage, and Eleanor in his will, though most often as Ellen, as she was on her gravestone. Michael and Elon [sic] Fisher were both listed as members of the Saddle River Lutheran Church on 1 May 1824, though there is no record of either of their children being baptized there, or anywhere else.<sup>[221]</sup> In 1830 and 1840 he was enumerated next to his brother David in Franklin Township (which became Hohokus Township in 1849). In 1830 there were five people in his household, who from their ages would have been David, Ellen and their two children and his mother (a female 60-70). In 1840 there were four in the household, (2 worked in agriculture), likely David and his wife and two children.<sup>[222]</sup>

From 1850 - 1880 he was enumerated as a farmer in Hohokus Township, on the same page as his son D. M. Fisher and brother David, or David's widow Kate. His son's house, believed to be Michael's father's homestead (see will next), is still located at 485 Airmont Ave and known as the "Fisher House." From an 1876 atlas of Bergen County Michael's house was also on the west side of the road south of David's, across from the "Fishe-May House," (250 Airmont Avenue), then occupied by Ellen's brother Charles W. May.<sup>[223]</sup> In 1850 Michael 52, (with \$2,000 in land), and his wife Hannah (sic) 48, and daughter Rachel 21, were living in the same house, as his in-laws, William May 69, a farmer with \$4,000 in land and Rachel May 69.<sup>[224]</sup> In the 1850 agricultural census, he was the owner or manager of a farm that combined both his property and William May's. The farm consisted of 64 improved acres, 40 unimproved, valued at \$6,000, with \$100 in farm implements, and \$367 in stock, including 2 horses, 5 milch cows, a pair of oxen, sheep, and swine. They raised, wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, potatoes, buckwheat, and hay, and had income from the production of wool, their orchard, and the sale of milk and 400 pounds of butter.<sup>[225]</sup> Michael's land value rose from \$2,000 in 1850 to \$5,000 in 1870, his son David M. also had \$5,000 in land, and each had \$500 in personal estate. In 1860 Michael was 61 and Ellen was 58, living with them were their daughter Rachel F. May 34, and her husband David May 33, a hatter, and their children Sarah M. May 7,

<sup>217</sup> Michael Fisher petition for probate, Bergen County Surrogate's Surrogate's file no. 6388, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack. Michael Fisher death certificate, place no 5, certificate no. F-83 (1888), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives. Death certificate said he was born in U. S., but lived in state whole life, and died in "Hohokus Bergen" however, the petition for probate said he died in Ramsey, then an unincorporated part of Hohokus Township. Birthdate is calculated from his age at death on his death certificate 94 years and 9 months old (his gravestone cited next said in his 95th year.). Paul Smith, *Archaic Medical Terms, hemiplegia*, ([http://www.paul\\_smith.doctors.org.uk/ArchaicMedicalTerms.htm](http://www.paul_smith.doctors.org.uk/ArchaicMedicalTerms.htm), undated 2002, accessed 14 June 2006).

<sup>218</sup> Budke gravestone #1168, Michael Fisher, Cemetery at Masonicus, Ramapo Township, N. Y., a short distance west of the Lutheran Church " (recorded in 1917) Cemetery now know as Airmont Cemetery. *Find A Grave "Airmont Cemetery"* digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi>: accessed 6 May 2006), photograph, gravestone for Michael Fisher (1888), Suffern, New York.

<sup>219</sup> Kakiat Church marriage #526.

<sup>220</sup> Budke gravestone #1167 Ellen wife of Michael Fisher . Cemetery at Masonicus. Kakiat marriage #175 William May and Rache De baan 31 [sic] October 1801. De Baun is the most common spelling of her surname.

<sup>221</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 2.

<sup>222</sup> 1830 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Franklin, p. 144. line 23, Michael Fisher. 1840 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Franklin, p. 108. line 4, Michael Fisher.

<sup>223</sup> *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Ramsey* ( 1985-1987) No. 0248-15 Fisher-May House (250 Airmont Avenue), No. 0248-17 Fisher House (485 Airmont Avenue), and *2002 Supplement* No. 0248-16a Fisher-Weiss House (413 Airmont Avenue). Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876*, 117, map of "Hohokus Township."

<sup>224</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Hohokus, p. 240 (penned), dwelling 517, family 565, William May, family 566, Michael Fisher.

<sup>225</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Hohokus, line 19 of 9th and 10th page (pages not numbered), Michael Fisher; National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

and Michael H. May 5, (all except David who was born in New York were born in New Jersey).<sup>[226]</sup> In 1870 and 1880 Michael, Ellen, their widowed daughter Rachel May and her son Michael May were living in the house.<sup>[227][228]</sup>

The will of Michael Fisher of the Township of Hohokus, was dated 9 December 1865 and proven 12 July 1888 in Bergen County. He mentioned first, his debts were to be paid, and second, to wife Eleanor all real and personal estate so long as she remains his widow. Third, son David M. Fisher to have the farm where he now lives on which formerly belonged to David Fisher. Fourth, daughter Rachel, wife of David May, the farm she now lives on containing about 40 acres which formerly belonged to William May [Ellen's father]. After death or remarriage of wife, two children to divided the rest share and share alike. Executors were Eleanor Fisher and Rachel May and witnesses were Martin May and Levi Hopper. Michael Fisher signed with his mark.[Notice will was written 27 years before he died, when David May was still living.]<sup>[229]</sup>

The inventory (exclusive of real estate), of Michael Fisher, late of the Township of Hohokus was taken by executors Elenor Fisher and Rachel May and appraisers Martin May and Levi Hopper on 20 June 1888. It reflects the contents of the estate of an elderly man as it totaled \$549.24 and contained only a bond and mortgage (Lawrence B. Wanamaker dated 2 December 1869 for \$500.00), and wearing apparel, a cooking stove, rocking chair, bedding and other furniture and household effects, and a lot of hay and straw amounting to \$49.24. After a marriage of more than 69 years, Ellen died the following year. A release dated 23 November 1889 from David M. Fisher for receipt of \$176.60, his share of his father's estate, was received from Rachel May, the only surviving executor.<sup>[230]</sup>

Children of Michael and Helena "Ellen" "Eleanor" (May) Fisher presumably born in what is now Ramsey then part of Franklin Township, were the family lived at the time.

24. i. DAVID M.<sup>4</sup> "D. M." FISHER, b. about September 1819.<sup>[231]</sup>
25. ii. RACHEL FISHER, b. about 1 September 1825.<sup>[232]</sup>

**11 DAVID<sup>3</sup> FISHER** (*Elisabeth Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey, likely in present day Ramsey, then known as Masonicus, about May 1801, and likely died there on 24 Feb 1852 age 50 years 9 months,<sup>[233]</sup> and is buried with his wife in the Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery, Mahwah. About 1826-27,<sup>[234]</sup> he married **CATHARINE "CATY" MAY**, the daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (De Baun) May, who was born

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<sup>226</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p. 81, p. 741 (both penned) ; dwelling 592, family 671, Michael Fisher, dwelling 588, family 666, D. M. Fisher, dwelling 589, family 667, Catharine Fisher; National Archives microfilm M 653, roll 683.

<sup>227</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, populations schedule, Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 377 (stamped) p.21 (penned), dwelling 152, family 166 Michael Fisher; p. 378 (stamped) p. 22 (penned), dwelling 157, family 171 David M. Fisher, dwelling 159, family 173 Kate Fisher; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>228</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus Township, Enumeration District 5, p.7 (penned) p. 315C (stamped), dwelling 70, family 70, Mickel [sic] Fisher; dwelling 74, family 74, David M. Fisher, dwelling 75, family 75 David Fisher; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771. In 1880 Rachel 54 and Michle [sic] 25 were living with her parents Mickel and Ella Fisher, they were enumerated with ditto marks under Fisher as their surname, but should be May as it was in 1860 and 1870.

<sup>229</sup> Michael Fisher Will (1888), Bergen County Will Book R: 31, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>230</sup> Michael Fisher Inventory (1888), Bergen County Inventory Book R: 262 and Surrogate's file no. 6338. Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>231</sup> Budke gravestone #1171, David M. Fisher, "Cemetery at Masonicus," now know as Airmont Cemetery. birthdate calculated from age at death on gravestone, died 10 June 1897 aged 77 years and 9 months, buried with parents and his wife Mary J. Henion (Budke #1172) who died 8 April 1896 age 67 years and 1 month.

<sup>232</sup> Budke gravestone #11170, Rachel E. May, "Cemetery at Masonicus," now know as Airmont Cemetery. Birthdate calculated from age at death on gravestone; died 6 December 1891, aged 66 years 3 months and 5 days, buried with parents and her husband David May (Budke #1169), who died 13 November 1866 at the age of 39 years 7 months and 26 days.

<sup>233</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Hohokus, p. 240 (penned), dwelling 518, family 567, David Fisher. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Ramapo*, 68. David Fisher gravestone, *Find A Grave* "Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery" digital image (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi:> accessed 6 May 2006), photograph, gravestone, for David Fisher (1852), Mahwah. Approximate date of birth from gravestone and born in New Jersey from census.

<sup>234</sup> Approximate date of marriage, likely no earlier than 1826 when Catharine would have been sixteen and before Jan 1828, when daughter Elizabeth was born.



in Hohokus Township, about 20 February 1810,<sup>[235]</sup> and died there, likely in what is now Ramsey, on 12 April 1902, of pneumonia at the age of 92 years, 1 month and 23 days.<sup>[236]</sup>

David and his wife were both members of the joint congregations of Lutheran Churches, David Fisher was received at Ramapo on 24 Nov 1838 and Catherine M. Fisher was received at Saddle River on 10 Mar 1839, four of their children were baptized there from 1828-1840.<sup>[237]</sup> Their daughter Hannah was baptized in 1837 at the Ramapo Reformed Dutch Church in Mahwah, and Catherine and David were buried in the churchyard there, no doubt because it was the church of her parents who were also buried there.<sup>[238]</sup>

In 1830 and 1840 David and his brother Michael were enumerated next to one another in Franklin Township. In 1830 there were four people in David's household a male 20-30 [David], a female 15-20 [Catherine], and a female under 5 [Elizabeth] also a male 10-15 [likely wrong column checked for the male 10-15 in 1840, or an unknown male too old to be Catherine's son.] By 1840 there were nine in the household (one of whom worked in agriculture) who by their ages would have been David, Catherine, their six children and the one female 70-80 was no doubt his widowed mother Elizabeth.<sup>[239]</sup>

In 1850, David Fisher 49, a farmer enumerated next to his brother Michael. They lived on Airmont Avenue in present day Ramsey, it is not certain which of several houses identified as Fisher houses was David's.<sup>[240]</sup> Living with David were Catherine 40, Rachel 16, Hannah 13, David 9, and his mother Elizabeth Fisher aged 88.<sup>[241]</sup> The 1850 agricultural census had him assessed for 25 improved acres and 15 unimproved acres valued at \$2,000, with \$100 in farm implements and stock including horses, cows, cattle and swine valued at \$272. He grew rye, Indian corn, oats, potatoes, buckwheat, and hay. He earned money from the sale of wool, milk butter (200 pounds) and from his orchard.<sup>[242]</sup> From the contents of his inventory taken at his death, two years later David owned a farm with 2 horses \$150, 2 cows and a "heiffer" \$45, 8 fowls, pigs and shoats, wagons, plows, and other farm equipment.<sup>[243]</sup>

Like others in the area he must have specialized in growing strawberries for the New York City markets, as his inventory contained 5 crates, hampers and 1,500 strawberry baskets. In *The Birth of Ramsey*, Chester A. Smeltzer devoted a section to the importance of the strawberry crop in the area explaining that the average farmer devoted 1 to 5 acres exclusively to berries. From June first to the second week of July, pickers were paid 1 cent a basket (about 24 berries to a basket) plus room and board; baskets sold for two to five cents. Two hundred baskets were packed in a crate. He cited an "1858 report in *The Bergen Journal* that '170 wagons containing over 221,000 baskets of strawberries passed through the Bergen Turnpike during a single night.' "<sup>[244]</sup>

The will of David Fisher, weak of body, of the Township of Hohokus, was dated 3 February 1852 and filed 7 April 1852 in Bergen County. He mentioned first, all debts and funeral expenses be paid, then all real and personal property to beloved wife Caty, after her death or remarriage, to my six children: daughters Elizabeth, Maria, Rachel Ellen, and Hannah each \$200, and whereas daughter Elizabeth has had an outset, the other three daughter to receive same, or if they reach the age of 21 "without a change in their circumstances by marriage" the value of their outset is to be given to them by sons, after wife's death or remarriage. The balance of the estate was to be divided equally

<sup>235</sup> 1900 U.S. census Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, enumeration district 22, p. 11B (stamped), dwelling 213, family 222, Catharine Fisher; National Archives microfilm T623, roll 955. Birth date calculated from age at death on gravestone (cited next) agrees with month and year of birth given in census.

<sup>236</sup> Catherine Fisher death certificate No. 11,004 (1902), State of New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, Certificate and Record of Death, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Ramapo*, 68. Catherine May wife of David Fisher gravestone, Find A Grave "Ramapo Reformed Church Cemetery" digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi:> accessed 6 May 2006), photograph, gravestones, for David Fisher (1852), Catherine Fisher (1902), Anthony May (1844) and Elizabeth De Baun, wife of Anthony Fisher (1787-1866), Mahwah, New Jersey. Death certificate list her parents as Anthony and Elizabeth May.

<sup>237</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3. For baptisms see #26, Elizabeth Fisher, #28 Maria Fisher, #29 Rachel Fisher, and #31 David Fisher.

<sup>238</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Ramapo*, 33, Hannah Fisher daughter of David Fisher and Catherine May, 66 burials.

<sup>239</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Bergen Co, N. J., pop. sch., Franklin, p. 144, line 22, David Fisher. 1840 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Franklin, p. 108, line 5, David Fisher.

<sup>240</sup> *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Ramsey* (1985-1987) No. 0248-15 Fisher-May House (250 Airmont Avenue), No. 0248-17 Fisher House (485 Airmont Avenue), and 2002 *Supplement* No. 0248-16a Fisher-Weiss House (413 Airmont Avenue).

<sup>241</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Hohokus, p. 240 (penned) dwelling 518, family 567, David Fisher.

<sup>242</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Hohokus, line 18 of 9th and 10th page (pages not numbered), David Fisher; National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

<sup>243</sup> David Fisher Inventory (1852), Bergen County Inventory F: 422, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>244</sup> Smeltzer, Chester A. *The Birth of Ramsey* (Ramsey: Ramsey Journal Print, 1949) 14-16. *Bergen Journal* not cited as to issue and page.

between two sons, Anthony and David. Executors were wife Caty Fisher and nephew David M. Fisher. Witnesses were David Hasbrouck, Jacob A. May, and Anthony A. May. David Fisher signed with his mark, as did his wife Caty Fisher as an executor in proving the will.<sup>[245]</sup>

The inventory of David Fisher, late of the Township of Hohokus, was taken 4 March 1852 by the executors and David I. Christie and Martin Litchhult appraisers. The estate (exclusive of real estate) was valued at \$1,321.85 and included farm stock and equipment mentioned previously, household furniture including 12 common chairs and 8 fancy chairs, kitchen furnishings and “the stove in the old house,” wearing apparel \$15, and bonds \$846.35.<sup>[246]</sup>

Catherine never remarried as was to remain his widow for the next fifty years. In 1860 Catherine, occupation widow, was 48, with \$2,500 in land and \$1,500 in her personal estate, living with her were son David 20, a farmer, and daughters Maria 30, an “old maid,” Rachel E. 25, a “young lady,” and 3 year old Ellen Brundige, [Their daughter Hannah Fisher Brundige had died in December 1858, so Ellen was a grandchild.] and Michael Fisher age 6.<sup>[247]</sup> In 1870 Kate was the head of the household with son David and his wife and their children, and Ellen Brundage age 13, and Michael Fisher age 16. David ‘s wife Mary was shown as having \$4,000 in land and \$700 personal, this was probably entered on the wrong line, as neither Kate nor David had any assets.<sup>[248]</sup> In 1880 and 1900 Catherine Fisher was living with David and his family, in 1900, she was a 90, a widow, born in February 1810 in New Jersey (as were her parents).<sup>[249]</sup> Who the Michael Fisher aged 6 in 1860 and 16 in 1870 was is unknown, he is too old to be a grandchild, and too young to be a posthumous child of David’s, and from the 1900 census Catherine had borne six children, no doubt, the 6 mentioned in David’s will, four of whom were living. Michael was not found in 1880.

Children of David and Catherine “Caty” (May) Fisher presumedly born in what is now Ramsey then part of Franklin Township, were the family lived at the time.

26. i. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> FISHER, b. 10 January 1828.<sup>[250]</sup>
27. ii. ANTHONY FISHER, b. 23 January 1830.<sup>[251]</sup>
28. iii. MARIA FISHER, b. 27 November 1831.<sup>[252]</sup>
29. iv. RACHEL ELLEN FISHER, b. 8 December 1833.<sup>[253]</sup>
30. v. HANNAH FISHER, b. 11 October 1837.<sup>[254]</sup>
31. vi. DAVID FISHER, b. 24 August 1840.<sup>[255]</sup>

<sup>245</sup> David Fisher Will (1852), Bergen County Will G: 155, Surrogate’s file No. 2897, Surrogate’s Office, Hackensack.

<sup>246</sup> David Fisher Inventory (1852), Bergen County Inventory F: 422.

<sup>247</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p. 81, (penned), dwelling 589, family 667, Catharine Fisher. Ella Hennion signed a release in 1902 [after Catherine (May) Fisher died] stating her mother Hannah Brundige had received \$200, her share of her inheritance from her father’s estate. Bergen County Release Book G: 280 Surrogate’s Office. See Hannah Fisher #30.

<sup>248</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 22 (penned), dwelling 159, family 173, Kate Fisher.

<sup>249</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, pop. sch. 1, Hohokus, ED 5, p.7 (penned), dwelling 75, family 75, Catherine Fisher. 1900 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Hohokus, E. D. 22, p. 11B (stamped), dwelling 213, family 222, Catherine Fisher.

<sup>250</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 37. Birthdate from baptism on 24 Jan 1828 of Elizabeth daughter of David and Catherine Fisher.

<sup>251</sup> 1900 U.S. census Tazewell County, Illinois, population schedule 1, Sand Praire, enumeration [ED] 152, p. 11B (stamped), p. 5999 (penned), dwelling 208, family 209, Anthony Fisher; National Archives microfilm T623, roll 347. Eldon G. Keefer, “Family of Eldon G. Keefer “ Anthony Fisher, gedcom, Ancestry.com (17 May 2005) (<http://www.ancestry.com>; accessed 20 May 2006) Citing Green Valley Cemetery, Green Valley, Tazewell County, Illinois “Anthony Fisher born 23 January 1830, died 8 August 1909.” From 1900 census he was born January 1830 in New Jersey as were both of his parents. No baptisms record at Zion Lutheran from March 9, 1828 until 26 September 1830.

<sup>252</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 40. Birthdate from baptism on 29 February 1832 of Maria daughter of David and Catherine Fisher.

<sup>253</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 42, baptism. Birthdate from baptism on 14 September 1834 of Rachel Ellen, daughter of David and Catherine Fisher. *Records of Ramapo*, 68 Rachel E. Fisher, wife of Andrew Hemion gravestone, buried with her parents.

<sup>254</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Ramapo*, 33. Hannah daughter of David Fisher and Catherine May baptism and 68, Hannah Fisher, wife of Matthew Brundige gravestone. Only date given at baptism was 11 October 1837 which agrees with birthdate computed from age at death. of 21 years, 2 months and 11 day on 22 December 1858 on gravestone, buried next to her parents.

<sup>255</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 47, Birthdate from baptism on 3 December 1840 of David son of David and Catharine Fisher.

**12. BENJAMIN<sup>3</sup> WESTERVELT** (*Eva Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in New Jersey, likely in Bergen County, about 1799-1800.<sup>12561</sup> He died of cancer, in Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey on 14 February 1877, with funeral from the Lutheran Church in Saddle River on 16 February 1877.<sup>12571</sup> He married at the Ponds Reformed Dutch Church in present day Oakland, on 25 September 1826, **MARIA ELIZABETH ACKER**,<sup>12581</sup> who was born in New Jersey about 1808-1809, and died of heart disease in Paterson on 20 June 1880, at the age of 71.<sup>12591</sup>

Benjamin in true Dutch fashion was undoubtedly named after his paternal grandfather, Benjamin Westervelt. After their marriage they lived with his parents in Franklin Township. The family moved many times; in 1830 and 1840 they were in Franklin Township, in 1850 in Washington Township, probably the Saddle River area, in 1860 they were in Hackensack, and by 1870 they had moved out of Bergen County to nearby Paterson in Passaic County, but in each census from 1850 on, one thing remained constant Benjamin was always a carpenter, a trade which he passed on to several of his sons. In 1850 Benjamin Westervelt 50, a carpenter, with no land, his wife Maria 42, and Robert 23, farmer, Stephen N., 16, Effy Ann 21, and Zacharia Taylor, 4 months, and his parents Stephen 76 a shoemaker and Effy 85, all born in New Jersey, were in Washington Township; none of the men owned any property.<sup>12601</sup> Their youngest son Zachary Taylor Westervelt, born 6 February 1850, was named after United States President Zachary Taylor who took office on 4 March 1849 and died in office in July 1850, a major departure from the traditional naming patterns.<sup>12611</sup>

On 10 March 1839 Maria Westervelt joined the Lutheran Church in Saddle River and Benjamin joined on September 8th 1839. Three of their four youngest children were baptized there, and their son Jeremiah, who died in September 1841, is buried in the churchyard.<sup>12621</sup> It is significant that this family like others in this family held the Saddle River Lutheran Church as such a vital part of their lives, that years after moving to other communities, they returned to the church for baptisms, marriages, funerals, and burials. On 5 March 1856, Miss Euphemia Ann Westervelt 24, of Hackensack, (daughter of Benjamin and Maria Westervelt), was married in the Saddle River Lutheran parsonage to Abraham F. Terhune, age 23, a carpenter, of Hackensack, (son of Robert, mother dead).<sup>12631</sup>

They had probably moved to Hackensack even earlier as they did not pay any taxes in the Township of Washington in 1853.<sup>12641</sup> By 1860 in Hackensack, Benjamin was 60, a carpenter, with Maria 49 a seamstress, Zacheria 10 (attended school), and George O. 9 (did not attend school). Also living with them was Harietha Carlock 21, a tailoress, undoubtedly his niece, the daughter of his deceased sister Sally (Westervelt) Carlough (Carlock). In the same dwelling, in a separate household were their daughter Effy 30, also a seamstress, and her husband Abraham F. Terheun 34, a carpenter.<sup>12651</sup> Their sons, Steven Westervelt a carpenter age 26, and Robert Westervelt, a laborer,

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<sup>1256</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., NJ, pop. sch. 1, Washington, p.338-339 (penned), dwelling 967, family 1042 Benjamin Westervelt, family 1043 Stephen Westervelt. 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, New Barbadoes, Hackensack post office, p.18 p. 407 (both penned), dwelling 140, family 159 (Benjamin Westervelt), and family 158 (Abraham F. Terhune); National Archives microfilm M653, roll 683. birthdate computed from age 50 in 1850 and age 60 in 1860 and born in New Jersey in those censuses.

<sup>1257</sup> Benjamin Westervelt death notice, Cannon, "Beatrice Cannon Notebook - *Saddle River #1*," page 88. Newspaper clipping from unidentified paper - identified only by the hand written date 2/16/77. Benjamin Westervelt obituary, *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, New Jersey, February 21, 1877, page 3 column 4. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 77. Benjamin Westervelt funeral, 16 February 1877 - aged 68 [sic]. Newspaper notice of death said he died on Wednesday which from a perpetual calendar would be the 14th of June 1877, *Info Please*, "Perpetual Calendar", (<http://www.infoplease.com/calendar.php?month=2&year=1877&submit=Go>: accessed May 27, 2006)

<sup>1258</sup> Westervelt, Frances Westervelt, compiler, *Bergen County New Jersey Marriage Records*, (1929; reprint, Englewood, NJ: Bergen Historic Books, 1996), 78.

<sup>1259</sup> Maria Westervelt death certificate, place No. 83 certificate No. W63 (1880), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Approximate birth years based on age at death, and 42 in 1850 census (See note 267.)

<sup>1260</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Washington, p 338 (penned), dwelling 967, family 1042, Benjamin Westervelt.

<sup>1261</sup> National Cable Satellite Corp, C-Spanhome, *American Presidents Life Portraits*, web site, (<http://www.americanpresidents.org/presidents/president.asp?presidentNumber=12>:accessed 12 August 2005); "Zachary Taylor."

<sup>1262</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3.4. (memberships) 83 gravestone see Jeremiah Westervelt #35, and and # 34, #36 and #37 for baptisms.

<sup>1263</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 19.

<sup>1264</sup> "Washington Township Tax Assessment List of 1853," *Relics* vol. 16, (beginning January 1972-May 1973)

<sup>1265</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, New Barbadoes, Hackensack post office, p. 18 (penned), dwelling 140, family 159 Benjamin Westervelt, and family 158 Abraham F. Terhune.

age 28 [? he was 23 in 1850, but he was the only Robert Westervelt aged 23-43 enumerated in the United States in 1860], had married and were also living in Hackensack.<sup>[266]</sup>

In 1860, his father Stephen Westervelt, 86 was enumerated as a pauper, living in the County Poor House in Hackensack, where he later died. There may have been other reasons for placing him in the home, but the family seems to have been struggling financially as Benjamin had no land in 1850 or 1860, and only a personal account of \$200 in 1860, and both Maria, her daughter, and niece were working as seamstresses or tailors. It was unusual for married women to have any occupation other than keeping house. On the other hand, in 1860 they were living in a city, where women often took on other work as they did not have all the chores that farmers' wives assumed. However by 1870, perhaps because their finances had improved, both Maria or her daughter were listed only as keeping house.<sup>[267]</sup> According to a newspaper notice of his death in June 1877, it stated that Benjamin Westervelt, had suffered from cancer for 25 years, which certainly could have contributed to their financial problems.<sup>[268]</sup>

By 1870 the family had moved to the booming city of Paterson in nearby Passaic County, New Jersey, where there would have been an abundance of work for carpenters. The city of Paterson had grown from 19,586 people in 1860 to 33,579 in 1870, by comparison in 1860 New Barbadoes Township (almost all of which was Hackensack), had less than \$3,000 people.<sup>[269]</sup> Benjamin and Maria's census record were all mixed up in 1870, their ages were recorded as 58 and 56, their son George Olonzo was listed as Alonzao, and all were born in NY, but he was the only Benjamin Westervelt in the state over 50, and both men were carpenters.<sup>[270]</sup> In 1870 their son Zachariah was also enumerated incorrectly as Zachariah Terhune age 20 "at home" living with his sister Euphemia and her carpenter husband Abram Terhune, who had also moved to Paterson.<sup>[271]</sup>

One newspaper's notice of his death stated, "Benjamin Westervelt, formerly an old resident of Saddle River, died in Paterson, on Wednesday at the advance age of 76 years, for twenty-five years he had suffered from a cancer of the face."<sup>[272]</sup> His obituary is very graphic and you may wish to skip to the next paragraph, but it reflects the kind of care available at the time. "Saddle River - The funeral of Benjamin Westervelt took place at the Lutheran church of Friday the 18th inst. The cause of his death was a cancer, by which one eye was eaten out of the socket and a large portion of the face horribly disfigured. About two years ago a quack doctor of Paterson obtained some celebrity for effecting a cure, but the relief afforded was only temporary, and the disease continuing its ravages, finally terminated in death."<sup>[273]</sup> The records of the Lutheran Church in Saddle River show his funeral was on 18 February 1877.<sup>[274]</sup>

He left no recorded estate in Bergen or Passaic Counties. "Mrs. Benj. Westervelt (Maria Acker)" became a member of the Second Reformed Church of Paterson upon profession of her faith in Christ in 1877.<sup>[275]</sup> On 1 June 1880 Maria Westervelt was enumerated, in Paterson, as a 71 year old widow, living as a boarder with her son-in-law Abram Terhune, age 47, occupation - saloon, and his wife Euphemia 50.<sup>[276]</sup> Benjamin and Maria's sons George 28, a carpenter, Stephen 46, a policeman, and their wives and families had also moved to Paterson.<sup>[277]</sup> Maria Westervelt

<sup>266</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, New Barbadoes, Hackensack post office, p. 26, p. 414 (both penned), dwelling 168, family 188, Stephen W. Westervelt and p. 21 p. 409 (both penned), dwelling 168 family 188, Robbert Westervelt [sic] National Archives microfilm M653, roll 683. Stephen was a carpenter and Robert was a laborer.

<sup>267</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Passaic County, New Jersey, populations schedule, Ward 1 Paterson, Paterson post office, p. 280 (penned) p. 30 (penned), dwelling 157, family 276, Benj Westervelt; National Archives microfilm M653, roll 885.

<sup>268</sup> Benjamin Westervelt death notice, Cannon, "Beatrice Cannon Notebook -Saddle River #1," page 88.

<sup>269</sup> U.S. Bureau of Census "Population of the 100 Largest Urban Places: 1860" (<http://www.census.gov/population/documentation/twps0027/tab09.txt>) "Population of the 100 Largest Urban Places: 1870" (<http://www.census.gov/population/documentation/twps0027/tab10.txt>). U.S. Census Office, *Statistical View of the United States*, (1854, reprint Brooklyn, N.Y.: Central Book Co., 1975?), 187

<sup>270</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Passaic Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Ward 1 Paterson, p. 280 (penned), dwelling 157, family 276, Benj Westervelt.

<sup>271</sup> Abram Terhune household, 1870 U. S. census, Passaic County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Ward 1 Paterson, Paterson post office, p. 276 (penned) p. 22 (penned), dwelling 123, family 202, Abram Terhune; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 885.

<sup>272</sup> Benjamin Westervelt death notice, Cannon, "Beatrice Cannon Notebook -Saddle River #1," page 88.

<sup>273</sup> Benjamin Westervelt obituary; *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, New Jersey, February 21, 1877, page 3 column 4.

<sup>274</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 77. Benjamin Westervelt funeral in error gave his age as 68.

<sup>275</sup> Rev. Theo. W. Welles, D.D., *The Pastor and the Church, or Rev. John H. Duryea D. D. and The Second Reformed Church of Paterson*, (New York: New York Reformed Church of America 1896), 126.

<sup>276</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Passaic County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, city of Paterson, Enumeration District 147, p. 31 (penned) p. 369C (stamped), dwelling 179, family 338, Maria Westervelt; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 794.

<sup>277</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Passaic Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Paterson, Enumeration District 173, p. 32 (penned) p. 492D (stamped), dwelling 188, family 281; George Westervelt; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 796, and Enumeration District 147, p. 14 (penned) p. 360B (stamped), dwelling 101, family 147; Stephen Westervelt; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 794.

died on 20 June 1880 in Paterson, her death certificate said she was 71 years old, and had been born in NJ of unknown parents. Although there are no grave markers for Benjamin and Maria in the Saddle River Lutheran Cemetery, they were both undoubtedly buried there, as she was according to her death certificate.<sup>[278]</sup>

Children of Benjamin Westervelt and his wife Maria Elizabeth Acker, from census records all were born in New Jersey, presumed in Bergen County where the family lived.

32. i. ROBERT<sup>4</sup> WESTERVELT, b. about 1827.<sup>[279]</sup>
33. ii. EUPHEMIA ANN “EFFY” WESTERVELT, b. about 1829-1830.<sup>[280]</sup>
34. iii. STEPHEN HENRY WESTERVELT, b. 1 October 1833.<sup>[281]</sup>
35. iv, JEREMIAH WESTERVELT, b. about 22 January 1840.<sup>[282]</sup>
36. v. ZACHARY TAYLOR “ZACHARIAH” WESTERVELT, b. 6 February 1850.<sup>[283]</sup>
37. vi. GEORGE OLONZO WESTERVELT, b. 16 June 1851.<sup>[284]</sup>

**13. SALLY<sup>3</sup> “SARAH” WESTERVELT** (*Eva Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born likely in Bergen County, about 1803, and died in the “Bluemills” section of Saddle River, on 11 December 1847 in her 44th year, and is buried therein in the Lutheran Churchyard.<sup>[285]</sup> She married about 1819-1824, **JOHN A. CARLOUGH (a.k.a. CARLOCK)**,<sup>[286]</sup> who was born in New Jersey about 1800-1802, and died after 1 June 1860, when he was living in Hohokus Township.<sup>[287]</sup>

Sally or Sarah as she was often called was no doubt named after her paternal grandmother Sarah (Bodett) Westervelt. In 1830 John “Carlough” was in Franklin Township age 20-30, with a female 20-30, a male under 5 and one female 5-10 years old.<sup>[288]</sup> In 1840. John A. “Carlock” was in the Township of Washington aged 30-40, with a female 30-40 and two males under 5, two males 5-10, one male 10-15, one and one female under 5.<sup>[289]</sup> On 8 March 1840 Sally Carlough and her mother Eve Westervelt joined the Lutheran Church in Saddle River.<sup>[290]</sup> The following month, John and Sarah Carlaugh [sic] had three children baptized there, Fredrick, Harriet Ann, and Garret Litcholt, and in 1841 and 1844 their children John and Elizabeth were baptized there as well. Unfortunately three of their seven identified children died while quite young, Margaret in November 1834 and “a child of John Carloughs [sic]” assumed to be John in 1845, and Benjamin died when he was about 25.<sup>[291]</sup>

<sup>278</sup> Maria Westervelt death certificate, place no. 63 certificate no W-63 (1880).

<sup>279</sup> Approximate birth year calculated from age 23 in 1850 census, and parents married in September 1826. (See notes 257. and 267).

<sup>280</sup> Approximate birth years calculated from age 21 in 1850 and age 30 in 1860 censuses (See notes 257 and 266).

<sup>281</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 42. Birthdate from baptism 10 November 1833 of Stephen Henry son of Benjamin and Maria Westervelt.

<sup>282</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 83. Birthdate computed from age at death on 13 September 1841, age 1 year 7 months and 22 da. from gravestone of Jeremiah Westervelt, son of Benjamin and Maria Westervelt.

<sup>283</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 60. Birthdate from baptism on 17 August 1850 of Zachary Taylor [Westervelt], Effe Ann Westervelt (sponsor for the parents).

<sup>284</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 60. Birthdate from baptism 15 August 1851 of George Olonzo son of Benjamin and Maria Westervelt.

<sup>285</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Approximate birth year from age at death on gravestone of Sarah, wife of John Carlough.. Place of death from “Martha Ann Zabriskie’s Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 21, (May 1994): 8.

<sup>286</sup> 1830 U.S. census Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 94, line 26, John Carlough; National Archives microfilm M19, roll 79. They had a child under 5 and a child 5-10, so are assumed to have married before 1825 and after 1818, when John was 18 and Sally 15.

<sup>287</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, p. 541 (penned) p. 271 (stamped), dwelling 956, family 1054, John Carlough; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442. 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p. 69 p.729 (both penned), dwelling 508 family 582, John Carlough; National Archives microfilm, M653 roll 683. birthdate calculated from age 49 in 1850 and age 58 in 1860 and born in New Jersey in both censuses.

<sup>288</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch., Franklin, p. 94, line 26, John Carlough.

<sup>289</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Washington, p. 84, line 28, John A. Carlock; National Archives microfilm M 704, roll 247.

<sup>290</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 4.

<sup>291</sup> *ibid.*, 46, 49, 52 (baptisms), 247 (funerals) See children #40-#45.

She died on 11 December 1847 and was buried as “Sarah, wife of John Carlough in her 44th year.” On 10 December 1847, a local girl, Martha Ann Zabriskie entered into her diary, “[died] John Carlow's [sic] wife Sally from Bluemills.”<sup>[292]</sup> Bluemills was an area surrounding a cotton mill, then located at what is now 9 East Saddle River Road in present day Saddle River, which in 1840 and 1850 would have been part of the Township of Washington.<sup>[293]</sup> In 1850 John Carlough 49, a farmer, was living there, with children: Fredrick 16, a laborer, Benjamin 14, Harriet Ann 12, and Elisabeth 6, all born in New Jersey. Unlike others in this family he owned no land and his children did not attend school.<sup>[294]</sup> Also in 1850 in Hohokus Township a Garret Carlough aged 10, believed to be their son, was living with Abraham H. Ackerman 30, a farmer, and his wife Mary 29, their 2 year old daughter Elizabeth M., and a 15 year old black girl name Ann Tompson. Neither Garret nor Ann had attended school, or had an occupation.<sup>[295]</sup> It would not be unusual for a boy to spend the summer months with another family helping out on the farm, though no further record has been found for Garret. In 1853 John who owned no land and had a personal estate of \$25, paid 50 cent poll tax, 18 cent dog tax and 52 cent road tax. In 1860 John Carlough 58, laborer was enumerated with a farmer and his family and several other workers in Hohokus Township, none of his children were with him.<sup>[296]</sup> His daughter Harriet Ann was undoubtedly the 21 year old seamstress, “Harietha Carlock,” living with Sally's brother Benjamin Westervelt in Hackensack in 1860.<sup>[297]</sup> The younger children could not be located in the 1860 censuses of New Jersey or New York. John Carlough could not be found in any succeeding census, nor were any burial or probate records found for him in New Jersey.

Children of Sally “Sarah” Westervelt and her husband John A. Carlough (a.k.a. Carlock), all likely born in Bergen County, New Jersey: (They may also have had another son born about 1825-1830 who has not been identified.)<sup>[298]</sup>

38. i. MARGARET<sup>4</sup> CARLOUGH, probably b. about 1820-1825.<sup>[299]</sup>
39. ii. STEPHEN CARLOUGH, b. about 1830-31.<sup>[300]</sup>
40. iii. FREDRICK CARLOUGH, b. 15 September 1832.<sup>[301]</sup>
41. iv. BENJAMIN CARLOUGH, b. about 1836-1837.<sup>[302]</sup>

<sup>292</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. “Martha Ann Zabriskie's Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 21, (May 1994): 8.

<sup>293</sup> Wardell, “A Dictionary of Bergen County Place Names,” 17.

<sup>294</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J. pop. sch. 1, Washington, p. 541 (penned), dwelling 956, family 1054, John Carlough. 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County., New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, p. 486 (penned) p. 243 (stamped), dwelling 561, family 616, Garret Carlough; National Archives microfilm M432 roll 442.

<sup>295</sup> “Washington Township Tax Assessment List of 1853,” *Relics* vol. 16, (January 1972): 4.

<sup>296</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Hohokus, p.. 69 (penned), dwelling 508 family 582, John Carlough; in household of Saml. Banta.

<sup>297</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, New Barbadoes, p. 19, dwelling 140, family 159, Harietha Carlock in household of Benjamin Westervelt.

<sup>298</sup> From the 1830 and 1840 censuses there was a male who was 5-10 years old in 1830 and 10-15 years old in 1840, who was not with them in 1850. From 1850 censuses Fredrick, Benjamin, Harriet Ann, Elizabeth, Garret, and Steven were all born in New Jersey. Censuses previously cited see notes 287, 288, 290, and 296 and 301 below.

<sup>299</sup> “Martha Ann Zabriskie's Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 17, (November 1990), 8. There was a female 5-10 years old living with them in 1830 who was not with them in 1840, likely Margaret, and according to the diary - 10 November 1834 “Died Margaret Carlock, daughter of John and Sally Carlock.” Censuses previously cited see notes 287 and 290.

<sup>300</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, p. 255 (stamped), p. 509 (penned), dwelling 71, family 85, Stephen Carlough; National Archives microfilm M432 Roll 442. In the 1840 census John Carlock had a male aged 5-10 in his household, in 1850 Stephen Carlough age 19, a carpenter born in New Jersey, living in the household of John J. Christopher, was the only male Carlough born in New Jersey enumerated in the entire country who was aged 15-20. It would have been traditional for them to name a son Stephen after her father, and John J. Christopher's wife was Jane (Smith) Christopher was a daughter of his mother's uncle, George Smith. (See #5.)

<sup>301</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 46. Birthdate from baptism on 1 April 1840 Fredrick son of John and Sarah Carlaugh [sic].

<sup>302</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Washington, Hohokus post office, p. 11, p.671 (both penned), dwelling 16, family 13, Benjamin Carlough; National Archives M653 roll 683. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 74. Benjamin Carlough funeral. Birth year based on age 14 in 1850, 23 in 1860 and age about 25 years from funeral record of April 1862, (no gravestone).

42. v. HARRIET ANN CARLOUGH (a.k.a HARIETHA CARLOCK), b. 6 October 1837.<sup>[303]</sup>  
 43. vi. GARRET LITCHOLT CARLOUGH, b. 17 October 1839.<sup>[304]</sup>  
 44. vii. JOHN CARLOUGH, b. 13 December 1841.<sup>[305]</sup>  
 45. viii. ELIZABETH ACKERMAN CARLOUGH, b. about 1843-1844.<sup>[306]</sup>

**14. JOHN R.<sup>3</sup> ACHENBACH** (*Rynardt,<sup>2</sup> John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Bergen County, New Jersey, presumably in Saddle River, about 6 October 1796. He died of “general prostration,” in Hohokus, on 10 May 1881, aged 84 years, 7 months and 4 days,<sup>[307]</sup> and is buried in the Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River.<sup>[308]</sup> At Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, in Upper Saddle River, on 26 October 1815, he married **CATHERINE “TYNA” HOPPE(R)** (transcribed as John Achkebeck and Tyna Hopper).<sup>[309]</sup> She was the daughter of Henry A. and Annatje “Hannah” (Van Buskirk) Hoppe(r),<sup>[310]</sup> born in Saddle River about February 1799, and died in there of pneumonia on 10 April 1879,<sup>[311]</sup> aged 80 years, 2 months, and is buried with her husband.<sup>[312]</sup>

John and his wife Catherine married when he was just short of his nineteenth birthday and she was only sixteen. They moved into his parents house, where they were to live for the next sixty-four years. Catherine was called Caty, Trientje, Tiney, Tyna, Trientein and Catrina in various records, as Trientje or its variations, were a shortened forms of the Dutch Catrientje or Catherine in English. In some church records Hoppe the old Dutch form of the surname Hopper was used. She was the daughter of Henry Andrew Hopper, who in 1816 was one of the largest land owners in Harrington Township with 214 acres, a fulling mill, 3 horses, 4 cows and one slave.<sup>[313]</sup> His will written in 1823, called her “Catherine, now the wife of John Achenbach,” he left each of his 3 daughters one share and each of his 4 sons, two shares of the estate, after the death or remarriage of his wife.<sup>[314]</sup>

<sup>303</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 46. Birthdate from baptism on 1 April 1840 of Harriet Ann daughter of John and Sarah Carlaugh [sic]. 1860 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, New Barbadoes, p. 19 (penned), dwelling 140, family 159, Harietha Carlock in household of Benjamin Westervelt.

<sup>304</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Hohokus, p. 486 (penned), dwelling 561, family 616, Garret Carlough. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 46. Birthdate from baptism 1 April 1840 of Garret Licholt son of John and Sarah Carlaugh [sic], and born in New Jersey from 1850 census.

<sup>305</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 49. Birthdate from baptism 6 March 1842 of John son of John and Sarah Carlough, and p. 71 Funeral of “John Carloughs [sic] child (Saddle River) 14 Jun 1845.” As John was not found in the 1850 census, he is assumed to be the child who died in 1845.

<sup>306</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 52. 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J. pop. sch.1, Washington, p. 541 (penned), dwelling 956, family 1054, John Carlough. Elizabeth Ackerman daughter of John and Sally Carlough baptism. No birthdate given at baptism, but 6 and born in New Jersey in 1850 census.

<sup>307</sup> John Achenbach death certificate, place No. 5, certificate No. A-13 (1881), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. His date of birth calculated from age at death and date of death on his death certificate.

<sup>308</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85. John Achenbach gravestone has year incorrect as from age of death on his death certificate, he would have been born in October 1796, and 1795 would have been before his parents married. New five generation gravestone is on *Find A Grave* “Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery” digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi: accessed 6 May 2006>), photograph, gravestone for John Achenbach (1795-1881), Catherine Hopper his wife (1798-1879), Henry Achenbach (1820-1858), Charity Ackerman (1819-1906), John R. Achenbach (1840-1912), Anna L. Terheun, his wife, (1842-1875), Louis T. Achenbach (1875-1929), Saddle River, New Jersey.

<sup>309</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 14.

<sup>310</sup> Henry An Hopper will (1823), Bergen County Will Book C: 7, Surrogate’s Office, Hackensack.

<sup>311</sup> Catherine Hopper death certificate, place No. 5, certificate no. H-69 (1891), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Filed under maiden name, should be Achenbach, but “daughter of Henry and Hannah Hopper, born and died in Saddle River on 10 Apr 1879, of pneumonia aged 80 years 2 months and 10 days. Catherine Achenbach death notice, Cannon, “Beatrice Cannon Notebook - Saddle River Notebook #1,” page 89. Newspaper clipping from unidentified paper - identified only by the hand written date 9 May 1879. said she died 10 Apr 1879 in 81st year of age, both of which would make her born in February 1799, but her gravestone (cited below) says “1798-1879” Her husband’s gravestone was also incorrect as to the year of his birth, so 1799 is more reliable.

<sup>312</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85. Find A Grave “Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery” digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi: accessed 6 May 2006>), photograph, gravestone for Catherine Hopper wife of John Achenbach. (1798-1879), Saddle River, New Jersey.

<sup>313</sup> Henry An. Hopper entry, *New Jersey Tax Ratables Books 1-126*, Reel 2, Bergen County (*Bergen Township - Pompton Township*), (New Jersey State Archives Microfilm), “Harrington Township 1816,” 2, line 26. Henry An Hopper inventory (1823), Bergen County Inventory C:291, Bergen County Surrogate’s Office, Hackensack.

<sup>314</sup> Henry An Hopper will (1823), Bergen County Will Book C: 7; Hannah Eckerson [Hannah (Van Buskirk) Hopper Van Riper Eckerson] will (1856), Bergen County Will Book G: 523; Surrogate’s Office, Hackensack.

Catharine was a great-grandchild of Lauren Thomas Van Boskirk and his first wife Margaret Van Horn, and John was also a great-grandchild of his by his second wife Eva Wannamaker.<sup>[315]</sup> They were probably cousin on the Hopper side as well, but his mother has not been definitely identified. They were married and had their first child, baptized in the Reformed Church in Upper Saddle River. In 1821 they and others in the family were instrumental in founding a Lutheran Church in Saddle River;<sup>[316]</sup> Tiney Ackenback [sic], like his parents, was on the first list of members dated 25 August 1821; John Ackenback [sic] joined on the 23 December 1821, and their next two children were baptized there.<sup>[317]</sup> John was also involved in local government as he served as a county freeholder from the Township of Washington from 1847-1849.<sup>[318]</sup>

In 1840 "John Hackenback" was the head of household, with nine people in the household, who from their ages would have included his father, wife, children, and son Henry and his wife and child.<sup>[319]</sup> In 1850 there were again four generations living in the same house, John, a farmer, and his wife Catharine, and their widowed daughter Mary Catherine Romain 34, and her daughter, and his father Rynard 84, and in the same dwelling, but a separate household his son Henry, a farmer, with his wife Charity, and their two children. John's land was valued at \$1,000 and his father's at \$5,000.<sup>[320]</sup> The 1850 agricultural schedule shows John of the manager of a 95 acre farm only 25 of which were improved acres, the land was valued at \$5,000, with \$300 in farm implements, they had 3 horses, 6 milch cows, and 5 swine, valued at \$430, and raise wheat, rye, corn, oats, Indian corn, Irish potatoes, and 40 tons of hay, and had \$100 income from their orchards, produced 400 pounds. of butter and 30 pounds. of honey and realized \$70 from animals slaughtered.<sup>[321]</sup>

As explained in his father's record, John and his father provided each of his sons with a 30 acre farm. George's Henry from the homestead farm, and George from land they and purchased from Catherine's widowed mother.<sup>[322]</sup> George's house, known as the "Achenbach-Blacklege-Eiswald-Concklin House," is located at 13 Ackerman Avenue, in Saddle River.<sup>[323]</sup> By 1860, John had inherited his father's land which was valued at \$3,000 with a personal estate of \$1,200 and by 1870 at \$7,000 and \$3,000 personal. In 1860 and 1870, he and Catharine were living alone, except for a free black servant Hannah Goulhaf age 60, who was living with them in 1860 and a 14 year old farm laborer, John Criegeer, who was living with them in 1870.<sup>[324]</sup> Catherine died in 1879, and John could not be located in the 1880 census, but his obituary stated that he died on 10 May 1881, at the residence of his son-in-law John Q. Voorhis, Paramus and "with the exception of the last two years, deceased resided all his life in the vicinity of Chestnut Ridge . . . He leaves three children; Mrs. Voorhis of Paramus, Mrs. Jacob Zabriskie, of Saddle River, and George Achenbach of Salisbury, NC."<sup>[325]</sup>

His will, written before his wife died and thirteen years before he died, was very detailed, and is indicative of what he felt his widow would need to live out her life. It is also reflective of the trust and respect he had for his daughter-in-law Charity, who had been widowed ten years earlier. The will of John Achenbach, of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey, dated 15 March 1868 and proven of 26 July 1883, mentioned: first, wife Catherine to have all household and kitchen furniture, bonds, mortgages, note book accounts, and cash for her life or

<sup>315</sup> Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed*, 11. [Anonymous], "Baptisms in the Lutheran Church... from 1725," *The Record*, 100 (January 1969): 66, 1748 bap. #8. Her mother Hannah Van Busdkirk baptized 17 February 1782 at Paramus, daughter of Thomas Van Buskirk and Maria [Terhune]. Thomas was baptized 20 Oct 1729 in the New York Lutheran Church son of Laurens Van boskrk and and his first wife Margret Van Hom.

<sup>316</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 14, 46.

<sup>317</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 1, 29, 34.

<sup>318</sup> Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, 292.

<sup>319</sup> 1840 U.S. census Bergen Co., N.J., pop. sch. Washington, p. 83, line, 28, John Hackenback.

<sup>320</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Washington, p. 513 (penned), dwelling 739, family 808 John Ackenback, family 809 Henry Ackenback. "Washington Township Tax Assessment List of 1853," *Relics*, vol. 16, (May 1972): 4 and (January 1972): 4 (George).

<sup>321</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Washington, pp. 7 and 8 line 31, John Achenbach; National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

<sup>322</sup> Bergen County Deeds Y2: 331 (1927), D3: 379 (1830).

<sup>323</sup> "Achenbach-Blacklege-Eiswald-Concklin House," *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey - Saddle River #0258-26*. 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Washington, pages 5 and 6 line 13, George Achenbach; National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

<sup>324</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Washington, Hohokus post office, p. 56 (penned), dwelling 408, family 471: John Ackenback. 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Saddle River post office, p. 8 (penned) p. 550 (stamped), dwelling 4, family 5; John R. Achenbach; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>325</sup> John Achenbach obituary (1881), Cannon, "Beatrice Cannon Notebook - *Saddle River #1*," page 89. Newspaper clipping from unidentified paper - identified only by the hand written date 5/81.



remarriage (after which to be divided between two daughters), also the use of the dwelling house, garden, and yard behind the house with barnroom for keeping one cow and fodder, also the use of frute [sic] growing on my farm. Two son George, and Charity widow of son Henry remainder of personal property except one cow to wife. Daughter-in-law Charity farm and land where I now reside, after her death or remarriage to be divided among heirs or children of Henry. George the farm where he now lives. Third, Charity to provide, even if she remarries, pasture for the widow's cow, and an amount equal to half of sufficient hay for one cow and one third of the following amounts of grain to be furnished to my wife to wit; 14 bushels of rye, 6 bushels of buckwheat, 14 bushels of corn and as much potatoes and turnips as she may want and to pay \$800 to Rachel Ann 1 year after my death; George to pay balance of hay, and grain as above and pay \$800 to Mary. Executors son George and grandson John R. Achenbach, and wife Catherine. Signed John Achenbach and witnessed by Garret S. Demarest and Thomas L. Achenbach.<sup>13261</sup>

A release found in the probate file dated 11 May 1886 from Rachel Ann Voorhis, wife of John Q. Voorhis, acknowledges that Charity Achenbach, widow of Henry Achenbach, and John R. Achenbach, Catherine J. Berdan, wife of John V. Berdan, and Mary L. Westervelt, wife of Joseph J. Westervelt, the children of Charity Achenbach had paid Rachel the money stipulated in her father's will.<sup>13271</sup> There was no similar release found for Mary (Achenbach) Romaine Zabriskie or her heirs.

As indicated in his obituary he was living with his daughter when he died, so the inventory of his estate was very sparse, his belongings were probably those contained in a bedroom. His inventory was taken by George Achenbach, and John R. Achenbach, executors, and Thomas L. Achenbach and Garret Aug. Ackerman on 5 July 1881, and contained seven entries: wearing apparel \$3, contents of bureau \$5, 3 woolen sheets \$1.50, book accounts \$184.82, due on note \$60, interest on note \$5.00 and 18 shares of N.J. N.Y. Railroad valued at \$100 each, for a total of \$2,059.32.<sup>13281</sup>

The house that John and his family and his father before him lived in was located on the north west corner of Chestnut Ridge Road and East Allendale Avenue. In 1887 a newspaper article reported, "the homestead of John Achenback deceased, was totally destroyed by fire on July 4th, John R. Achenbach [his grandson, whose mother Charity had inherited the house] expressed indebtedness to neighbors who volunteered their assistance in saving the adjoining buildings and other property in his absence."<sup>13291</sup>

Children of John R. Achenbach and his wife Catherine "Tyna" (Hopper or Hoppe) Achenbach, all presumed to have been born in the family home on Chestnut Ridge Road in Saddle River:

46. i. POLLY<sup>4</sup> "MARY CATHERINE" ACHENBACH, b. 11 August 1816.<sup>13301</sup>
47. ii. HENRY A. ACHENBACH, b. 10 February 1820.<sup>13311</sup>
48. iii. ANNA "ANNY" ACHENBACH, b. 1 November 1822.<sup>13321</sup>
49. iv. GEORGE J. ACHENBACH, b. 19 May 1825.<sup>13331</sup>
50. v. RACHEL ANN ACHENBACH, b. 16 August 1828.<sup>13341</sup>

<sup>1326</sup> John Achenbach will (1883), Bergen County Will Book N: 309, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>1327</sup> John Achenbach petition and release (1883), Bergen County Surrogate's Surrogate's file no. 5449, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>1328</sup> John Achenbach inventory (1883), Bergen County Inventory Book O:184, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>1329</sup> Cannon, "Beatrice Cannon Notebook - Saddle River #1," page 89. Newspaper clipping from unidentified paper - identified only by the hand written date 7/8/87.

<sup>1330</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 38. Birthdate from baptism on 1 September 1816 of Polly daughter of John Ackeback [sic] and Tyne Hopper. 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch.1, Washington, p. 513 (penned), dwelling 739, family 808, Mary Catherine Romaine.

<sup>1331</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 29. Birthdate from baptism on 13 February 1820 of Henry son of John and Catherine Achenbach.

<sup>1332</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 34, Birthdate from baptism on 8 December 1822. of Anna daughter of John and Catharine Achenbach, p. 83, gravestone of Anny, daughter of John and Caty Achenbach died 23 December 1823, aged 1 year-1 month-23 days.

<sup>1333</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion*, 86 Birthdate from gravestone of George Achenbach, buried with both wives and three children who died young.

<sup>1334</sup> Interview with Ruth Adelaide (Hopper) Macfarlan, Hawthorne, New Jersey, by Maria (Pratt) Hopper, 13 March 1978, who had copied birthdate from a Bible of Rachel (Achenbach) Voorhis, her grandmother. No baptisms records for Zion Lutheran Church in Saddle River from March 9, 1828 until 26 September 1830.

**15. CATHERINE<sup>3</sup> “CATY” SMITH** (*Catriena Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in New Jersey, likely in or near Saddle River, on 15 February 1797 and died in Orvil Township, on 16 March 1891, of old age at 94, and is buried in with her husband in the Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River.<sup>[335]</sup> “Caty Smith” married at Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church on 1 June 1814.<sup>[336]</sup> **DANIEL BERDAN**, the son of Jan “John” Berdan and Osseltje (Van Voorhees) Berdan. He was born in Hohokus on 8 December 1794, and baptized at Hackensack Reformed Dutch Church on 26 December 1794,<sup>[337]</sup> and died in Hohokus of heart disease on 17 May 1868, aged 73.<sup>[338]</sup>

Catherine, most often called Caty or Katy (gravestone), and her husband were teenagers when they married, she was seventeen and he was nineteen.<sup>[339]</sup> At Daniel’s baptism, the witnesses were Daniel Romein and Grietje Roelson, and his parents were listed in Dutch as “Jan Berdan and Osseltje Van Voorrees.” Jan was more often called by John, as he was on Daniel’s death certificate. His mother’s name on the death certificate was difficult to read, it looks like Auraly? Berdan, though, the usual English translation of Osseltje was Ursula.<sup>[340]</sup>

Their first child John was baptized in the Saddle River Reformed Church. After the formation of the Lutheran Church in Saddle River they attended church there. Catharine Berdan joined the church on 10 March 1839, and her husband Daniel Berdan of Saddle River, joined on 8 December of that year.<sup>[341]</sup> No baptismal record was found for their son George who was born 22 January 1826; he may have been baptized at the Lutheran Church as there is a gap in the baptismal records from August 22, 1825 to September 25 1826.<sup>[342]</sup> Their sons were undoubtedly named after their grandfathers John Berdan and George Smith and in the Dutch tradition used D. for Daniel as their middle initial.

They lived on the west side of the Saddle River in what is now the borough of Saddle River, but was then Franklin Township and after 1849 part of Hohokus Township, where the family was enumerated. Daniel was a carpenter in 1850 census; earlier in 1840 two of the three men in the household were in manufacture and trade.<sup>[343]</sup> In 1860 Daniel was listed as a farmer, with \$3,000 in land and \$1,000 in a personal estate. Their eldest son John was consistently from 1850 through 1880 a shoemaker or bootmaker. Their son George, was a wheelwright in 1850, a farmer in 1860 and a farm laborer in 1870. George and his wife Rachel continued to live in the same house with his parents, or widowed mother, from 1850 through 1870. Also with them in 1850 was 11 year old Elen Demarest (born in New Jersey), no occupation, who did not attend school.<sup>[344]</sup> The 1860 agricultural schedule listed George Berdan as the manager of the farm, it is a very poor copy and all that can be read is 34 improved acres, 6 unimproved acres valued at \$4,000.<sup>[345]</sup> This house and farm, identified in 1876 as owned by “Geo. D. Berdan” was located on Allendale Road just west of the Lutheran Church.<sup>[346]</sup>

Daniel died on 19 May 1868, and left no recorded estate. In 1870 the widow Catharine age 74 was living in the household headed by son Jno. D., 50, son Geo. D. 44, his wife Rachel D. 38 and their son Jno. G. 22 a retail

<sup>335</sup>Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85 Katy Smith wife of Daniel Berdan gravestone, also inscribed “Mother.” Catherine Berdan death certificate, place No. 5, certificate No. B-60 (1891), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Parents: George and Catherine Smith, born U.S., birthdate from gravestone.

<sup>336</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 14.

<sup>337</sup> *Collections of the Holland Society of New York Vol. 1, Part 1, Hackensack*, 266. Christoph, Florence A. compiler and editor, *The Van Voorhees Family in America* (Baltimore: The Van Voorhees Association, 2000), 373, #1210 Osseltje Van Voorhees. Birthdate from baptism of Daniel son of Jan Berdan and Osseltje Van Voorrees, and place of birth from death record cited next.

<sup>338</sup> Daniel Berdan death record, AM-23, line 5, (1 May 1862-30 April 1863), Register of Deaths Township of Hohokus, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85. Daniel Berdan gravestone, gravestone also inscribed “Father” was transcribed as born 8 December 1774 [Incorrect from baptismal record he was born 8 December 1794.], and died 19 May 1868 likely less reliable as from his death record he died 17 May 1868.

<sup>339</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 14.

<sup>340</sup> *The Van Voorhees Family in America* (Baltimore: The Van Voorhees Association, 2000), 373, #1210 Osseltje Van Voorhees. (See note 338.)

<sup>341</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3, 4, (memberships) and 85 (gravestone).

<sup>342</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 37.

<sup>343</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule, Franklin, p. 141, line 20, Daniel Berdan; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 247. 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, populations schedule, Hohokus, p. 484 (penned) p.242 (stamped), dwelling 548, family 602; Daniel Berdan; National Archives microfilm. M432, roll 442.

<sup>344</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p. 63 (penned), dwelling 469, family 537 Danl. Berdan ( indexed as Badan), family 538 Geo. Badan, and household 465, family 535 John Berdan (indexed as Rudan); National Archives microfilm M653, roll 683. 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 56 (penned) p. 394 (stamped), dwelling 417, family 463, Jno. D. Berdan; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>345</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule 4, Hohokus, line 36 of p.5 National Archives microfilm V227, roll 146.

<sup>346</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876, 121, map of “Saddle River Valley.”*

grocer; and Catharine Miller age 55, a domestic servant, all born in New Jersey. George had \$6,000 in real estate and \$1,000 personal estate, John's personal estate was \$2,000 and Catharine's \$200.<sup>[347]</sup> In 1876, J. D. Berdan's house was on the west side of West Saddle River Road, just south of the town, and the J. D. Berdan Shoe & Gro. [Grocery] Store was just north of the house.<sup>[348]</sup> This house known as the "Berdan House" is still located at 125 West Saddle River Road.<sup>[349]</sup>

In 1880 George D. his wife Rachel, their son John G., and his wife Malissa, and his brother John D were all enumerated in the same house. However, Catharine was not with them, nor could she be found anywhere in the country, yet she did not die until 16 March 1891. Her death certificate stated that Catharine Berdan was 94, a widow, and resident of Orvil Township, [Saddle River was then part of Orvil Township], where she died, of old age after an illness of ten days, the daughter of George and Catharine Smith.<sup>[350]</sup>

Children of Catharine "Katy" (Smith) Berdan and her husband Daniel Berdan, born in New Jersey, very likely in Saddle River, where the family lived at the time.

51. i. JOHN D.<sup>4</sup> BERDAN, b. 19 November 1819.<sup>[351]</sup>

52. ii. GEORGE D. BERDAN, b. 22 January 1826.<sup>[352]</sup>

**16. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> L. ACHENBACH** (*Lourens<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Saddle River, on 10 September 1811, and baptized on 24 November 1811 at Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, in Upper Saddle River as the son of "Lauraence Ackebeck and Lenah Remson."<sup>[353]</sup> He died at Pascack, Washington Township, on 11 July 1882<sup>[354]</sup> aged 70 years, 10 months and 1 day, and is buried in the Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River, with both of his wives.<sup>[355]</sup> He married (1) at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, (his name transcribed as Thomas Aghkeback) on 11 June 1829<sup>[356]</sup> **MARIA ANN BANTA**, daughter of Henry H. and Wyntje "Lavinia" (Zabriskie) Banta. She was born about 28 June 1814<sup>[357]</sup> and baptized at the North Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church in Dumont, in July 1814<sup>[358]</sup> and died likely in Saddle River, 2 September 1831, aged 17 years, 2 months, 5 days.<sup>[359]</sup> He married (2) at the Lutheran Church in Saddle River, on 11 October 1834, **MARGARET POST**,<sup>[360]</sup> daughter of Joseph and Adline[?] (---?----) Post.<sup>[361]</sup> Margaret was born in Bergen County about 28 March 1817 or 1818, and died in Saddle

<sup>347</sup> 1870 U.S. Census, Bergen Co., N. J., Hohokus, p. 56 (penned), dwelling 417, family 463; Jno. D. Berdan.

<sup>348</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876*, 121, map of "Saddle River Valley."

<sup>349</sup> *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Saddle River*, "Berdan House," No. 0258-D #12.

<sup>350</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Enumeration District 6, p. 2 (penned) p. 334B (stamped), dwelling 19, family 21, George Berdan; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771.

<sup>351</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 41. Birthdate from baptism on 16 January 1820. of John son of Daniel Burdan [sic] and Caty Smith. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 75 "Deaths of Members," John Berdan has same birthdate.

<sup>352</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 88. George D. Berdan gravestone. Birthdate from gravestone.

<sup>353</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 33. Birthdate from baptism of George son of Thomas Ackebeck [sic] and Anna Westervelt.

<sup>354</sup> Thomas L. Achenbach petition for probate (1882), Bergen County Surrogate's Surrogate's file no. 5571, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>355</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82. T. L. Achenbach gravestone.

<sup>356</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 18.

<sup>357</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82. Birthdate computed from date of death and age at death on gravestone. of Maria Ann, wife of Thomas L. Achenbach.

<sup>358</sup> Isaac N. Philhowert and Louis L. Blauvelt, original copyists, and recopied by Mrs. Howard B. Britt and Miss Elaine Britt, *North Schraalenburgh Dutch Reformed Church at Dumont, NJ*, (No place, typescript, 1940), Bergen County Historical Society Collection, 9. Maria Anne, daughter of Henry H. Banta and Wyntie Zabriskie baptism.

<sup>359</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82. Maria Ann, wife of Thomas L. Achenbach gravestone.

<sup>360</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 13.

<sup>361</sup> Margaret Achenbach death certificate, place no. 5, certificate No. A-11 (1879), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Her mother's name is difficult to read on her death certificate. It looks like it was probably Adaline, but may have been Emaline as she named a daughter Emaline Post Achenbach.

River, Washington Township, on 4 October 1879 aged 61 years or 62 years, 6 months and 6 days,<sup>[362]</sup> of “carcinoma of uteri’ after an illness of two years.<sup>[363]</sup>

Thomas L. Achenbach's name is always found with the middle initial L. to distinguish him from his uncle Thomas. This is another example of the family adopting the local Dutch custom of using the initial of the father's first name, in this case L. for Lawrence, as a person's, (particularly a male's) middle initial. He and his first wife Maria Ann Banta were very young when they married, he was not yet 18 and she was 17 days shy of her 15th birthday. Sadly, Maria Ann died on 2 September 1831 at the age of 17, followed the next day by the death of their seven month old daughter Sarah Maria.<sup>[364]</sup>

Three years later Thomas L. Achenbach of Mount Pleasant [the Chestnut Ridge section of Saddle River] married Margaret Post of Saddle River.<sup>[365]</sup> According to her death certificate Margaret was born in Bergen County, but had only lived in the state for 25 years, no doubt because of their moving back and forth to New York City.<sup>[366]</sup> In the 1839-40 New York City directory, Thomas “Ackenback” a carpenter, was living at 37 Clarkson St., in New York City.<sup>[367]</sup> In the 1840 census, Thomas “Ackenbock” aged 20-30 was enumerated in the city in Ward 9, with 1 female under 5, and 1 female 20-30, with one person engaged in manufacture and trade, no doubt as a carpenter.<sup>[368]</sup> Their other daughter, may have been the female under five enumerated with his parents in 1840.<sup>[369]</sup> They apparently moved back and forth between Saddle River and New York City for on 12 November 1842, Mrs. Margaret Ackenback [sic] was a member of the Lutheran Church in Saddle River.<sup>[370]</sup> The family was again stuck with tragedy when on 1 February 1843, two of their three children, five year old Maria Ann (who had been named after his first wife), and two year old George died.<sup>[371]</sup>

They could not be located anywhere in the country in 1850 census. In the 1853 Washington Township Tax assessment list, he was assessed 84 cents tax on 10 acres in Washington Township, on the next line after his father, but he did not have any personal estate or pay a poll tax, which would indicate a nonresident.<sup>[372]</sup> They moved back to the area after his father’s death in May of 1855. Records of the Zion Lutheran Church in Saddle River show that on 17 February 1857, Thomas L. Achenbach and Margaret his wife transferred from the Presbyterian Church in New York.<sup>[373]</sup> In 1860 they were enumerated in Washington Township, but not on the same page as his uncle Thomas and cousin John who lived on Chestnut Ridge Road, in Saddle River. Thos. L. was 48 a farmer, with \$3,000 in land and \$500 personal, with Marg’t 40, Emeline P. 20, and Georgiana 15, both listed as young ladies, and all born in New Jersey.<sup>[374]</sup> In 1870 census of Washington Township, Thomas 58 a farmer and Margaret 52, were living next to

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<sup>362</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82, Margaret Post wife of Thomas L. Achenbach gravestone, and 77. Margaret Achenbach [sic] funeral. Birthdate calculated from age at death: gravestone has 61 years, 6 months, 6 days; funeral record has age 62 years, and death certificate (cited above) has age 62 years 6 months. Aged 40 in 1860 and 52 in 1870 so either could be correct. (See notes 374, 375.)

<sup>363</sup> 1880 U. S. mortality schedule, Bergen County, New Jersey, nonpopulation schedule 1, Recorded twice - 1) [township in margin unreadable] unpagged ( Ancestry.com image #14) line 15, Margt Achenbach, 2) Washington Township p.26 ( image #190) Margaret Achenbach; digital images by subscription *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> accessed 25 November 2005) National Archives microfilm M1810, roll 3; [The second entry is index incorrectly as Margaret Achenbach a 6 year old widow!] and death certificate of Margaret Achenbach.(See note 362.)

<sup>364</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Zion Lutheran*, 82. Sarah Maria Achenbach gravestone, daughter of Thomas L. and Maria Ann Achenbach, died 3 September 1831, aged 7 months and 8 days.

<sup>365</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 13. “Martha Ann Zabriskie’s Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 17, (November 1990): 8.

<sup>366</sup> Margaret Achenbach death certificate, place no. 5 certificate no. A-11 (1879).

<sup>367</sup> Hollister, Catharine, comp. *Manhattan New York City Directory 1839* [database online], Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com 2002. Original data: *Longworth’s American Almanac, New -York Register and City Directory for 1839*, (New York: Thomas Longworth, 1839) p.51, database by subscription *Ancestry.com*, (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 1 December 2005).

<sup>368</sup> 1840 U.S. census, New York County, New York, population schedule 1, Ward 9 New York City, p. 53, line 18, Thomas Achenboch [sic]; National Archives microfilm M704, roll 303.

<sup>369</sup> 1840 U.S. census Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. Washington, p. 83, line 24, Lawrence Hackenback.

<sup>370</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 4.

<sup>371</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82. One gravestone for Maria Ann aged 5 years 8 months and 4 days and George L. aged 2 years 3 months and 21 days, children of Thomas and Margaret Achenbach, both died 1 February 1843 and p. 71. “Buried 2 February 1843 “Thomas Achenbach’s two children (Saddle River).”

<sup>372</sup> “Washington Township Tax Assessment List of 1853,” *Relics* vol. 16, (May 1972): 4.

<sup>373</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 6.

<sup>374</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Hohokus post office, p.. 54 p. 715 (both penned), dwelling 392, family 454; Thos. L. Ackenback; National ; Archives microfilm M653 roll 683.

his uncle Thomas, so surely occupying his father's house located just north of the Achenbach homestead owned by his uncle.<sup>[375]</sup>

It was unusual for a married woman to have a will or have her estate probated as her assets were usually considered to be owned by her husband. However, Margaret Achenbach's heirs filed to have her estate administer, no doubt because the only assets listed in her inventory was a bank account for Margaret Achenbach amounting to \$694.97, in the Greenwich Savings Bank of New York City. On 23 June 1880 her heirs (all residents of Bergen County) were husband Thomas L. Achenbach of Saddle River, and children Emaline P. Bell, of West Pascack, and Georgianna Shannon of Allendale, who rescinded their rights to administer the estate in favor of George Bell, Emaline's husband.<sup>[376]</sup>

In 1880 Thomas L. was 68, a retired farmer, and widower, living alone in Washington Township.<sup>[377]</sup> On 8 April 1881 a local paper reported that Thomas L. Achenbach has sold his farm acres to Nelson Terhune for \$3,100.<sup>[378]</sup> According to his probate files he died at Pascack on 11 July 1882 which is considered more accurate than his obituary which said he died at Paterson on July 12, at age 71. His grave marker also had 11 July 1882 and his age at death computes to the birthdate given in his baptismal record. He also died intestate, his heirs were Georgianna J. Shannon, wife of Isaac Shannon of 262 Water St. in Paterson, and Emaline P. Bell, wife of George Bell, of West Pascack, [which may have caused the confusion on his place of death]; no death record was filed. His heirs too chose George Bell as administrator. The inventory of Thomas L. Achenbach, late of the Township of Washington, was taken on 5 August 1882 by George G. Bell, administrator and H. G. Hering and A. C. Tice appraisers, included \$115.01 (balance of Margaret Achenbach's estate), bond and interest of Andrew N. Terhune for \$2,017.50 [the mortgage he had taken back on the recently sold property], a note from Mary Earl for \$600, a bed-stead, bedding, bureau, trunk, tool chest and tools, wearing apparel, and \$18.18 in pocket book, totaling \$2,812.47. The final accounting on 9 August 1882 showed expenses of \$435.90, leaving a balance of \$2,376.57.<sup>[379]</sup>

Only child of Thomas L. Achenbach and his first wife Maria Ann (Banta) Achenbach, presumed to have been born in Saddle River, where the family lived.

53. i. SALLY MARIAH<sup>4</sup> "SARAH MARIA" ACHENBACH, b. 28 January 1831.<sup>[380]</sup>

Children of Thomas L. Achenbach and his second wife Margaret (Post) Achenbach:

54. ii. MARIA ANN ACHENBACH, b. 6 August 1837.<sup>[381]</sup>

55. iii. EMALINE POST ACHENBACH, b. in New Jersey, 25 November 1838.<sup>[382]</sup>

56. iv. GEORGE L. ACHENBACH, b. about 11 October 1840.<sup>[383]</sup>

<sup>375</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Saddle River post office, p. 20 (penned) p. 556 (stamped), dwelling 2, family 2; Thomas Achenbach; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>376</sup> Margaret Achenbach administration (1880), Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 5286 and Inventory Book N: 494, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>377</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Enumeration District 17, p. 18B (penned) p. 614 (stamped), dwelling 171, family 190, Thomas L. Achenbach; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771.

<sup>378</sup> Cannon, "Beatrice Cannon Notebook - *Saddle River #1*," page 92. Newspaper clipping from unidentified paper - identified only by the hand written date 4/8/81. Deeds D-11:357 and D-11:359 (1881).

<sup>379</sup> Thomas L. Achenbach administration (1882), Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 5571, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack. Thomas L. Achenbach Inventory (1882) New Jersey No. 7084B, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Thomas L. Achenbach obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (July 1882), 3.

<sup>380</sup> Howard I. Durie, transcriber, "Pascack Reformed Dutch Baptisms 1814-1856," *The American Genealogist* 47:180 Sally Mariah" daughter of Thomas L. and Mariah Ackebach baptized on 13 March 1831. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82. Birthdate from her gravestone. Sarah Maria daughter of Thomas L. and Maria Ann Achenbach, died 3 September 1831, buried with parents.

<sup>381</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 43. Birthdate from baptism of Maria Ann, daughter of Thomas L. and Margaret Achenbach, baptized 27 August 1837, and died 1 February 1843. (See note 372.)

<sup>382</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 45. Birthdate from baptism of Emaline Post, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Achenbach, baptized 19 May 1839, and born in New Jersey from 1860 census. Previously cited see note 375.

<sup>383</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82. Birthdate computed from age at death on gravestone of George L. son of Thomas and Margaret Achenbach, died 1 February 1843 aged 2 years 3 months 21 days. (See note 372.)

57. v. GEORGIANNA J. ACHENBACH, b. in New Jersey, about 1844-1845.<sup>[384]</sup>

**17. ANTYE<sup>3</sup> “ANNA” ACHENBACH,** (*Laurence<sup>2</sup> · John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born presumably in Saddle River on 4 December 1813, and baptized as “Antye daughter of Laurence Achkebach and Helenah Remson” at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church in Upper Saddle River, on 25 December 1813.<sup>[385]</sup> She died at West Pascack [also known as Woodcliff, now Woodcliff Lake] a section of the Township of Washington,<sup>[386]</sup> on 6 March 1889, aged 75 years, 3 months, and 2 days.<sup>[387]</sup> She married at the Lutheran Church in Saddle River on 12 April 1834 **CONRAD P. BUSH,**<sup>[388]</sup> the widower of Rebecca (Post) Bush.<sup>[389]</sup> He was the son of Peter C. and Margaret “Grietje” (Bush) Bush, born in Bergen County on 19 October 1809, and baptized as “Coenraad, son of Peter and Grietje Bush” at Paramus Reformed Dutch Church, on 12 November 1809.<sup>[390]</sup> He died in Woodcliff, Washington Township, on 26 May 1892,<sup>[391]</sup> of “nervous exhaustion,” aged 82 years, 6 months and 7 days and is buried with both his wives, at Zion Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River.<sup>[392]</sup>

When Ann married Conrad P. Bush, he was a 25 year old widower, with a year old baby. His first wife Rebecca (Post) Bush, had died in childbirth on 4 March 1833, at the age of 19. Just as Caty Smith had been named after her mother who died at her birth (see #15), their daughter, born on the day her mother died, was given the name Rebecca Post Bush.<sup>[393]</sup> At the time of their marriage Conrad was from Masonicus [a section of what is now Ramsey and Mahwah, New Jersey and Tallman, New York],<sup>[394]</sup> and Ann was from Mount Pleasant [the Chestnut Ridge section of Saddle River]. Ann and Conrad were married for almost fifty-five years, other than his daughter Rebecca there were no known children from their marriage, at least none that survived.

They probably lived first on land he had purchased from his parents in Franklin Township on 2 November 1833, for \$400.<sup>[395]</sup> Conrad P. Bush and Ann Bush joined the Lutheran Church in Saddle River in June 1837.<sup>[396]</sup> In 1842, he purchased land in nearby Hillsdale, then part of the Township of Washington, which included the house known as the “Blauvelt-Demarest House,” still located at 230 Broadway in Hillsdale, the house was sold before 1861, and they moved to nearby Woodcliff, in the same township.<sup>[397]</sup> They were enumerated there from 1850<sup>[398]</sup> to 1880, where he was a farmer.<sup>[399]</sup> In 1850 he had a farm of 36 acres valued at \$1,000 with \$50 in farm implements,

<sup>384</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Enumeration District 6, p. 20B (penned) dwelling 155, family 166, Georgianna Shannon; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771. Place of birth and approximate year of birth computed from ages 35 in 1880 and 15 in 1860 (See note 375.) censuses.

<sup>385</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 35. Birthdate from baptism of Antye daughter of Laurence Achkebach [sic] and Helenah Remson.

<sup>386</sup> Anna Bush petition for probate (1889), Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 6479, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack, New Jersey.

<sup>387</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 83, Ann Achenbach, wife of Conrad P. Bush gravestone, 75, Deaths of Members has “Mrs. Ann Bush March 20, 1889. buried in cemetery by church.” Probate records and gravestone have died 6 March 1889, possibly a delayed burial due to winter weather.

<sup>388</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 13. and “Martha Ann Zabriskie Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 17 no.4, (November 1990): 7 “Conrad Bush, widower of Anna Achenbach.” - not mentioned as a widower in the church record.

<sup>389</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 83 Rebecca Post wife of Conrad Bush gravestone.

<sup>390</sup> Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed*, 31. His birthdate from baptism is 19 October 1809, his birthdate computed from age of death is 19 November 1809, after the baptism, so less accurate. Ackerman and Goff, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Paramus Dutch Reformed Church Marriages...*, 4. His mother's maiden name was also Bush, as Peter Bush married Margaret Bush on 25 August 1804.

<sup>391</sup> Conrad P. Bush petition for probate, Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 7102, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack, New Jersey.

<sup>392</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 83. Conrad P. Bush gravestone.

<sup>393</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 41. Birthdate from baptism, of Rebecca Post daughter of Conrad Bush and Rebecca (deceased), baptized 7 Apr 1833 witnessed by Father and Grandmother. Gravestone of Rebecca (Post) Bush. See note 389.

<sup>394</sup> Wardell, “A Dictionary of Bergen County Place Names,” 65.

<sup>395</sup> Bergen County Deed L3: 415.

<sup>396</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3.

<sup>397</sup> Howard I. Durie, *The Kakiat Patent in Bergen County, N. J.* (Pearl River, New York: Star Press, 1970), 44, and 116 (picture of house) citing Bergen County Deed I4: 235; *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Hillsdale*, No. 0227-5 “Blauvelt -Demarest House.”

<sup>398</sup> 1850 census Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, p.531 (penned) p.266 (stamped), dwelling 889, family 979 Conrad Bush; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442. 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Hohokus post office, p. 20 p. 681 (both penned), dwelling 137, family 161; Conrad P. Bach [sic]; National Archives microfilm M653, roll 683.

<sup>399</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Saddle River post office, p. 10 (penned) p. 551. (stamped), dwelling 9, family 9; Coowrad Bush [sic]; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852. 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington, Enumeration District 7, p. 19 (penned) p. 615 (stamped), dwelling 181, family 201; Conrad P. Bush National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771.

3 horses, 3 milch cows, 1 other cattle and 7 swine valued at \$172. He raised wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, Irish potatoes, buckwheat and had \$10 profit from an orchard, and produced 150 pounds of butter and 3 tons of hay.<sup>1400</sup> His land value rose from \$1,800 in 1850 to \$2,000 in 1870, with a \$2,000 personal estate.

It was uncommon in those days for a married woman to have a will, yet Anna (Achenbach) Bush quite deliberately made a will in which she left her husband only a negligible amount and no mention was made of her stepdaughter whom she had raised from the time she was a one year old. Perhaps this reflects their relationship, or it may be simply that she intended her sister or her sister's son to receive the money from their father's estate, and knew that her stepdaughter and husband were well taken care of. The will of Anna Bush of the Township of Washington, Bergen Co. was dated 18 ---ber (?unreadable) 1883 and probated in Bergen County on 1 April 1889. She left \$250 to her nephew Ellsworth J. Demarest, her wearing apparel and furniture in the parlor to her sister Eliza, a bedstead with suitable bedding to her husband Conrad S. Bush [sic] and whatever goods and monies [sic] [sic] were left were to go to her sister Eliza. She appointed James I. Demarest of the Township of Washington as executor, and signed the will with her mark; the witnesses were Abraham C. Storms, Garret E. Storms and Herman Storms. The only heir listed in the petition for probate of Anna Bush, late of the Township of Washington who departed this life in West Pascack, was her nephew Ellsworth J. Demarest of Ridgewood, of full age. The inventory of her estate, taken 1 April 1889, totaled \$229.04, which included a bond and mortgage made by Thomas L. Achenbach and wife to James Demarest and assigned to Anna Bush, due with interest of \$204.44, plus household furniture, including a bed and bedding (\$5.00), a sewing machine (\$5.00), and wearing apparel (\$5.00).<sup>1401</sup>

The will of Conrad P. Bush of the Township of Washington, dated 10 December 1888 was probated in Bergen County on 6 June 1892. His wife Ann was to have one-third of the income of all the rest and residue of his estate both real and personal, in lieu of her dower, in his estate, so long as she remained his widow. Daughter Rebecca was to have the income of property in Paterson, subject to wife's interest, and to keep the property in order and repair, out of said income. After wife's death or remarriage Rebecca was to get the balance of the estate, in the event of Rebecca's death the estate was to go to Rebecca's two children (unnamed) and their heirs. The executor appointed was his friend James J. Demarest and the witnesses were Cornelius Cronk and Garret T. Demarest.<sup>1402</sup>

His inventory (exclusive of real estate), taken 6 June 1892, by James I. Demarest, Cornelius Cronk, and Fredrick G. Wortendyke, totaled \$420.75, and was quite modest, and did not reflecting the assets of a farmer. It including \$3.00 in wearing apparel, \$10.00 in bedding, six chairs and a \$5.00 table, a 25 cent pair of shoes, a 25 cent shot gun, and \$10 in cash amounting to \$45.75 plus a \$375 note due from James I. Demarest.<sup>1403</sup> His only heir was his daughter Rebecca Van Riper, widow, of Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey.<sup>1404</sup>

Stepchild of Antye "Ann" Achenbach born of her husband, Conrad P. Bush and his first wife Rebecca (Post) Bush, probably born in or near Saddle River.

58. REBECCA POST <sup>1</sup> BUSH, b. in New Jersey, on 4 March 1833.<sup>1405</sup>

**18. ELIZA CATHARINE<sup>3</sup> ACHENBACH** (*Laurence<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Saddle River, on 5 October 1821, and baptized at Pascack Reformed Dutch Church, in present day Park Ridge, on 18 November 1821 (transcribe as Eliza Caterine [sic], daughter of Lawrence and Lena Achtabach [sic]).<sup>1406</sup> She died in Ridgewood, on 1 January 1887 of blood poisoning in her 64th year.<sup>1407</sup> She married in Saddle River, then part of Washington

<sup>400</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, agricultural schedule, Washington, p.5-6 line 31 Conrad Bush; National Archives microfilm V227, roll 141.

<sup>401</sup> Anna Bush will and inventory (1889), Bergen County Will Book R: 481 and Inventory Book R: 114, Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 6479, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>402</sup> Conrad P. Bush will (1892), New Jersey No. 8069B, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

<sup>403</sup> Conrad P. Bush will and inventory, (1892), New Jersey No. 8069B, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

<sup>404</sup> Conrad P. Bush petition for probate (1892), Bergen County Surrogate's file no. 7102, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>405</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 41. Birthdate from baptism on 8 apr 1833 of Rebecca Post daughter of Conrad Bush and Rebecca (deceased), [Presented by] "Father and Grandmother" 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, p.531 (penned), dwelling 889, family 979; Rebecca Bush. Born in New Jersey from census.

<sup>406</sup> Durie, "Pascack Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms 1814-1850," vol. 47 ( July 1972): 180. Birthdate from baptismal record, the Pascack Church Reformed Dutch located in Park Ridge shared a pastor with the Saddle River Reformed Church.

<sup>407</sup> Mrs. James Demarest obituary, *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, New Jersey, 7 January 1887, page 3, column 4.

Township, at her father's house on 4 September 1851,<sup>[408]</sup> **JAMES A. DEMAREST**, son of Aaron J. Demarest and Margaret Baldwin. He was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey about 24 October 1823.<sup>[409]</sup> and died when he was “struck and cut by [railroad] cars” “while walking on the tracks at Ridgewood,”<sup>[410]</sup> on 14 March 1887, aged 63 years 4 months and 20 days.<sup>[411]</sup>

On 30 May 1841 Eliza Achenbach joined the Saddle River Lutheran Church, where on 4 Sept 1851, James Demarest married Miss Eliza C. Achenbach, at the residence of Laurence Achenbach Washington, N. J.; both were 27 years old and of Washington, N. J.”<sup>[412]</sup> Actually she was just shy of 30 and he would not turn 27 until the following month. Her age was listed as 26 in 1850, 36 in 1860, 46 in 1870, but 58 in 1880 and in her 64th year in January 1887 when she died.<sup>[413]</sup> It is possible that the Eliza Catharine born and baptized 1821 died young and another daughter was born about 1822-24 was given her name, but it is more likely that Eliza who was three years older than her husband was less than forthcoming about her age.

Eliza and James, a farmer, lived on East Saddle River Road<sup>[414]</sup> in Saddle River, in what was then part of the Township of Washington, next to the farm of his brother James Baldwin Demarest, (a.k.a. Baldwin Demarest), from 1860 through 1880. They were living there as early as 1853 when he was taxed on 120 acres valued at \$4,200 and \$300 personal and paid a total of \$10.45 in taxes plus a 18 cent dog tax.<sup>[415]</sup> His land was valued at \$5,000 in 1860 and \$6,000 in 1870, with personal estates of \$700 and \$500. Strangely their son James Ellsworth was not enumerated with them, or anyone else, in the 1870 census though he would have been seven years old. Just as strangely, their daughter Lizzie who was with them in 1860 aged 7, was enumerated twice in 1870, first as Elizbith [sic] Demarest age 17 with her parents and second as Lizzie Ackerman age 17 living with her husband, Garret G. Ackerman 21, and their 1 month old son Abraham in Franklin Township [Ridgewood] in the household of her father-in-law.<sup>[416]</sup> In 1880 their son, Jas. E. Demarest age 17 was living with his sister Lizie [sic]A. [Demarest] Ackerman 25, and her husband Garret G. Ackerman 31, a farmer, and their children Demarest 10, and Garret 8. James Ellsworth Demarest, was probably living there because of his job “clerk in a D. Store,” no doubt a Drug Store, as he was later to become a druggist, and Ridgewood had a much larger business district than Saddle River. James and Elizabeth Demarest were living alone in 1880 in the Township of Washington, he was 57 a farmer and she was 58.<sup>[417]</sup>

Sometime after the census was taken in 1880, they too moved to Ridgewood Township where James took up the profession of shoemaker. Elizabeth died in there on 1 January 1887, and three months later, James was killed in a rail road accident there. James’ death was reported in detail in the Hackensack weekly newspaper the *Bergen County Democrat*:

Ridgewood - On Monday evening about 7 o'clock James Demarest, who lives near Ridgewood junction, started to walk home by the railroad track, as he was accustomed to do. He always walked on the westward bound side of the road, so as to see when a train was approaching, Monday evening a freight train was left standing at the short cut, while an engine and two way cars were run up to Ridgewood, one of which contained a horse to be left at the station. In running back to the short cut Mr. Demarest was struck by the car attached to the engine and instantly killed. His body was so horribly mangled that he was hardly

<sup>408</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 17.

<sup>409</sup> James Demarest death certificate, place no. 5, certificate no. D-52 (1887), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Place of birth and parents’ names and birthdate calculated from age at death and date of death on death certificate.

<sup>410</sup> *ibid.* and James Demarest obituary, *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, N. J., 18 March 1887, page 3, column 4.

<sup>411</sup> “The Diaries of Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Campbell,” *The Archivist*, vol. . 33, No 1 (February 2006): 4. James Demarest obituary, *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, N. J., 18 March 1887, page 3, column 4.

<sup>412</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 17.

<sup>413</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Bergen Co. N. J., pop. sch.1., Washington, p. 512 (penned), dwelling 736, family 805, Elisa C. Ackenback. See note 414 notes 418 and 419 for 1860-1880 censuses.

<sup>414</sup> Bergen County Mortgage Book, N: 246, County Clerk’s Office, Hackensack.

<sup>415</sup> “Washington Township Tax Assessment List for 1853” *Relics*, vol. 16 no. 89, p. 3.

<sup>416</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington Township, Hohokus post office, p. 8 p. 667 (both penned) , dwelling 52, family 63, James Demarest; National Archives microfilms: M653, roll; 683. 1870 U.S. censuses, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Washington Township, Saddle River post office, (enumerated 27 June 1870), p. 20 (penned) p. 557 (stamped), dwelling 10, family 11, Elizbith Demerest. and Franklin Township, Ramseys post office (enumerated 2 August 1870), p.39 (penned) p. 212 (stamped), dwelling 275, family 307 Lizzie Ackerman; both National Archives microfilms M593, roll 852 .

<sup>417</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Ridgewood, Enumeration District p. 8 (penned) p. 540 (stamped), dwelling 65, family 31; Lizie A. Ackerman and 1880 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Washington, E. D. 17, p. 29 (penned), James Demarest, both National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771.



recognized. Mr. Garret G. Ackerman, a son-in-law, was walking up the track and was the first to discover the body . . . Mr. Demarest was 63 years old, and worked at shoemaking in the the rear of the C. P. Crouter's butcher shop. He leaves a son and daughter; Ellsworth, the son, is a druggist in Brooklyn, and the daughter is the wife of Mr. Garret G. Ackerman, of Ridgewood. Mr. Demarest was [from] one of the old families of Bergen and well connected. Baldwin Demarest, a brother, lives in Saddle River."<sup>[418]</sup>

The newspaper also contained a report on the coroner's inquest which concluded the cause of death was being "run over by a train." The newspaper also noted, "During the the past 20 years not less than 23 persons have met their death on the rail within a distance of a mile from the station."<sup>[419]</sup> Perhaps this was because there were no gates or signals in those days, or perhaps do to the unhealthy habit of walking on the tracks. Even though both Eliza and James died in 1887 in Ridgewood, a death certificate was filed for James, but none was found for Eliza. His death certificate stated he was buried in Saddle River, no doubt in the Zion Lutheran Churchyard there, and she was almost certainly buried there as well, but no grave markers have survived.

Children of Eliza Catharine Achenbach and her husband, James Demarest, likely born in Saddle River where the family lived:

59. i. ELIZABETH A.<sup>4</sup> "LIZZIE" DEMAREST, b. 7 December 1853.<sup>[420]</sup>
60. ii. THOMAS BALDWIN DEMAREST, b. 5 January 1856.<sup>[421]</sup>
61. iii. JAMES ELLSWORTH DEMAREST (a.k.a. ELLSWORTH DEMAREST), b. 21 July 1862.<sup>[422]</sup>

**19. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> A. ACHENBACH** (*Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Saddle River, no doubt in the homestead at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road, on 8 January 1812, and baptized 1 March 1812, in the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church in present day Upper Saddle River.<sup>[423]</sup> He died in Hackensack, of "Bright's Disease" [kidney disease] or "heart disease," on 17 June 1874,<sup>[424]</sup> aged 62 years, 5 months, 11 days, and is buried in the Zion Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River.<sup>[425]</sup> He was married at the Reformed Dutch Church of Greenwich Village, in New York City, New York, on 25 June 1845,<sup>[426]</sup> to **LEAH MARGARET QUACKENBUSH**, daughter of Dr. David and Leah (Kip) Quackenbush. She was born in New York, likely in New York City, on 6 June 1824, and baptized there

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<sup>418</sup> James Demarest obituary, *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, N. J., 18 March 1887, page 3, column 4.

<sup>419</sup> *Bergen County Democrat*, Hackensack, N. J., 18 March 1887, page 3, column 4.

<sup>420</sup> Herbert S. Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, *Valleau Cemetery*, (n. p: privately printed, 1944), 23. birthdate from gravestone of Elizabeth A. Ackerman wife of Garret G. Ackerman.

<sup>421</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 62. Thomas Baldwin son of James and Eliza Demarest baptism, and 85, gravestone of Thomas Baldwin, son of James and Eliza Catharine Demarest, Birthdate from baptism and gravestone, baptized 9 February 1856 died 3 January 1857, buried with Achenbach grandparents.

<sup>422</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 63. Birthdate from baptism on 25 Oct 1862 of James Ellsworth, son of James and Eliza Demarest. Called Ellsworth Demarest in father's obituary.

<sup>423</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 33. Birthdate from baptismal record of George son of Thomas Ackebach [sic] and Anna Westervelt. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion* 64. baptisms. 1860 U.S. census New York County, New York, population schedule 1, Ward 9, Division 4 New York City, New York City post office, p. 32 (penned), dwelling 124, family 251; Asa H. Achenbach;. National Archives micro film M653 roll 796. From the baptismal records of son George and daughter Leah Nora his middle initial was A. In the 1860 census his name was recorded as Asa H. Achenbach, so Asa may have been his middle name.

<sup>424</sup> George Achenbach death records, AY-34 and AW-33 (1 May 1874 - 30 April 1875), Registers of Deaths Bergen County, New Jersey Archives. Recorded twice, both born Saddle River and died in Hackensack on 17 June 1874; the first of "Bright's Disease" and the latter of "heart disease." Smith, *Archaic Medical Terms, Bright's Disease*, (<http://www.paul-smith.doctors.org.uk/ArchaicMedicalTerms.htm>, undated 2002, accessed 14 June 2006).

<sup>425</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 86. George Achenbach gravestone.

<sup>426</sup> George Achenbach and Leah Margaret Quackinbush marriage, Reformed Dutch Church of Greenwich Village, New York, New York as extracted in the *International Genealogical Index* (Salt lake City: Family History Library, 1999-2000), citing Batch No.: M506271, Dates 1808-1859, Source No.0017475, sheet 00).

on 21 September 1824 at the Reformed Dutch Church of Greenwich Village.<sup>[427]</sup> She died on 7 January 1880, aged 55 years and 7 months, and was buried with her husband, on 10 January 1880.<sup>[428]</sup>

George's obituary stated [he was] "an apt scholar, and when a mere lad his ambition led him to become a school teacher. He taught first at Upper Pascack and the at Lower Pascack. From there he went to Paramus, . . . Leaving this occupation, he sought a position in the Merchant's Bank of Wall street, and worked himself up in a short time to the position of receiving teller. When Bergen County Bank was chartered he was elected President, and held it up to the time of his death."<sup>[429]</sup> He probably moved to New York City sometime before his marriage there in 1845. His children with the possible exception of David, who was listed in one out of three censuses as born in New Jersey, were born in New York, no doubt New York City. Still the hometown held an important place in their hearts and each child's baptism was recorded in their home parish in Saddle River. They have not been located in the 1850 census of either New Jersey or New York. For some unknown reason in the 1860 census of New York City he was enumerated as "Asa H. Achenbach," a 48 year old clerk, with \$14,000 in real estate and \$7,000 in personal estate, however, living with him were Leah M. 35, Thomas 13, David 11, and George 5, all born in New York, so it is clearly this family. Also living with them were two domestics: Jane Gallavant 20, born New Jersey and Sarah Carlisle 19, born in Ireland.<sup>[430]</sup>

He later moved to Hackensack to further pursue his banking career. In the 1870 census he was listed as a bank clerk though he had \$10,000 in land and \$25,000 in a personal estate. Living with George and Leah M. were, sons David 22, a clerk in a bank, and Thomas 24, a merchant, and his wife Anna 20. George the elder, and David were born in New Jersey all others were born in New York. Also living with them were two domestic servants Mariah Dowd, 22 born in Ireland and Elisabeth Kline 13 born in New Jersey.<sup>[431]</sup> When the Bergen County Bank was formed opened on 2 January 1872, he was the president, and one of the primary investors.<sup>[432]</sup> Unfortunately, not long after that his health began to fail, as at the time of his death, "[he] had been complaining for a long time and lately was relieved of the duties at the Bank with the expectation of going abroad."<sup>[433]</sup> His property in Hackensack, shown in the 1876 atlas as belonging to the "Heirs of Geo. Achenbach," was located on the south west corner of Main Street and Anderson Street through to River Street. From the outline of the building and the contents of his inventory it was a mansion, one of many in Hackensack at the time.<sup>[434]</sup>

The will of George Achenbach of Hackensack, county of Bergen, state of New Jersey, was dated 26 May 1874, and probated 6 July 1874, in Bergen County. He directed that first his just debt be paid, then to son Thomas, a hunting case, gold watch, and buggy made of wood, to son David, buggy made of waterbry, to son George - a diamond pin, diamond ring, and my gray horse (George), his wife "Margaret" was to receive all household furniture, books, paintings, silver and plate ware and my other gold watch, plus his house at 165 West 10th Street in New York City in lieu of her dower rights to his real estate. She was also to receive the income and interest of his estate as long as she remained his widow, then the estate was to be divided equally by three sons. He left \$25 to the six children of Stephen Cole and the two children of George Cole were each to receive \$75. He named his wife Margaret and son Thomas as executors. The will was witnessed by William J. Banta (signed W. J. Banta), John H. T. Banta, and John J. Anderson. Though called Margaret in his will, and L. Margaret in the petition for probate, his widow signed the petition for probate as Leah Margaret Achenbach. His heirs, on 6 July 1874 were his widow Leah M. and sons Thomas and George Achenbach of Hackensack, and son David Achenbach of Peekskill, New York.<sup>[435]</sup>

<sup>427</sup> Reformed Dutch Church of Greenwich Village, see previous citation (Batch No.: C506271). Birthdate from baptism of Leah Margaret daughter of David Quackenbush and Leah Kip. Adrian (Quackenbush) Suydam, *The Quackenbush Family, in Holland and America*, (Paterson, N.J.: Quackenbush & Co., 1909), 98.

<sup>428</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 82 Leah M. Quackenbush, wife of Thomas Achenbach gravestone, and 78 funeral. No record found in 1880 New Jersey Mortality Schedule.

<sup>429</sup> George Achenbach obituary, *The Bergen County Democrat, Hackensack, New Jersey, 19 June 1874, page 2 column 2.*

<sup>430</sup> 1860 U.S. census N. Y. Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 9, Division 4, New York, p. 32 (penned), dwelling 124, family 251; Asa H. Achenbach.

<sup>431</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, New Barbadoes, Hackensack post office, p. 94 (penned) p.488 (stamped), dwelling 677, family 783; George Achenbach; National Archives microfilms M593 roll 852.

<sup>432</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876, 34, column 1.*

<sup>433</sup> *Bergen County Democrat*, 19 June 1874.

<sup>434</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876, 52.* George Achenbach inventory (1874), Bergen County Inventory Book L: 417.

<sup>435</sup> George Achenbach will (1874), Bergen County Will Book L: 208, Release Book D: 383-384, and petition for probate in Surrogate's file no. 4563, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

The inventory of his estate taken, 6 October 1874, and presented on 20 July 1874, by his executors, and John H. Banta and John J. Anderson appraisers, reveals the extent of his wealth. The inventory was eleven pages long and extremely detailed, with 123 items in the mansion, 114 items and livestock, and in the barn and out buildings and over 30 stocks, bonds and notes. The rooms included a sitting room, dining room, parlor, library, glass pantry, dining room pantry, kitchen, main hall, second story hall, six bedrooms, a garret, kitchen bed room, pantry and cellar. Rooms were carpeted, with shades and drapery, and filled with mahogany and rosewood furniture. Some of the more interesting items were: 386 books (\$494) in the sitting room and library, a billiard table (\$75.00) and 7 oil paintings (\$300) in the sitting room, 12 oil painting (\$500) in the parlor. The cellar, in addition to the expected storage items, showed a well stocked wine cellar with 200 gallons of largar [sic], 1 box plus 32 bottles of wine, 4 gallons of brandy and 20 gallons of apple brandy. The items bequeathed to his wife and children were also listed: gold watch and chain (\$95.00), gold watch (\$100), buggy wagon of wood (\$100), buggy wagon of waterbury (\$100), 1 gray horse (\$400). There was a large amount of farm animals and implements including a pair of oxen, 5 cows, harrows, wagons etc., possibly from his father's farm which he had inherited. The bulk of his estate was in stocks, bonds and personal notes amounting to over 50,000, including 150 shares in the Bank in Bergen County worth \$15,000, 500 share of the American District Telegraph Company worth \$6,250 and \$15,000 in New York Steamboat bonds. Also many private notes including several small ones to relatives. His estate (exclusive of real estate) totaled \$63,718.58.<sup>[436]</sup> According to the Economic History Services the relative worth of \$63,719 in 2005 using the Consumer Price Index would be \$1,086,478.72, had his real estate been included he would have been worth considerably more.<sup>[437]</sup>

As the only son of the family he had inherited the homestead at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road in Saddle River which he continued to own until his death. After his wife's death, his sons sold the property including the homestead, on 1 June 1880 to his sister Mary Ann (Achenbach) Terhune<sup>[438]</sup>

Children of George and Leah Margaret (Quackenbush) Achenbach.

62. i. THOMAS<sup>4</sup> ACHENBACH, b. New York, 12 July 1846.<sup>[439]</sup>
63. ii. DAVID ACHENBACH, b. New York or New Jersey, 30 August 1848.<sup>[440]</sup>
64. iii. GEORGE ACHENBACH, b. New York, 23 July 1854.<sup>[441]</sup>
65. iv. LEAH NORA ACHENBACH, b. probably in New York, 7 Apr 1856.<sup>[442]</sup>

**20. MARYANN<sup>3</sup> ACHENBACH** (*Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in the homestead at 184 Chestnut Ridge Road, in Saddle River,<sup>[443]</sup> on 6 March 1817, and baptized in Upper Saddle River at Saddle River Reformed

<sup>436</sup> George Achenbach inventory (1874), Bergen County Inventory Book L: 417, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack, New Jersey

<sup>437</sup> Miami University, Wake Forest University, *EH.Net* (Economic History Service), "What is its Relative Value?" (<http://eh.net/hmit/compare>: accessed May 10, 2006).

<sup>438</sup> Bergen County Deed T10: 520.

<sup>439</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 56. 1860 U.S. census New York Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 9, Division 4, New York, p. 32 (penned), dwelling 124, family 251; Thomas Achenbach. Birthdate from baptism 25 Apr 1847 as son of Geo. and Leah Achenbach. Born in New York per 1860 and 1870 census (see notes 425 and 433)..

<sup>440</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 58. birthdate from baptismal record, baptized 6 December 1848, as son of George and Leah Margaret Achenbacke [sic]. 1880 U. S. census, New York County, New York, population schedule 1, Enumeration District 169, p. 12 (penned) p.615 (stamped), West 10th Street, dwelling 47, family 76, David Achenbach; National Archives microfilm T9, roll 874. From 1860 census born New York, and 1870 census born New Jersey (see notes 425 and 433), but 1880 census born in New York, but so was his father who was definitely born in New Jersey?!

<sup>441</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 64. Birthdate from baptismal record, baptized 29 September 1854, as son of George A. and Leah Achenbach, but recorded with sister Leah's baptismal record, between baptisms in April 1867 and March 1868, so baptism was probably performed elsewhere. From 1860 and 1870 censuses (see notes 425 and 433) he was born in New York/

<sup>442</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 64. birthdate from baptismal record, baptized 17 September 1856, as daughter of George A. and Leah Achenbach, but recorded with brother George's baptismal record, between baptisms in April 1867 and March 1868 when she was already deceased, so baptism was probably performed elsewhere and records sent to Zion. 86 gravestone of Leah Nora daughter of George and Leah Margaret Achenbach, died 21 February 1858 aged 1 year 10 months and 14 days. Row 7, buried with grandparents David Quackenbush and Leah Kip.

<sup>443</sup> Mrs. Mary Ann Terhune obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (December 1898), 3.

Dutch Church, on 6 April 1817.<sup>[444]</sup> She died in Ridgewood, on 26 November 1898, aged 81 years, and was buried in the Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River, with her husband.<sup>[445]</sup> On 15 February 1838<sup>[446]</sup> she married **JOHN RICHARD TERHUNE**, son of Peter J. Terhune and Helena “Elen” Zabriskie. He was born 31 January 1813, in Hoppertown, and baptized at Paramus Reformed Dutch Church 7 March 1813.<sup>[447]</sup> He died of an inflammation, in Hoppertown, in Franklin Township [present day Ridgewood], on 15 January 1864, aged 50 years, 11 months, 15 days, and was buried on 17 January 1864.<sup>[448]</sup>

Mary Ann and her husband, according to a local diarist, were married on 15 February 1838, they were likely married in the Saddle River Lutheran Church, but no marriages were recorded there between 12 October 1834 and 17 October 1838. John Terhune and wife Mary Ann joined the Lutheran Church on 4 February 1843.<sup>[449]</sup> They lived not far from Saddle River, on North Maple Avenue, in what is now Ridgewood, then part of Franklin Township. This section, and the area to the north, was originally called Hoppertown, as it was in John’s death record.<sup>[450]</sup> In 1850, John was 37 a farmer, with \$5,000 in land living with Mary Ann 33, their three children and his parents Peter J. 79, and Elen 78. Peter Terhune’s occupation was “none” and he owned no land.<sup>[451]</sup>

By 1860 John had gone into the wood turning business as both John R., his son Peter O. and James Vanderbeck 21, who was living with them, were listed as turners. The business was apparently quite successful as John had \$10,000 in land and \$3,000 in his personal estate.<sup>[452]</sup> The Products of Industry survey for the year ending 1 June 1860, of Franklin Township, reported John B. [sic] Terhune had a saw and turning mill, with \$1,100 invested, raw materials were 1000 logs of maple, oak, hickory, chestnut, and white wood valued at \$1,000. They use water power and had 2 saws and 2 lathes, 3 employees (labor cost \$60 a month), they produced, boards, planks, ?oice [unreadable], lath and chair stuff, valued at \$3,000.<sup>[453]</sup> When John Terhune died in 1864, his death certificate listed his occupation as farmer, yet his son Peter still owned the mill in 1876. *The Walker Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876* advertised (under Hohokus), “Peter O. Terheun Wood-Turning and Sawing Mills,” and showed the saw mills located on the east side of North Maple Avenue, on the Hohokus Brook.<sup>[454]</sup>

John died intestate on 15 January 1864, and an application for administration of his estate was filed on 8 February 1864; his heirs were his widow Mary Ann, sons Peter O. and Thomas, and daughter Anna L. Terhune. His wife was appointed administrator, signing her name in beautiful script as “Mary ann Terhune.” An inventory of his estate (exclusive of real estate) was taken on 4 February 1864, by Mary Ann Terhune administrator, and Cornelius J. Van Riper and Garret G. Van Diem appraisers, and totaled \$6,283.00. It contained purse and bank checks \$354, wearing apparel and a silver watch \$38, furnishings for a large house, several thousand dollars in mortgages and notes and 8 parlor chairs 1/2 dozen dining chairs, 1 dozen plain chairs, and 1 dozen cain bottom chairs [no doubt reflective of his business].<sup>[455]</sup>

<sup>444</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 39. Baptism of Mary Ann daughter of Thomas Ackerman [sic] and Ann Westervelt. Birthdate from baptism and gravestone ( cited next) are the same so father’s surname at baptism is in error.

<sup>445</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 88 Mary Ann Terhune, wife of John R. Terhune gravestone, and 75 Mrs. M. A. Terhune deaths of members 75. Mary Ann Terhune petition for probate (1898), Bergen County Surrogate’s file no. 8736 had place of death.

<sup>446</sup> “Martha Ann Zabriskie’s Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 18 , (November 1991): 8. Name transcribed as John P. [sic] Terhune.

<sup>447</sup> Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed*, 84. Birthdate given at baptism of John Richard son of Peter and Helena Terhune. From death record cited next his parents were Peter Terhune and Helen Zabriskie and he was born in Hoppertown. George Olin Zabriskie, *The Zabriskie Family*, vol. 1, (USA, privately printed, 1963), 388, no.1947.

<sup>448</sup> John R. Terhune death record, B-487, line 46, (1 May 1863-30 April 1864), Franklin Township, *Bergen County N. J. Marriages and Deaths 1848-1867 Volume B*, New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, (Family History Library US/CAN film 493702). Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 88. John R. Terhune gravestone, Birth and death dates on gravestone, agree with baptismal and death record; age at death is from gravestone.

<sup>449</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3.

<sup>450</sup> Wardell, “A Dictionary of Bergen County Place Names,” 55.

<sup>451</sup> 1850 U. S. Census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Franklin, p. 217 (stamped), dwelling 203, family 215 John R. Terhune, family 217 Peter J. Terhune; National Archives microfilm M432 roll 442 .

<sup>452</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Franklin, Godwinville post office, p.18 p. 346 (both penned) dwelling 280, family 318; John R. Terhune; National Archives microfilm M 653 roll 683.

<sup>453</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, industrial schedule 5, Franklin, Godwinville post office, p.1, lines 13,14, 15; state level copy, microfilmed March 1981 by the Department of Education, State Library, located in New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

<sup>454</sup> Walker, *Atlas of Bergen County, 1776-1876*, 164, 128.

<sup>457</sup> John R. Terhune administration (1864), Bergen County Surrogate’s file no. 3612, Inventory Book H: 322-326 (microfilm copy very poor quality), Release Book A: 385, Letter of Administration Book B: 59, Surrogate’s Office, Hackensack.

In 1870 Mary Ann was the head of the household, keeping house, and had land valued at \$20,000 and a personal estate of \$2,500 (?difficult to make out the first digit.) Her eldest son Peter 30 and single, was listed as a farmer, yet as mentioned, he was the owner of the wood turning mill? Also living with them was her daughter here called Hannah L. age 28 and single, and Peter A. K. Terhune age 53, and single and born in New York, a retired merchant with \$20,000 in his personal estate.<sup>[456]</sup>

On 11 February 1874 their only daughter Anna Louisa Terhune, married her second cousin once removed John Raimond Achenbach, son of Henry Achenbach (#36). This is the only case in the four generations of "Achenbach cousins" marrying. Unfortunately Anna Louisa died in April 1875, 15 days after giving birth to their only son, who was named Louis Terhune Achenbach in her honor. In 1880 in Ridgewood Township the family name was spelled Terheun, Mary Ann was the head of the household aged 62, with her two unmarried sons and again P. A. K. Terheun 66 and single, born in New York, a retired merchant, and boarder. Curiously both sons were listed in the census with no occupation, yet the census enumerator was Thomas Terheun, her son!<sup>[457]</sup> Peter A. K. Terhune has not been identified; he was not be located in the 1850 or 1900 censuses, nor was his estate probated in Bergen County.

Although never listed as such, this family apparently had servants. In 1850 a 12 year old black girl named Sarah Terhune, no occupation was living with them. She was possibly the, Sarah Tierce a 24 year old black woman, no occupation and Frances Tierce age 2, likely her son, who were living with them in 1860, and in 1870 Frank Muler, a 13 year old black farm laborer was with them.

Mary Ann died on 26 November 1898, her obituary said she was the mother of Assessor Thomas Terheun and Collector Peter O. Terheun of Ridgewood, and the only sister of George Achenbach, former president of the Hackensack Bank, and had been a member of the Lutheran church for 60 years, and was its oldest communicant. The December 1898, *Landscape* reported, "Mrs. Mary Ann Terhune, of Hohokus, . . . was buried a the Lutheran church Nov. 29th. Mrs. Terhune was the daughter of Thomas Achenbach and was born and brought up at the well known stone house next to the Landscape office."<sup>[458]</sup>

The will of Mary Ann Terhune, of Ridgewood, Bergen County, New Jersey was dated 28 Jul 1882 and probated in Bergen county on 11 January 1899. She mentioned first her grandson Louis T. Achenbach to receive her new silver spoons, 6 large spoons, 6 small spoons and 2 dessert spoons. Second sons Thomas O. and Peter Terhune to receive the rest of her personal property to be divided equally. Third, two sons to have all real estate and to pay four eighteenths of rent to grandson till grandson reaches the age of 35 years. Sons are not to cut more than one half of timber from land. If necessary for sons sell property each to receive seven eighteenths and grandson to receive four eighteenths. The executors were her two sons and the witnesses were John G, Esler and Andrew Esler, [her cousins see #72 and #73], both of Saddle River.<sup>[459]</sup> Her estate was tied up for many years, as her daughter Anna Louisa's only son Louis Terhune Achenbach, was declared "incompetent" or a "lunatic," and so the estate was not settled until 21 August 1913, after the death of her two bachelor sons and the death of her son-in-law John Raimond Achenbach. John V. Berdan, Louis's uncle, wife of Catharine (Achenbach) Berdan, John Raimond's uncle became his guardian. At that time there was \$7,247.69 remaining in the estate, and Louis was the only heir and his uncle John V. Berdan, husband of his father's sister Catharine (Achenbach) Berdan, became his guardian.<sup>[460]</sup> No inventory was filed with her estate in Hackensack or Trenton.

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<sup>456</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Franklin, Ramseys post office, p. 6 (penned) p. 195 (stamped), dwelling 32, family; Mary A. Terhune; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>457</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Ridgewood, Enumeration District 14, p. 28 (penned) p. 550D (stamped), dwelling 251, family 270; Mary A. Terheun (indexed as Mary R. Terheun); National Archives microfilm T623, roll 956. [Note: this census, which was enumerated by her son Thomas Terheun, is in error as there are ditto marks under mother and father born in England for 11 people on this page including everyone in this household, probably intended to be ditto marks under born NJ.] 1900 U.S. census Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Ridgewood, Ridgewood Village, Enumeration District 3, p.133 (stamped), dwelling 266, family 278, Thomas and Peter O. Terhune; National Archives microfilm T623, roll 956.

<sup>458</sup> Joe Suplicki, "The Newspaper History of Ridgewood, New Jersey - a work in progress" (No place: typescript, 2001) page 27 of 1898 section, [each year separately numbered]. quoting *Hackensack Republican* 1 December 1898. Manuscript available at the Genealogical Society if Bergen County Library (Ridgewood Public Library), Ridgewood, New Jersey. Smith, *Landscape* (December 1898), 3.

<sup>459</sup> Mary Ann Terhune will (1899), Bergen County Will Book U-221, Bergen County Surrogate's Office, file no. 8736, Surrogate's Office, Hackensack.

<sup>460</sup> Mary Ann Terhune probate file (1898-1913), Bergen County Surrogate's Office, file no. 8736; Surrogate's Office, Hackensack. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85.

On 1 June 1880, after the death of her brother's widow, Mary Ann Terhune purchased the family homestead, which she had been born in, from her brother's heirs.<sup>[461]</sup> Mary Ann died in 1898; after her death, her sons Peter O. and Thomas Terhune, loss the property for taxes and the homestead property passed out of the family.<sup>[462]</sup>

Children of Mary Ann Achenbach and her husband John Richard Terhune all born in New Jersey, likely in Bergen County.<sup>[463]</sup>

66. i. PETER ORLANDO<sup>4</sup> TERHUNE, b. 24 June 1840.<sup>[464]</sup>
67. ii. ANNA LOUISA TERHUNE, b. 23 March 1842.<sup>[465]</sup>
68. iii. THOMAS TERHUNE (TERHEUN), b. February 1845.<sup>[466]</sup>

**21. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> COLE** (*Ann Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in New York on 3 June 1822, and baptized 12 December 1822 at the Lutheran Church in Saddle River.<sup>[467]</sup> He died after about 1853-1854, when his son Francis was conceived, and likely before 1 June 1860, when he was not enumerated with his wife and children.<sup>[468]</sup> He married in Rochester, Monroe County, New York, at St. Mary's Church, on 8 May 1848 **AMELIA SHUART BUCHAN**,<sup>[469]</sup> likely the daughter of James and Caroline (\_\_\_?) Buchan. She was born about 1826-1828 in New York, and died after 1 June 1870, when she was living in Rochester.<sup>[470]</sup>

The May 11th 1848, issue of the *Rochester Republican* reported, "in this city on last Sunday evening in St. Mary's Church, by the Rev. Lawrence Carroll, George Cole to Amelia Shuart Buchan." Two years later they were both living there with his parents, he was 28, and engineir [sic] with \$6,000 in land and Amelia was 24, both born in New York.<sup>[471]</sup> Strangely in 1850 Amelia was also enumerated with James Buchan 48, a grocer, and Caroline 43, (presumed to be her parents), in the 3rd ward of Rochester, as Amelia S. Cole 22, no occupation, with six other Buchans: Caroline 20, Catharine A. 16, Maria A. 14, Emma L. 10, and Chas. A. 7. (youngest 5 in school), and Stewart Buchan 49, all were born in New York except James and Stewart who were born in Scotland.<sup>[472]</sup>

George Cole was not shown in the Rochester city directories from 1849-1860.<sup>[473]</sup> In 1860, Amelia Cole, age 32, with no occupation, and Mary Cole age 7, and Francis Cole (male) age 5, assumed to be her children, was again living with James Buchan and family in Rochester. James Buchan 56, born in Scotland, worked in a liquor store; he had \$8,000 in real estate and \$3,000 in a personal estate. Living with him were Caroline 52, Maria 22, Emery (female) 20 and Charles J. 17, the three Coles and Jessie Buchan 9, and Stewart Buchan 59. Charles and the three

<sup>461</sup> Bergen County Deed T10: 520.

<sup>462</sup> *Bergen County Historic Sites Survey; Saddle River*, No. 0258-3 "Achenbach House."

<sup>463</sup> All born in New Jersey based on 1850 and 1860 census records. Cited earlier see notes 453 and 454.

<sup>464</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 47. birthdate from baptism of 23 August 1840, as son of John R. and Mary Ann Terhune. 88. Grave marker has same birthdate, died 25 Mar 1900.

<sup>465</sup> Anna Louisa Terheune wife of John Raimond Achenbach gravestone, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 85. Birth and death dates from gravestone. Also on the 5 generation Achenbach stone at Find A Grave "Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery" digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi:> accessed 6 May 2006), photograph, gravestone, for Anna L. Terheun, his wife, (1842-1875) wife of John R. Achenbach, Saddle River, New Jersey.

<sup>466</sup> 1900 U.S. census, Bergen Co., N. J., pop. sch. 1, Ridgewood, E. D. 36, p. 14A, dwelling 266, family, 278; Thomas Terhune. Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 88. Birth month and year from 1900 census, gravestone, has died 7 April 1911, aged 65 years.

<sup>467</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 34..1850 U. S. census Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 6 Rochester, p.421 and p. 487 (penned), dwelling 288, family 30, George Cole. Birthdate from baptism and born in New York from census.

<sup>468</sup> 1860 U.S. census Monroe County, New York, population schedule 1, Ward 6 Rochester, Rochester post office, p.. 259, p. 617 (both penned), dwelling 1931, family 1933, Francis Cole in James Buchan household; National Archives microfilm M653, roll 783.

<sup>469</sup> *US GenNet*, "Monroe County, NY History and Genealogy Project," (<http://www.usgenet.org.usa/NY/county/Monroe> *Rochester Republican* (May 11, 1848): accessed 1 May 2005), newspaper extractions online of the Monroe Rochester Republican newspaper 11 May 1848.

<sup>470</sup> Approximate birth years and place of birth from 24 in 1850 census with George Cole and also 22 in 1850 census with her likely parents James and Caroline Buchan, (see note 473 and 474), and 32 in 1860 census.(cited above note 470).

<sup>471</sup> 1850 U. S. census Monroe Co., N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 6 Rochester, p. 244, dwelling 288, family 30,(enumerated 22 August 1850); Amelia Cole.

<sup>472</sup> 1850 U.S. census Monroe Co., N. Y. pop. sch.1, Ward 3 Rochester, p.109, dwelling 334, family 400, (enumerated 28 August 1850); Amelia Cole in family of James Buchan. Others in household, Lucretia Swinger 17, born New York, Matick Martin 21, a clerk, and Edward Martin 14 a clerk, both born Ireland.

<sup>473</sup> *Rochester City Directories*, (Rochester, New York, various publishers, 1849-1860 [some years missing]): digital images *Monroe County Library Systems* (<http://www.libraryweb.org/rochcitydir/citydirectoriestable.html>: accessed 21 June 2006).

younger children were in school, and all except James and Stewart, were born in New York.<sup>[474]</sup> Amelia Cole was listed seven times in the Rochester City Directories from 1863-1870, once as the widow of George (1866-67), she lived on three different streets and five times she was listed as a teacher. In none of those directories was she listed on the same street as James Buchan who was consistently during that time a wine and liquor dealer.<sup>475</sup> In 1870 Amelia S. Cole 38, no occupation, was the first person enumerated in St. Mary's Hospital, in Rochester, she was likely a patient, and may have died shortly thereafter as the last listing for her in the city directory was 1870. Oddly the next two people enumerated in the hospital were housekeepers, and the latter was 69 year old Stewart Buchan (born in Scotland), likely her relative. According to this census, she was born in New York and her father was foreign born.<sup>[476]</sup> Neither Francis (or Frank ) or Mary Cole could be found in the 1870 census of Monroe county, they were not with James Buchan who was enumerated with two females, Lizze Buchan 30 (likely Emma L. 10 in 1850) and Jessie Buchan 19.<sup>[477]</sup> None of the Coles were located in the 1880 or 1900 census indexes.

Likely children of George Cole and Amelia (Buchan) Cole, born in New York, presumed in Rochester, Monroe County: <sup>[478]</sup>

- 69. i. MARY<sup>4</sup> COLE, b. about 1852-1853.
- 70. ii FRANCIS COLE (male), b. about 1854-1855.

**22. HENDRIK<sup>3</sup> “HENRY” ESLER** (*Rachel Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*), was born in Saddle River, on 15 December 1808, and baptized as Hendrik at Paramus Reformed Dutch Church, in present day Ridgewood, on 1 January 1809.<sup>[479]</sup> Henry, as he was always called, died in Saddle River, on 12 November 1884 aged 75 years, 10 months and 27 days, buried there in the Zion Lutheran Churchyard.<sup>[480]</sup> He married in Upper Saddle River, at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, on 24 May 1832 **JANE SNYDER<sup>[481]</sup>** daughter of John Snyder and Mary “Polly” (Goetschius) Snyder. She was born in nearby Monsey, Rockland County, New York, on 3 February 1814, and baptized at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, on 27 February 1814.<sup>[482]</sup> She died of paralysis, in Saddle River, Orvil Township, on 11 May 1886, aged 72 years, 3 months, 8 days, and was buried on 13 May 1886, with her husband.<sup>[483]</sup>

After their marriage, they moved into his parents house where they continued to live at least through the 1850 census. For the first thirteen years of their marriage they had no children, who survived. Henry and Jane Esler joined the Lutheran church in Saddle River, which his parents had helped organize on the 15 January 1837, and were

<sup>474</sup> 1860 U.S. census Monroe Co. N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 6 Rochester, Rochester post office, p. 617 (penned), dwelling 1931, family 1933, Amelia Cole in household of James Buchan.

<sup>475</sup> *Rochester City Directories*, 1863-64, p.175, 1864-65 p. 98, 1866-67 p. 97, 1868 p.120, 1869 not listed, 1870 p. 42.

<sup>476</sup> 1870 U.S. census Monroe County, New York, population schedule 1, Ward 8 Rochester, Rochester post office, p. 69 (penned), p. 384 (stamped), dwelling 477, family 488, Amelia S. Cole; National Archives microfilm M593 roll 969.

<sup>477</sup> 1870 U. S. census Monroe County, New York, population schedule 1, Ward 6 city of Rochester, Rochester post office, p. 11 (penned), p. 259 (stamped), dwelling 78, family 88. Jas. Buchan; National Archives microfilm M593 roll 969.

<sup>478</sup> 1860 U.S. census Monroe Co. N. Y., pop. sch.1, Ward 6 Rochester, p. 617 (penned), dwelling 1931, family 1933, Amelia Cole in household of James Buchan with Mary Cole age 7 and Frances Cole 5, both born in NY.

<sup>479</sup> Hendrik Esler baptism, Randolph and Rankin, *Paramus Reformed*, 60. birthdate from baptism.

<sup>480</sup> Henry Esler gravestone, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Death date and age at death. Also at Find A Grave “Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery” digital images(<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi:> accessed 6 May 2006), photograph, gravestone, Henry Esler (1884), Saddle River, New Jersey.

<sup>481</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 19. and “Martha Ann Zabriskie’s Memorandum Book,” *The Archivist*, vol. 17, (August 1990) : 7. “24 May 1832 Married Henry Esler to Jane Snyder of Hemstad [sic]” The transcribed church record has married “24 March 1832, entered between “10 Mar 1832” and “21 July 1832,” but the diary entry is on 24 May 1832, entered between entries for 22 May 1832 and 26 May 1832, so the marriage was almost certainly in May not March.

<sup>482</sup> Jane Esler death certificate, place No. 5, certificate No. E-71 (1886), New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Place of birth and parents’ names [mother Mary]. Birthdate and parents’ names [mother Polly] from baptismal record. Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 36.

<sup>483</sup> Jane Snyder wife of Henry Esler gravestone of, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84 and funeral 75. Also at Find A Grave “Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery” digital images(<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi:> accessed 6 May 2006), photograph, gravestone, Jane Esler (1884), Saddle River, New Jersey. Date of death and age at death from gravestone.

lifelong members. Their son was baptized there and they are buried there in the family plot, along with, their son and his family, his brother, and their parents.<sup>[484]</sup>

In 1860 they were enumerated in a house next to his parents, then enumerated with his brother George as the head of the household. Like his brother they lived their entire lives in Saddle River on West Saddle River Road, then part of Hohokus Township, on the farm he purchased and inherited from his parents.<sup>[485]</sup> From 1850-1870, Henry was enumerated as a farmer. In the 1860 agricultural schedule, Henry was the manager of a 51 acre farm, of which 33 were improved acres, valued at \$4,000, with 1 horse, 2 milch cows, 2 working oxen, and 2 swine valued at \$300, he raised wheat, Indian corn, and oats, (the second page of the schedule was unreadable).<sup>[486]</sup> In 1870 his land was valued at \$5,000 with \$600 personal. Living with them in 1870 were his son Jno. G. 23, a farmer, and Rachel Esler aged 85.<sup>[487]</sup> In 1880 Henry was a postmaster, and their son John 33, a florist, and his wife Rose 29 were living with them.<sup>[488]</sup>

On 16 March 1852, Henry Esler was appointed the first Post Master of Saddle River, a position he held for 32 years until his death. The first post office was located in his home at 171 West Saddle River Road, a convenient location as it was near a footbridge over the Saddle River, and remained the post office until 1888, four years after his death. A receipt owned by Elsa Esler Inskeep in 1967 showed the annual salary for postmaster in 1872 was \$44 per annum.<sup>[489]</sup> His obituary noted that "mail delivery was increased from a weekly to a daily mail service during his incumbency," it also mention that mail carriers were hired to carry the mail once a week from Hohokus to Saddle River, among them were, at different times, John D. Berdan, the shoemaker [his cousin see #51] who footed it to Hohokus and back, and Peter Ackerman known as "Blind Pete." "He was totally blind . . . but was an excellent horseman, skilled in finding his way to any place in the neighborhood."<sup>[490]</sup> Henry died on 12 November 1884, and "had been ill for a long time."<sup>[491]</sup> He left no recorded estate, as he had only one child to inherit.

Though Henry was the official postmaster, his wife's obituary stated, "her pleasant face and kindly greeting will be remembered by all who have visited the post office in the last 30 years."<sup>[492]</sup> Even though the 1850 through 1880 censuses said Jane was born in New Jersey, and she was baptized in Saddle River, New Jersey, according to her son's biography, she was from Rockland County, New York, and her death certificate stated she was born in Monsey, Rockland County (about five miles north of Saddle River) and had lived in New Jersey for 50 years.<sup>[493]</sup> The diarist Martha Zabriskie's notation of their marriage in 1832, said she was "of Hempstead," which is in Rockland County.<sup>[494]</sup> She died sixteen months after her husband, of paralysis after an "illness of ten days," according to her death certificate, though her obituary said she died "after many years of suffering from ill health."<sup>[495]</sup>

#### Children of Hendrik "Henry" and his wife Jane (Snyder) Esler born in Saddle River:

71. i. male child <sup>4</sup> ESLER, b. 4 September 1841, d. 17 September 1841.<sup>[496]</sup>

<sup>484</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 3 (membership), 55 (baptisms), 84 (gravestones).

<sup>485</sup> Bergen County Deeds: (1849) R4:349, (1864) W5: 397. See also parent's record.

<sup>486</sup> 1860 U.S. Census Bergen County, agricultural schedule 4, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p.17 line 39, Henry Esler; National Archives microfilm V227 roll 146.

<sup>487</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, p. 242, dwelling 545, family 599; Henry Esler; National Archives microfilm M432, roll 442. 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 46-47 (penned) p. 389-390 (stamped), dwelling 341, family 381; Henry Esler; National Archives microfilm M593 roll 852.

<sup>488</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Enumeration District 6, p. 1 (penned) p. 334A (stamped), dwelling 11, family 12 (Henry Esler), and family 13 (John G. Esler); National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771.

<sup>489</sup> Suzanne Barret, "Saddle River's 1852 Bid for Post Office No Problem; Owner Used Home" *Herald News*, 16 March 1967. Article clipped from newspaper (no page number visible) based on an interview with Henry Esler's granddaughter Helen (Esler) Inskeep. Bergen County Historical Society vertical file "Saddle River."

<sup>490</sup> Henry Esler obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (December 1884), 3.

<sup>491</sup> *ibid*, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84 (gravestone).

<sup>492</sup> Mrs. Jane Esler obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (June 1886), 3.

<sup>493</sup> Jane Esler death certificate, place No. 5 certificate No. E-71(1886).

<sup>494</sup> Martha Ann Zabriskie's Memorandum Book," *The Archivist*, vol. 17, (August 1990): 7.

<sup>495</sup> Mrs. Jane Esler obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (June 1886), 3.

<sup>496</sup> "Martha Ann Zabriskie's Memorandum Book," *The Archivist*, vol. 20 no. 1, (February 1993): 8, 4 September 1841 "Also Henry Estler's wife Jane in like manner the same sex [delivered a male child], and 17 September 1841 "Also [died] the only child of Henry and Rachel Estler of Saddle River."



72. ii. JOHN GEORGE ESLER, b. 17 September 1846.<sup>14971</sup>

**23. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> ESLER** (*Rachel Achenbach<sup>2</sup>, John George<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Saddle River, on 29 September 1815, and baptized in Upper Saddle River, at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church, on 29 October 1815.<sup>14981</sup> He died on 25 May 1882, and is buried with both of his wives in the Zion Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River.<sup>14991</sup> He married (1) there at the Lutheran parsonage on 8 April 1855,<sup>15001</sup> **ADELINE ZABRISKIE**, daughter of Garret and Catharine “Caty” (Westervelt) Zabriskie. She was born in Saddle River,<sup>15011</sup> on 28 Apr 1828 and baptized at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church on 7 June 1828.<sup>15021</sup> She died in Saddle River, Hohokus, on 26 May 1870<sup>15031</sup> aged 42 years and 1 month, of “debility” or “lung disease.”<sup>15041</sup> George married (2) in Bergen County on 10 June 1871, **USILLA “UZILLA” DURYEA**,<sup>15051</sup> the daughter of Albert and Angenietye (Wortendyke) Duryea. She was born in or near Park Ridge, on 20 March 1823, and was baptized there at Pascack Reformed Dutch Church on 12 April 1823,<sup>15061</sup> and died of cancer in Saddle River on 18 September 1896.<sup>15071</sup>

George and his brother Henry lived their entire lives on adjacent farms they inherited and purchased from their parents on the west side of West Saddle River Road, in what was then Hohokus Township.<sup>15081</sup> George’s occupation was listed as carpenter when he married for the first time, at the age of 39, Miss Adeline Zabriskie 27, they were both from Hohokus [Township], NJ.<sup>15091</sup> In 1850 he was also enumerated as a carpenter, a skill he no doubt learned from his father, thereafter from 1860-1880, he was shown as a farmer. In 1860 he was 42, with his wife and two sons, also living in the same house were his parents. George had \$1,500 in his personal estate and he and his brother each had \$4,000 in land and their father although listed as a farmer had none.<sup>15101</sup> The agricultural schedule that year showed George as the manager of a farm of 45 acres of which 35 were improved valued at \$4,000, with 1 horse, 2 milch cows, 1 other cattle and 3 swine valued at \$200, he raised wheat, rye, Indian corn, and oats, (the second page

<sup>497</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 55. John George, son of Henry and Jane Esler baptized 20 December 1846. Van Valen, *History of Bergen County, New Jersey*, “John G. Esler,” 235-237. Find A Grave “Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery” digital images, (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi: accessed 6 May 2006>), photograph, gravestone, John George Esler (1846-1926), Saddle River.

<sup>498</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 37. Birthdate from baptismal record and gravestone (cited next). George son of Andrew Esler and Rachel Ackerman [sic] baptized 29 October 1815.

<sup>499</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Birth and death dates on George Esler’s gravestone.

<sup>500</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 18 Her parents names from marriage record.

<sup>501</sup> Adaline Esler death record, AQ:-24 line 21, (1 May 1870 - 30 April 1871), Register of Deaths Township of Hohokus, Bergen County), New Jersey State Archives.

<sup>502</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Saddle River Reformed*, 49. Birthdate from baptism of Adaline, daughter of Gerret Zabriskie and Caty Westervelt.

<sup>503</sup> Adeline, wife of George Esler. gravestone, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. and Mrs. George Esler burial record, 72. Adaline Esler death record, AQ:24 line 21, (1 May 1870-30 April 1871), Register of Deaths Township of Hohokus, Bergen County, New Jersey State Archives, Trenton. Her gravestone (age 42 years and 1 month), and burial record (about 42 years), both give her date of death as 26 May 1870 and her age at death as 42 years and 1 month, which would compute to born April 1828, which agrees with her birthdate given at baptism of 23 April 1828. Her death record, gives a death date of 27 May 1870, but it is in error as to her age at death 41 years, and her mother’s name Adaline (should be Helena ), and the entry before her (line 20) was the death of her mother-in-law Rachel (Achenbach) Esler who died on 6 July 1870, so it may have been entered 7 to 8 weeks after the event, and therefor the death date on the tombstone is deemed more reliable.

<sup>504</sup> 1870 U. S. mortality schedule, Bergen County, New Jersey, nonpopulation schedule 2, Hohokus, p. 16, Adeline Esler digital image by subscription, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com.: accessed 11 August 2005>) National Archives M1810, Roll 1. From mortality schedule Adeline Esler, white, married female age 42 born in New Jersey, occupation keeping house, died in Hohokus Township in May 1870 of dibility [sic] [sic], from her death record (cited above) she was born and died in Saddle River, Hohokus Township, of lung disease.

<sup>505</sup> Esler-Duryea Marriage (1 May 1871-30 June 1872), BK: 406, lines 3-5, State of New Jersey, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Register of Marriages, (Bergen County) New Jersey State Archives, Trenton.

<sup>506</sup> Durie, “Pascack Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms 1814-1850,” *TAG* vol. 47, (July 1972): 82; Birthdate from baptism of Usilla dau. of Albert and Agness Durie; birthdate also on grave marker cited next. Howard I. Durie, *The Durie Family*, (Pamona, New York: privately printed, 1986), 173, #286. Mother’s maiden name was “Angenietye (Agnes) Wortendyke.” Ackerman and Goff, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of Paramus Dutch Reformed Church Marriages... 11*, “Married 31 March 1810 Albert P. Duryea and Augenietye Wortendyke.”

<sup>507</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Birth and death dates on gravestone of “Uzilla wife of George Esler.” Mrs. Ursilla Esler obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (October 1896), 3.

<sup>508</sup> Bergen County Deeds (1849) Q4:382, and (1864) W5: 399, see parent’s record.

<sup>509</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 18.

<sup>510</sup> 1860 U.S. Census Bergen Co. pop. sch.. 1, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p. 64 (penned), dwelling 474 family 544(George) family 545 (Andrew); M653, roll 683.

of the schedule was unreadable).<sup>[511]</sup> On 25 March 1863, his father Andrew conveyed 19.30 acres on the west side of what is now West Saddle River Road to his son George.<sup>[512]</sup>

On 10 August 1864 their youngest son Garret Zabriskie Esler, died at the age of 5 years and 9 months,<sup>[513]</sup> and his wife Adeline, died in May of 1870, so the 1870 census shows the recently widowed, George and his 13 year old son Andrew living alone. He had \$6,000 in land and \$1,200 in a personal estate.<sup>[514]</sup> The following June 10th, he was married by the Rev. Jas. C. Egbert a Presbyterian clergyman from Jersey City to Usilla Duryea, a 48 year old spinster. Her first name was not given in the marriage record, only her last name Duryea and that she lived in Jersey City, and was a seamstress; her age was incorrectly given as 38 Although he was a widower, they were both listed as single, he was 56, a farmer of Saddle River.<sup>[515]</sup> She was named after her fraternal grandmother Osseltie Demarest,<sup>[516]</sup> and was baptized as Usilla, called Ursula in the 1880 census, buried as Uzilla, and was Ursilla in her obituary. In 1880, George was 64 with no occupation, with Ursula 55, and 24 year old son Andrew a farmer.<sup>[517]</sup>

Like the others in this family, the Lutheran Church in Saddle River was important in their lives, he married his first wife there and both of their children were baptized there. George joined the church in 2 April 1842, and “Mrs. Adelaide Esler, wife of George” joined on 31 October 1858, and “Mrs. Usilla Duryea Esler” in 1871.<sup>[518]</sup> He died 25 May 1882 and left no recorded estate. His widow Usilla, died fourteen years later, and according to her obituary, “had been a sufferer from cancer for many years.”<sup>[519]</sup>

Children of George and Adeline (Zabriskie) Esler all born in Saddle River.

73 i. ANDREW<sup>4</sup> ESLER, b. 12 July 1856.<sup>[520]</sup>

74 ii. GARRET ZABRISKIE “GARRIE” ESLER, b. 11 November 1858.<sup>[521]</sup>

## CONCLUSION

The Achenbachs were once a vital part of the Saddle River Valley in the Bergen County Community where they lived. Eventually they left their farm lives and began to move beyond their native valley. John George Achenbach and Antye (Van Buskirk) Achenbach have hundreds of descendants now scattered throughout the country - perhaps throughout the world, sadly as far as has been determined none of them bear the Achenbach surname, it is one of those families we genealogists say has “daughtered out.”

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<sup>511</sup> 1860 U.S. Census Bergen County, agricultural schedule 4, Hohokus, Hohokus post office, p.17-18 line 38 George Esler; National Archives microfilm V227 roll 146.

<sup>512</sup> Bergen County Deeds, W5: 399 (George).

<sup>513</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 84. Garrie Z. Esler gravestone - died 10 August 1864, aged 5 years, 9 months.

<sup>514</sup> 1870 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Ramseys post office, p. 47 (penned) p. 390 (stamped), dwelling 343, family 383; George Esler; National Archives microfilm M593, roll 852.

<sup>515</sup> Esler-Duryea Marriage, BK: 406, lines 3-5.

<sup>516</sup> Durie, *The Durie Family*, 119.

<sup>517</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Bergen County, New Jersey, population schedule 1, Hohokus, Enumeration District 6, p. 1 (penned) p. 334A (stamped), dwelling 13, family 15, George Esler; 2005 National Archives microfilm T9, roll 771.

<sup>518</sup> Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 4, 6, 8.

<sup>519</sup> Mrs. Ursilla Esler obituary, Smith, *The Landscape*, (October 1896), 3.

<sup>520</sup> Andrew son of George and Adeline Esler baptism, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 62. birthdate from baptismal record baptized 26 October 1856.

<sup>521</sup> Garret Zabriskie son of George and Adeline Esler baptism, Ackerman and Goff, *Records of the Zion Lutheran Churches*, 62. birthdate from baptismal record baptized 30 April 1859, gravestone of Garrie Z. Esler. 84, Gravestone died 10 August 1864 aged 4 years 9 months.