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Who Was Sara, wife of Pieter Lott and Abraham Polhemus?

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The wife of Pieter Lott of Jamaica, Queens County, and later Flatbush, Kings County, New York, has not been identified in any published genealogies of the Lott family. A. V. Phillips, on page 18 of *The Lott Family in America*,¹ says that Pieter Lott, born 1 March 1690 in Jamaica, the son of Hendrick Pieters Lott and Catrina Pieters DeWitt, married Sara, but her surname was not ascertained. In fact, he surmised that Sara may have been a Remsen because Pieter Lott, in his unrecorded will dated 12 September 1727 and proved 4 June 1703,² named his "brother-in-law" Rem Remsen an executor. Indeed, Pieter Lott's sister Dorothy had married Rem Remsen, but in a footnote, Mr. Phillips stated that Dorothy had married William Remsen, and that Sara was probably a Remsen, sister of Rem.³ This has caused a great deal of confusion in identifying Sara, the wife of Pieter Lott, and is an error that has been perpetuated in many family records. A more recent genealogy of the Covert family⁴ identifies Sara Covert, the daughter of Mauritz Covert and Annetje Fonteyn as the wife of an unidentified Pieter Lott, but provides no source or rationale for this placement.

Pieter Lott and his wife Sara had six children, and they were given by Mr. Phillips as follows⁵: Hendrick, born 28 June 1716; Mourice, born 26 February 1718; Catrina, born 28 August 1720; Antje, born 28 October 1721; Maria, born 7 March 1723; and Pieter, born 7 May 1725. All of the above children are named in the unrecorded will of Pieter Lott of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, dated 12 September 1727 and proved 12 June 1730,⁶ indicating he had died by that date. In the final analysis, it is the son, Mourice (Mouweris/Mauritz) Lott, born 26 February 1718, who provides several clues as to the true identity of his mother Sara. The given name of Mourice/Mauritz occurs infrequently in the Dutch records of New Netherland and beyond. Pieter Lott's son Hendrick was undoubtedly named for his father, Hendrick Pieters Lott, and his daughter Cathrina, after Catrina Pieters DeWitt, the paternal grandmother. If Pieter Lott and his wife Sara followed traditional Dutch naming customs, the son Mauritz and daughter Antje would be named after the parents of his wife. It has therefore become clear to this compiler that the wife of Pieter Lott was Sara Covert, the daughter of Mauritz Covert and his wife Annetje Fonteyn of Brooklyn and later Flatbush.

According to Andrew Provost in his "Early Settlers of Bushwick"⁷ Annetje Fonteyn, baptized 16 July 1662 at the Brooklyn Dutch Church, the daughter of Charles Fonteyn and his wife Catharina de Baille, married after 1 April 1690⁸ as her second husband, to Mauritz Teunis Covert, who was baptized at the Brooklyn Dutch Church on 5 December 1663, the son of Teunis Janszen Covert and Barbara Lucas (Van Kessel).⁹

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Mauritz Teunis Covert and Annetje Fonteyn had four children, 3 of whom were baptized at the New York Dutch Church between 1691 and 1696,^x and finally Sara, who was baptized at Brooklyn on 27 December 1697.^{xi} Donald Lines Jacobus, in his article on "The Family of Charles Fonteyn,"^{xiii} concurs with the above, stating that Annetje Fonteyn had first married Jacob Janszen,^{xiii} and following the death of Mauritz Covert before 1698,^{xiv} she [probably] married thirdly to Francis Titus, agreeing with Andrew Provost.^{xv} Neither Andrew Provost in *Early Settlers of Bushwick*, nor Donald Lines Jacobus in "The Family of Charles Fonteyn" mentioned a possible marriage for Sara Covert, and her line was never carried forward.

Mauritz Lott of New Lotts, township of Flatbush, Kings County, N. Y., yeoman, the son of Pieter Lott and his wife Sara Covert, who was obviously named after his maternal grandfather, Mauritz Covert, executed his own will on 11 October 1784, proved 14 September 1785^{xvi} in which he named all his siblings (then living or deceased) and nieces and nephews, including "my nephew, John Polhemus, son of my brother, Tunis Polhemus, deceased," and "my nephew, Peter Polhemus, son of my brother, Johannes Polhemus." In an attempt to clarify these relationships, the article by I. Heyward Peck, "The Rev. Johannes Polhemus and Some of His Descendants" which appeared in the *Record*,^{xvii} was cross-referenced. Mr. Peck discussed the family of Abraham Polhemus,^{xviii} who was baptized at the Brooklyn Dutch Church on 19 March 1697,^{xix} (son of Theodorus Polhemus and Aertje Teunis Bogaert) and still living in July 1772 when he deeded land in Jamaica to his son Johannes, but he left no will. Abraham Polhemus, according to Mr. Peck, married (1st) about 1718, to Geertruy Remsen, the daughter of Jacob Remsen and Geertruy Van der Vliet, and they had 5 children; he married (2nd) about 1733 to Sarah __(?)__ (no marriage record has survived). Mr. Peck shows 2 children as issue of the second marriage (Johannes and Teunis), both baptized at the Jamaica Dutch Church, PLUS an unknown daughter who he surmised married Mauritz Lott, his wife having died before 11 October 1784, the date his will was executed.

Based on the statements made by Mauritz Lott in his will, it becomes clear that his mother, Sara Covert, following the death of Pieter Lott before 1730, had married as her second husband, Abraham Polhemus, the widower of Geertruy Remsen (who was a first cousin of Rem Remsen, the husband of Dorothy Lott). The records of the Jamaica Reformed Church as published serially in the *Record*, do not show the maiden name of the wife, but Abraham Polhemus and wife Sara indeed baptized 2 sons in that church: Johannes on 3 February 1734 (sponsor: Johannes Polhemus)^{xx} and Theunis on 4 May 1735 (no sponsors given).^{xxi} Mr. Peck had failed to identify the second wife of Abraham Polhemus, and was obviously confused by the will of Mauritz Covert, which he cited in his article. This Abraham Polhemus and his wife Sara did baptize 2 sons at Jamaica, but there was no "unnamed daughter" who married Mauritz Covert. Rather, Mauritz Covert, in his will, was referring to his step-brothers when he mentioned Johannes and Theunis Polhemus.

In summary, Sara Covert was baptized 27 December 1697 at Brooklyn, the daughter of Mauritz Covert and Annetje Fonteyn and married (1st) circa 1715 to Pieter Lott, born 1 March 1690, the son of Hendrick Pieters Lott and Catrina Pieters DeWitt. Sara married (2nd) circa 1733 to Abraham Polhemus (as his 2nd wife), baptized 16 March 1697 at the

Brooklyn Dutch Church, the son of Theodorus Polhemus and Aertje Teunis Bogaert. No date of death has been discovered for Sara Covert.

Sara Covert and Pieter Lott had issue:^{xxii}

1. Hendrick Lott, born 28 June 1716; married Aertje^{xxiii} (or Artye), a given name found infrequently in Dutch colonial records. She may well have been his step-sister Aertje Polhemus, baptized at Jamaica on 23 April 1723,^{xxiv} the daughter of Abraham Polhemus and his 1st wife Geertruy Remsen, and named after her paternal grandmother, Aertje Teunis Bogaert, the wife of Theodorus Polhemus. Hendrick Lott's wife is only mentioned as "Artyi Lott" in the Jamaica baptismal register. However, at the baptism of their daughter Sara on 17 November 1746 also at Jamaica,^{xxv} the sponsors were Abraham Polhemus and his wife Sara [Covert]. Hendrick Lott and his wife Aertje named children Abraham, Sara, Pieter and Charity (among others), which would appear to follow conventional Dutch naming patterns. The family of Hendrick Lott was mis-identified by Mr. Phillips in *The Lott Family of America*,^{xxvi} but they appear to have removed to New Jersey and upstate New York,^{xxvii} having numerous descendants [also see footnote #28].

2. Mauritz Lott, born 26 February 1718; died unmarried before 7 September 1784, the date his will was proved [WNYHS 13:197].

3. Catrina Lott, born 28 August 1720, died 7 July 1777; married 16 May 1740 to Jacob Rapalje, born 18 March 1714, died 18 May 1776; and had issue. Jacob Rapalje's will was dated 6 January 1775 and proved 20 November 1780 [WNYHS 10:13].

4. Antje Lott, born 18 October 1721; married on 13 December 1760 to Gysbert Bogaert. His will dated 14 September 1778 and proved 6 November 1778 [WNYHS 9:47] mentions his wife Antje and brother-in-law Monueris [sic] Lott. No issue. She was not mentioned in the will of her brother Mauritz dated 7 September 1784.

5. Maria Lott, born 7 March 1723; died before 22 June 1804 in New Lots, town of Flatbush in Kings County, New York, the date of probate of her will.^{xxviii}

6. Pieter Lott, born 7 May 1725; married Hannah (_?_); died 14 April 1755 and is buried in the Ewing Churchyard, Trenton, Mercer, New Jersey. [Will dated 27 February 1755; proved 6 May 1755 in Trenton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in which he mentioned his brother Mourice Lott].^{xxix}

Sara Covert and Abraham Polhemus had issue:^{xxx}

1. Johannes Polhemus, baptized 3 February 1734 at Jamaica. He married and had issue (tentatively identified by Mr. Peck), but his wife's name was not ascertained.

2. Theunis Polhemus, baptized 4 May 1735 at Jamaica. He married on 7 October 1763 [by NY License] to Helena Betts (daughter of John Betts and Sarah Whitehead) and had issue. Teunis Polhemus was buried at the Jamaica Dutch Church on 15 September 1782, from Grace Church in Jamaica.

ⁱ Phillips, A. V. *The Lott Family in America : including the allied families: Cassell, Davis, Graybeal, Haring, Hegeman, Hogg, Kerley, Phillips, Thompson, Walter and others*; Boston: Phillips (1942) (hereafter *Lott Family in America*)

ⁱⁱ The New York Historical Society Collections, this 1902 volume features abstracts of unrecorded wills prior to 1790, appearing on file in the Surrogates Office, City of New York. Page 127 (hereafter WNYHS)

ⁱⁱⁱ [*Lott Family in America*, page 19] The unrecorded will of Pieter Lott's father, Hendrick Lott of Newtown, Queens County, NY, [WNYHS 11:67], dated 20 April 1712 and proved 16 Sep 1728, mentions his daughter Dorothy, the wife of "William Remsen" which was subsequently corrected to read "Rem Remsen" [WNYHS 17:373]. A. V. Phillips, in his footnote, said: "Pieter Lott, had a sister Dorothy, who married William Remsen, named in her father's will. So that Sarah, was probably a Remsen, sister of Rem, named "brother-in-law" in Pieter's will."

^{iv} Carl W. Fisher, Maurice L. Patterson, and William V. Covert; *The Covert Family; Interlaken, N.Y.; Interlaken Historical Society* (1989) page 8

^v [*Lott Family in America*, page 19]

^{vi} [WNYHS 11:127]

^{vii} Provost, Andrew J. *Early settlers of Bushwick, Long Island, New York and their descendants; Darien, Conn.: A.J. Provost, 1949, Vol. III, page 62* [hereinafter *Early Settlers of Bushwick*]. He also mentioned Annetje's first marriage to Jacob Jansze (2 children), who died leaving a will dated 23 March 1689 [Long Island Source Records, (Recorded in Liber I of Conveyances, page 84) and that she married 3rd to Francis Titus, having no issue by the third marriage.

^{viii} David William Voorhees, "Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Flatbush, Kings County, New York, Volume I, 1677-1720 (New York: The Holland Society of New York, 1998) page 269

"Betrothed the 1 April 1690; Mouwerus Coevert, young man from Bedford, with Antie Fontijn, widow of Jacob Jansen, at Bushwick"

^{ix} *Early Settlers of Bushwick, Vol. III, page 62*

^x Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York; Baptisms, 1639-1730, Collections of The NYG&B Society (1901); page 202, Theunis was baptized 29 March 1691; page 213, Charles was baptized 16 April 1698; and page 232, Maurits was baptized on 22 January 1696.

^{xi} *New York Historical Manuscripts; Dutch, Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, N.Y., First Book of Records 1660-1752, A. P. G. Jos. Van der Linde, trans. and ed. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc. for The Holland Society, 1983; page 139* [hereinafter *Brooklyn Dutch Church*]

"Zara: parents: Mourus Koevers, Annetje; witnesses: Jaqes Fonteijn, Anneke, his wife."

^{xii} *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume 99 (January 1968), pages 1-7; reprinted in Volume I of Genealogies of Long Island Families*

^{xiii} Will of Jacob Jansen of Boswyck. Dated 23 Mar 1689. Wife Anna Fontyn, all estate; in case of remarriage 1/2 of estate to child. John Holmes and Jacques Fontain tutors to child. To Magdalena Homes to whom he is godfather, one gold ring. (Recorded in Liber I of Conveyances, page 84.) Inventory April, 1690, mentions daughter Kathrina. (Recorded in Liber I of Conveyances, page 94.)

^{xiv} *Early Settlers of Bushwick, Vol. III, page 62.* In the 1698 census of Bushwick, Antje Fonteyn was listed as Head of Household with 4 children and 3 slaves

^{xv} Also see: David McQueen, "Kings County, N.Y. Wills," NYGBR 47:119 (note). In the will of Charles Ffonteyn of Boswyck and Katrina Baaly wife, dated 1 Aug. 1687: "Charles Fontaine was of Bushwyck, 1661. He married Katrina De Bailie. Issue: ...Annetje, bap. July 16, 1662; m., first, Sep. 9, 1685, Jacob Jansen, m., second, April 1, 1690, Mauritz Coverts, and third, Francis Titus..."

^{xvi} The New York Historical Society Collections, this 1904 volume features abstracts of wills on file in the Surrogates Office, City of New York, from 9/3/1784 to 6/12/1786; Liber 38, page 197

Page 156.--In the name of God, Amen. I, MOUWRIS LOTT, of New Lotts, township of Flatbush, Kings County, N. Y., yeoman, weak. Estate to be sold and proceeds to go as follows: To my sister, Maria Lott, £1,000. To Catrina, daughter of my late sister Catrina, the wife of Jacob Rapalje, deceased, £150. To my nephew, John Polhemus, son of my brother, Tunis Polhemus, deceased, £50. To my nephew, Peter Polhemus, son of my brother, Johannes Polhemus, £50. To my Executors £30 each if they well and faithfully execute the trust reposed in them. Residuary estate, one half to the children of my said late sister Catrina, and the children of Angenietje, deceased, late the wife of Martin Schenck, of Cowneck, divided so that the children of said Catrina, viz., Peter, Jacob, Sarah and Catrina

Rapelje, shall each have one fifth thereof, and the other fifth be divided between children of said Angenietje (not named) by their father when they come of age. Other half shall be held by Executors during life of my brother, Hendrick Lott, who shall pay him £20 yearly and at his death said portion to children of said Hendrick Lott then living. To my sister Maria my large Dutch Bible. If any legatee shall find fault about any Legacies given them such legatee shall be cut off from any share.

Executors, friend Nicholas Schenck, of Flatlands, and my two cousins, Johannis I. Lott and Hendrick Lott, both of New Lotts.

(Signed) MOUWERIS LOTT.

Dated October 11, 1784. Witnesses, John Van Der Veer, Esq., Hendrick Eldert, Isaac Eldert, yeoman, of New Lotts. Proved, Kings County, September 7, 1785. Confirmed, New York, September 14, 1785.

^{xvii} The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volumes 90-92 [April 1990 through July 1992]

^{xviii} [NYG&BR 90:230] (Oct 1959) Rev. Johannes Polhemus and Some of His Descendants

^{xix} [NYG&BR 90:175] (July 1959) Rev. Johannes Polhemus and Some of His Descendants

the sponsors were Michael Hansen Bergen and Ariaantje Sebring

^{xx} [NYG&BR 107:107] First Reformed Dutch church, Jamaica, bapt., 1733-34

NY Gen and Bio Record. New York NY: Apr 1976. Vol. 107 Iss. 2

^{xxi} [NYG&BR 107:154] First Reformed Dutch church, Jamaica, bapt., 1735-36

NY Gen and Bio Record. New York NY: Jul 1976. Vol. 107 Iss. 3

^{xxii} [Lott Family in America, page 19]

^{xxiii} In an email dated 3 April 2007, Dorothy Koenig wrote: Dear Pam, Yes, the name "Aertje" is not found too often. It is the feminine form of the male given name "Aert" (English equivalent "Arthur"). According to the 2000 Dutch book, "Voornamen" (Given names), edited by J. van der Schaar, the name used in modern Dutch is "Arty" for both men and women. I can't think of any given name in English that is the female form of "Arthur". I suppose "Artie" is the closest we can come, and I have never heard of a contemporary woman with that name. Dorothy

^{xxiv} [NYG&BR 106:93] First Reformed Dutch church., Jamaica, baptisms., 1720-23

NY Gen and Bio Record. New York NY: Apr 1975. Vol. 106 Iss. 2

^{xxv} [NYG&BR 108:] First Reformed Dutch church., Jamaica, baptisms., 1742-54

NY Gen and Bio Record. New York NY: Jan 1977. Vol. 108 Iss. 1

^{xxvi} [Lott Family in America, page 37]

^{xxvii} See the series of probate records from the ledger of Johannes Lott, Justice of the Peace of Flatbush, sent to the Dutch-Colonies Mail List by Charles C. "Tony" Remsen, archived in May of 1999.

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/Dutch-Colonies/1999-05>

^{xxviii} From the ledger of Johannes Lott, Justice of the Peace in Flatbush in the late 1700s and early 1800s: "We, Abraham Lott, Hendricka Lott, Jonathan Lurton and Ann his wife, John Sutphen and Charity his wife, Ezra Hearick and Catharine his wife, and Jacob Wyckoff, being all heirs and Legatees of the estate of Maria Lott, late of the New Lotts, in the township of Flatbush in Kings County and State of New York, deceased. Do hereby confess and acknowledge that we have had and received of Jacob Rapalje, Johannes Remsen and Johannes I. Lott, Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said Maria Lott, deceased, the following sums of monet <snip> In witness whereof we have hereunto set our repective hands and affixed our seals this twenty-second day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and four, 1804. Sealed and delivered in the presence of Brakea Rapalje, seal; Catharine Snediker, seal; Abraham Lott, seal; Henney Lott, seal; John Sutphen, seal; Charity Sutphen, mark, seal; Ezra Hearick, seal; Catharine Hearick, seal; Jacob Wycoff, seal; Jonathan Lott, seal; [unknown signiture], seal.

^{xxix} Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. III, 1750-1760: Will: 27 FEB 1755 Trenton, Mercer Co, NJ

Note: Will abstract: "1755, Feb. 27. Lott, Peter, of Trenton, Hunterdon Co., yeoman; will of. Wife, Hannah. Sisters - Antie and Maria. Brothers - Hendrick and Mourice Lott. Nephews - Peter (son of Hendrick Lott) and Peter (son of Jacob and Catrina Rappleye). Real and personal estate. Executors - the above named two brothers, Hendrick and Mourice, and Timothy Smith. Witnesses - Daniel Scudder, Samuel Hand, Amos Scudder. Proved May 6, 1755. Lib. 8, p. 164. 1755, May 5. Inventory, 237.17.5 [pounds], incl. his Libra, horse saddle and bridle, 17.8 [pounds]; a negro woman and negro girl, 60 [pounds]; a servant man's time, 3 [pounds]; made by Garrett Johnson and Benjamin Moore. 1759, May 26. Account by the Executors."

^{xxx} [NYG&BR 91:37-38] (Jan 1960) Rev. Johannes Polhemus and Some of His Descendants

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REPLIES TO QUERIES

Readers are urged to send copies of their replies to the Editor so that this regular forum can prove to be helpful to present and future readers. The following contributors have generously shared their knowledge and comments about questions asked in the previous issues.

2007-21 [De Riemer family] In the previous issue of *New Netherland Connections*, I stated incorrectly that the wife of Pieter de Riemer was Sara Staats. His wife was Susanna de Foreest. Sara Staats was the wife of Pieter's nephew, Isaac Gouverneur. I apologize for the error.

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2007-24 [Translation of the will of Guert Coerten] Perhaps this will help.

5 Feb 1671: Last will & Testament of Guert Coerten from Voorthuysen in Guelderlant, now living at Bergen, made before Claes Arentsen Toers, Constable of Bergen. Annuls testament made with his wife, Geertje Jacobs Dueunaers 15 Jan 1657, because she has been unfaithful, also testament of 24 Mar 1664, and naming as legatees the son of his sister, Pieter Hesselse, brother Thomas Jurienses' oldest son, Ryckje Harmens (Ryckje was a dau. of Guert's brother, Harmen) Mathys Hendricksen Smack, oldest son of Guertje Harmens, his brother's daughter (Harmen's daughter), Jan Harmensen, brother's (Harmen) son, Christyntje Claes, daughter of Claes Christiansen, universal heir brother Harmen Coerten. (Source: William Nelson, *Patents and Deeds and other Early Records of New Jersey 1664-1703*, p41 - E. Jersey Liber 3, p.146)

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2007-25 [Origins of Manuel Gonzalus-Duk] I refer you to the following webpage that addresses some of the main issues.

<http://www.boydhouse.com/michelle/gonzales/manuelgonzalezduk.html>

The family has also been discussed on the Dutch-Colonies (RootsWeb) mail list, and there is also a Gonsalus Mail List. However, oftentimes, "genealogy by consensus of opinion" does not produce optimum results.

Although Manuel Senior _MAY_ have spent time in Brazil, it is unlikely that he was the child baptized there in 1649. I have seen it reported that "he first came to Ulster County by 1689, for by the 11th of September in that year he was a member of Capt. Gerrit Teunise's military company of Kingston" [but, I have no source for that].

Of the several theories regarding his origins, I prefer that he may have been a Spaniard, but that is only my opinion [based on the Spanish naming tradition of using both the father's last name and mother's maiden name that is still used today]. Absent a definitive marriage record, we are left with only speculation.

There seems to be some confusion as to just who is buried in Sullivan County, New York. Some say it was Manuel Senior who died there at age 92 (on a visit to his son), and others that it was Manuel Junior who died 18 Apr 1758. Manuel Senior's will is dated 27 Jan 1752 (but, I have not found it), in Dutchess County, and was well over 90 years old. Manuel Junior executed his will 14 Oct 1750 in Mamakating, and it was proved 24 Sep 1762 [WNYHS 6:182]. Conventional wisdom (and logic) favors the latter theory; that it was Manuel Junior buried in Sullivan County.

See:

<http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/read/GONSALUS/2000-07/0963292877>

See also Quinlan's History of Sullivan County, (1873)

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Addition

Through an editorial error, Pamela Sears' article – "Who Was Sara, wife of Pieter Lott and Abraham Polhemus?" -- that appeared in the August 2007 issue was not the final version of her manuscript. The article as published lacked the informative text of Maria Lott's 1802 will. What was unintentionally omitted is here supplied with my apologies to Pam!

Maria Lott was the fifth child of Pieter Lott and Sarah Covert.

5. Maria Lott, born 7 March 1723; died unmarried on 22 January 1804ⁱ in New Lotts, township of Flatbush in Kings County, New York, leaving a will dated 1 May 1802 in which she named the children of her nieces and nephews.ⁱⁱ

Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787 - 1835. , (Online database: NewEnglandAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2006), (From material originally compiled by William A. D. Eardeley, now held by the Brooklyn Historical Society.) Page 28.

Maria Lott, of New Lotts, Flatbush, spinster, Will dated 1 May 1802.

Wearing apparel to "such of the daughters of my late brother Hendrick Lott, deceased," as shall be living at death of testatrix. To Catharine Snediker, daughter of Isaac I. Snediker, of New Lotts, silver bowl and spoons. To brother Hendrick Lott's son Hendrick large Dutch Bible. To the three sons of late nephew Peter Rapalje, deceased, viz: Jacob, Downe and Peter Rapalje, all rights in Flatbush Church. Proceeds from sale of realty and personalty to said sons of said late nephew Peter Rapalje, deceased, Legacies to Nettie Snediker, daughter of said Isaac Snediker and to Dinah Brinckerhoff, daughter of George Brinckerhoff, late of New Town, deceased. Part of balance unto such of the children of said late brother Hendrick Lott, deceased, as shall be living at death of testatrix and another part to nephew Jacob Rapalje, of New Town; and balance to said sons of said late nephew Peter Rapalje, deceased. Exts: nephew Jacob Rapalje, of New Town and friends Johannis I. Lott and Christopher Lott, both of New Lotts, yeomen. Wits: John D. Ditmas; and Johannes H. Eldert and Johannis Eldert, farmers, of New Lotts. Pro: 16 February 1804., pp 401-406. Codicil 19 January 1804 recites that executor Christopher Lott is deceased and friend Johannes Remsen, of Flatlands, yeoman, is appointed. Wits: Abraham Van Siclen, farmer, of New Lotts; Simon Rapalje and Cornelis Eldert. Pro: 16 Feb 1804. pp 401-406

Note: The extensive probate records [see footnote #27] involve the heirs of those named in the above document, many of whom were living in either New Jersey or upstate New York.

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ⁱ Wyckoff, William Forman, Inscriptions from Lott family burying ground; (1914) page 25

"New Lots Burying Ground" (the old, private cemetery) inscriptions by Josephine C. Frost (1913), originally copied by William F. Wyckoff of Jamaica, Queens, NY in 1878

"Maria Lott died 22 Jan 1804, aged 80 yrs, 10 mos, 15 dys" [calculates to a birth date of 27 Mar 1723]

1793. He returned, however, as a "missionary" for a year in 1796.²² These marriage records were later in the possession of Mr. John M. Brinkerhoff of Moravia, New York, in the latter part of the 1800s and were later loaned to Reverend David D. Demarest of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Miss Mary A. Demarest, his daughter, provided A. Van Doren Honeyman with these marriage records for publication in the *Somerset County Historical Quarterly*.²³ The location of these original marriage records are unknown today. Many of the Demarest family papers and other documents "were lost in a disastrous fire that destroyed the premises of the Comfort Coal and Lumber Company in Westwood, on April 12, 1977".²⁴ Perhaps the original Conewago marriage records as well as Dr. David D. Demarest's extract of the Deacons/Poor Chest and Baptismal Records were among the papers destroyed in this fire.

I am currently in the process of writing a paper which tracks the Conewago Records from York County, Pennsylvania, to Kentucky, then to Ohio, finally returning to Reverend John K. Demarest and then to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. I hope to publish it soon. I wish to thank Vincent Akers, Larry Michael Voreis and Arthur Weaner for their assistance and support in this project.²⁵

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Firth Farbend has announced that she has just published an article about the settler Jan Pietersen Haring. Citation is: Firth Haring Fabend, "Jan Pietersen Haring, 1633-1683: Sightings and Connections, Hoorn, New Amsterdam, New York, and New Jersey," South of the Mountains (The Historical Society of Rockland County), 51 (October-December 2007), 4:3-22. It includes sixteen illustrations and is documented with forty endnotes.

The article is based on every certain reference to JPH in the primary records, twenty in all, including his baptism in Hoorn, his marriage in New Amsterdam, the baptisms of six of his seven children, two appointments to the office of schepen, a reference to him as a wheelwright, two references to a land venture in Manhattan, three references to his land holdings on Manhattan, a notarial record in Hoorn in 1680, two references to the deed to the Tappan Patent, and his death.

Families into which Jan Pietersen Haring's seven children and their descendants married include Auryansen, Banta, Bertholf, Blanch, Blauvelt, Bogert, Brinkerhoff, De Baun, De Graw, Demarest, De Peyster, Eckerson, Ferdon, Flierboom, Goetschius, Ives, Jones, Lent, Livingston, Kip, Nagel, Peek, Perry, Quackenbush, Quick, Roosevelt, Sickles, Smith, Van Antwerp, Van Dalsen, Van Emburg, Van Houten, Verbryck, Wortendyke, and Zabriskie and perhaps others.

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