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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

Bourgon Broucard [Bragaw/Brokaw] of New York and Somerset Co., New Jersey

This document is a very rough and incomplete draft!

Portions of the following document were published within my article "Identifying the True Ancestry of Hilletje, wife of Isaac² Bragaw (*Bourgon¹ Broucard*) as the granddaughter of Pieter¹ Roelofszen [Bas] and Jan¹ Boeckhout [John¹ Buckhout] both of Mespath Kills, Newtown, Queens County, New York" (*New Netherland Connections* [Volume 9, Number 3: July, August, September 2004]). This document contains additional details not found in the article as well as any corrections or additions provided to me in response to the article's publication. Other updated content from the article can also be found in my documents on the Bas and Boeckhout families, which are also posted at my web site, "Perry Streeter: Ancestors & Kin" <<http://www.perry.streeter.com>>.

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I gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Elsie Foster, author of *Our Brokaw-Bragaw Heritage* [hereafter *OBH*] and Ruth P. Heidgerd who in 1978 transcribed records from the French congregation at Mannheim, Germany for The Huguenot Historical Society [hereafter *Mannheim*].

1. LOUIS^A BROUQUART, died before 7 Jan 1657.

Children of Louis Brouquart, birth order unknown:

2. ii. BOURGON.

- iii. ROGIER, "son of the late Louis Brouquart, during his life living at Mouqeron in the low country," m. French Church, Mannheim, Germany 7 Jan 1657
ANNE BERNARD, dau. of Michy Bernard, residing at Mannheim
(*Mannheim*).

Children, 1. *Jean*, b. 12 July 1657; bapt. French Church, Mannheim, Germany 2 Aug 1657 with Godfather Jean Huet and Godmother Marguerite du Mont. 2. *Marie*, b. 9 Oct 1663; bapt. French Church, Mannheim, Germany 11 Oct 1663 with Godfather "Gourgon Broucard" and Godmother Marie Charlet.

2. BOURGON¹ BROUCARD (*Louis^A Brouquart*).

The progenitor of the Brokaw; Bragaw and other families, given in this genealogy, who are descendants, was one Bourgon Broucard...

For a little over twenty five years the family lived in the vicinity of New York, but in 1702, all of the family, except one son, Isaac, moved to Somerset County, New Jersey. Isaac remained near the old homesite, in Brooklyn, and his descendants began to spell their names, as Bragaw, and many of them still retain that spelling. The parents and the rest of the family found homes on the Raritan and Millstone Rivers, in New Jersey. The New Jersey branch spelled the name as "Brokaw," and since then others have converted to other ways of spelling, as Bercaw; Brocaw; Berkaw, etc., as you will find them in this record. More than twenty different ways of spelling were were found in old records of New Jersey.

In those times the French gave the sound of o or u to the dipthong ou and the final d was silent, so that the original pronunciation must have been "Brokar or Brucar." The r has been dropped and a w substituted so that the pronunciation is not so remarkable for it's changes, as for it's persistency. (*OBH*, Introduction)

Child of Bourgon and Marie (du May) Broucard:

- i. MARIE.

Children of Bourgan and Catherine (Le Fevre) Broucard:

- ii. JEANNE.
- iii. MARIE.
- iv. CATHERINE.
- v. ISAAC.
- 3. vi. ISAAC, m. HILLETJE BAS.
- vii. JACOB.
- viii. JAN.
- ix. PETER.
- x. ABRAHAM.
- xi. CATHRINA.

3. ISAAC² BRAGAW (*Bourgon¹ Broucard*), son of Bourgon¹ and Catherine (Le Fevre) Broucard, was baptized in the Brooklyn RDC on 7 August 1678; he died between 8 November 1754 when he made his will and 14 March 1757 when it was proved. Isaac was married [at Dutch Kills, Queens County, New York] on 3 April 1699 (*OBBH*, 3)] to HILLETJE³ BAS (*Roelof^f Pietersen, Pieter¹ Roelofszen*). Hilletje was born circa 1680 or earlier; she died after 1736 when "Heyltie Bragaw" occupied "No. 11. Juffrou's Pew" in the Dutch Church at Newtown, Juffrou being a title of respect for elderly females (Appendix D. "Pew-Holders of the Dutch Church in 1736," *The Annals of Newtown*, 416) but before 8 November 1754 when she was omitted from her husband's will. Hilletje was the daughter of Roelof² Pietersen Bas and Aeltje² Boeckhout (*Jan¹*).

For several decades, most descendants of Isaac and Hilletje have presumed that she was identical with Heyltje, the daughter of Gisbert Janz and Sophia Janz van Putten. While the research efforts of those who have gone before us are always appreciated, the basis for this identification was very weak and should not have been broadly accepted:

Isaac Bragaw, as Broucard, was born in Brooklyn and was baptized in the Dutch Ch. there. He used the spelling of Bragaw. Mr. Pitman, in his record of him, suggests that his wife, Hilletje, was possibly the Hilletje Jans, who was baptized May 12, 1678, in the Brooklyn Dutch Church, a daughter of Gysbert Jans and wife Fytje Van Putter, as she was the only Hilletje who was baptized in Brooklyn about that time; that Gillis Jans was a witness at the baptism of Isaac's daughter, Hilletje. That otherwise she was unidentified. (Elise Foster, *Our Brokaw-Bragaw Heritage* [hereafter *OBBH*], 3-4).

Isaac and Hilletje named no known children *Gysbert* or *Fytje/Sophia*. However, the names that they did give to their children provided valuable clues for identifying her actual parents. They named their eldest known daughter Aeltje; she was presumably named in honor her maternal grandmother since their second daughter was named in honor of Isaac's mother and their third daughter was named in honor of Hilletje, following a well-established pattern in Dutch families. Among Isaac and Hilletje's sons, Roelof was the only one without a kinsman bearing his name in the Bragaw family.

In February 2004, I posted message to DUTCH-COLONIES-L@rootsweb.com to seek more information on Hilletje's origins from the baptismal records of her children. Dorothy Koenig responded with very enlightening results. Roelof Bas and Catherine (Le Fevre) Broucard served as baptismal sponsors for Isaac and Hilletje's eldest known daughter, Aeltje. It seemed highly likely that Roelof was the girl's maternal grandfather and that her paternal grandmother was required to serve in place of her maternal grandmother because the latter was probably deceased.

Identifying Hilletje as a member of the Bas family probably resolves the following confusion:

Among Charles E. Brokaw's records was record of this Isaac [Bragaw] and giving that he married at Dutch Kills, Queens Co., New York, to Hilletje Dea, on Apr. 3, 1719. If that was so then he married two Hilletjes, but it is more likely that the date should have been, Apr. 3, 1699, which would be about correct, as their first child was baptized in 1700. Hilletje may have been married, previously to a

Mr. Dea. By the time that Isaac married his parents were living in Dutch Kills, or Maspeth Kills. (*OBH*, 3-4)

I have found no indication that Isaac Bragaw was married more than once and three-letter surnames are relatively rare so it seems highly likely that Isaac Bragaw was only married to Hilletje Bas; that they were married on 3 April 1699; and that *Dea* is simply a transcription error for *Bas*.

There are no known birth or baptismal records for the majority of Isaac and Hilletje (Bas) Bragaw's children. **When they had their third daughter, "Hilletie," baptized at Jamaica on 4 April 1704, Gillis Jansen served as one of the baptismal sponsors. The nature of his kinship to Isaac or Hilletje, if any, remains unknown.** I suspect that he may have been a namesake grandson or other descendant of Gillis¹ Jansen de Mandeville (1624-1701) of Normandy, France and New York, who owned land in Queens County.

Children, birth order of all but eldest three uncertain but Isaac and Hilletje probably followed the traditional naming patterns of their era (modified from *OBH*):

- i. AELTJE³, named in honor of maternal grandmother; bapt. Brooklyn RDC 6 Oct 1700; m. JORIS VAN ALST, son of Johannes Van Alst and Aeltje.
- ii. CATALYNTJE, named in honor of paternal grandmother; bapt. Jamaica RDC 19 Oct 1702.
- iii. HILLETJE, named in honor of mother; bapt. Jamaica RDC 27 June 1704; [m. RICHARD PARCELL, probably a son of John and Maria (___) Parcell].
- iv. MARY; named perhaps in honor of eldest paternal aunt; m. JOHN⁴ UPDIKE (*Lawrence*³, *Johannes*² *Lourense*, *Louris*¹ *Jansen*), b. on his father's farm near Princeton, NJ ca. 1708; d. Somerset Co., NJ in 1790, son of Lawrence³ Updike and Agnes³ Post (*Willem*², *Lodewyck*¹ *Cornelis* *Pos*); my ancestors; see the Updike documents and links at <http://www.perry.streeter.com> for more information.
- v. BERGOON, named in honor paternal grandfather; m. DIANA VOLKERTSEN, dau. of Nicholas Volkertsen of Brooklyn.
- vi. ROELOF, named in honor of maternal grandfather; m. SARAH LUYSTER, dau. of Cornelius Luyster and Sarah Catherine Nevius.
- vii. ISAAC, named in honor of father.
- viii. JANNETJE, named in honor of second eldest paternal aunt and/or father's maternal grandmother; m. JACOBUS VAN ALST, son of Johannes and Van Alst and Aeltje.
- ix. ENGELTJE, named in honor of a maternal relative?
- x. PETER, named in honor of paternal uncle and/or mother's paternal grandfather, Pieter¹ Roelofszen.
- xi. JOHN, named in honor of paternal uncle and/or mother's maternal grandfather, Jan¹ Boeckhout; m. SARAH VAN MIDDLESWARD, dau. of Jan Teunis Van Middlesward and Catherine Teunis Bogart.
- xii. ANNATJE, named in honor of a maternal relative?

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