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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.

Jan Boeckhout [John Buckhout] of Mespeth Kills, Newtown, Queens County, New York

Much of the following document was published within my article "Identifying the True Ancestry of Hillelje, wife of Isaac² Bragaw (*Bourgon¹ Broucard*) as the granddaughter of Pieter¹ Roelofszen [Bas] and Jan¹ Boeckhout [John¹ Buckhout] both of Mespeth 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 Bragaw and Bas families, which are also posted at my web site, "Perry Streeter: Ancestors & Kin" <<http://www.perry.streeter.com>>.

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1. JAN¹ BOECKHOUT [JOHN¹ BUCKHOUT], also known as Bocholte, Buchholte, Boeckhoute, etc. and as Jan de Nosper was born circa 1628 or earlier; he died at Mespeth Kills, Newtown, Queens County, New York between 6 January 1694/95 when his last land transaction was recorded and 23 March 1694/95 when his will was proved. Jan was married, probably in the Netherlands, circa 1647, to HANNAH ___.

Jan resided in Leiden, in the Netherlands, from as early as 1649 until emigration in 1662; research conducted there might yield valuable new information about the origins of this family. Leiden was a haven for Calvinists of all nationalities including English Pilgrims and French-speaking Walloons and Huguenots. When the English first settled in Leiden in 1609, one-third of the ancient city's 40,000 residents were reportedly foreign-born. The Pilgrims began emigrating to New England in 1620 aboard the *Mayflower*; the Walloons began emigrating to New Netherland in 1624.

I have not encountered any records in which Jan used a patronymic so perhaps he was not of Dutch origins. Other than patronyms, surnames are typically of geographic, occupational or descriptive origins. With respect to geography, some researchers have suggested that Jan was a native of Bocholt, a town in Westphalia near the Dutch border. However, there are also villages named Boechout, Boeckhout and Boeckhoute in northern Belgium near Bruxelles (Brussels). In the Netherlands are the villages of Boeket and, in close proximity to Leiden, Boekel. Howard Swaim provided an occupational interpretation for Boeckhout:

The most common spelling in the church records seems to be "Boeckhout." Since boekhouder means bookkeeper, my guess is that this is an occupational surname that was frozen some time before Jan came to New Netherland. I have found no usage of "van" or "von" with this name for Jan or his children. My guess is that "de Nosper" is either a personal characteristic name or an occupational name.

Jan was residing in Leiden as early as 1649, based on the fact that his eldest son identified himself as "van Leyden" [born in Leiden] when he married in New York in 1675. "Jan Bocholte" left Leiden on 12 October 1662, arriving in New Amsterdam via *De Purmerland Kerck* (*The Purmerland Church*), Jan had with him his wife, and five children, ages 1, 5, 8, 9, and 13 (Carl Boyer, *Ship Passenger Lists New York and New Jersey (1600-1825)*).

ISAAC VERMILYE had as companions on the voyage, Jacques Cossart, Nicholas du Puis, Gideon Merlett, Jean le Conseille, Louis Lacqueman, Jacob Kolver, and **Jan Bookhoolts**, also Arnout de Toict (these now written *Cashow*, *Depew*, *Marlett*, *Conselyea*, *Lakeman* or *Lockman*, *Culver*, **Buckhout**, etc.), all having lived at Leyden, we presume, as we know had Buckhout, Culver and Vermilye; and **probably all Walloons except Buckhout**. Vermilye, with his w. and dr. Maria (later Mrs. Montanye), all his fellow-passengers above named, save Culver and **Buckhout**, join the ch. at New Amsterdam Apl 1, 1663, no doubt by letter. The wives of Cossart, Du Puis, and Lacqueman also united. Vermilye came directly to H. [Harlem]. **Buckhout became "koeherder van de gemente desen stede."** The rest made an application, Mar. 19, 1663, for land and seed grain, and victuals for six months, showing their necessities. **Buckhout later owned a farm at Mespas and left two sons, Capt. Matthias, who sailed a coaster, and Peter, a farmer; and whence come the families of this name... (Harlem).**

On February 9, 1664 the Burgomasters contracted for a certain number of gabions for the protection of the City. These were cylinders filled with stone or earth and used as supports in erecting military defenses. The contract specified, "The Burgomasters agreed with **Jan Boeckhout**, Gerrit Janses, from Arnhem and Jacob Keeren for making eighty eight batons, to wit; thirty two, 4-1/2 feet high and wide; thirty two, 3-1/2 feet wide and five feet high; and twenty eight 6 feet high and 4-1/2 feet wide, for which they are to receive as they demand 35 stivers apiece and besides half a barrel of good beer on condition that they themselves cut the wood. It is further stipulated that the batons shall be strong and good which

they agreed to do, the Burgomasters agreeing to pay for the carting. (Berthold Fernow, *The Records of New Amsterdam from 1653 to 1674* [1897]; 7 Vols., as posted on BOOKOUT-L@rootweb.com).

As **Jan de Nosper**, he was arrested on March 20, 1664 upon complaint of the Fiscal for resisting an officer who had attempted to arrest him for shooting pigeons on the Sabbath. On the same day is noted the commitment of **Jan Boeckholt de Nosper** on the above charge. He prayed forgiveness for having violated the Sabbath for shooting pigeons on that day pleading ignorance of the law. He was sentenced to pay a fine of 12 guilders and costs. (O'Callaghan's Calendar of Dutch Mss., 262-263 [council minutes], as posted on BOOKOUT-L@rootsweb.com)

Some researchers have claimed that John and Peter "Bockhout" were landholders in Newtown in 1666:

Patents of land were confirmed to John Bockhout and Peter Bockhout by Hon. Richard Nicoll, Esq, in the town of Newtown on Long Island on June 23, 1666 (Interpretation: This would indicate that Jan or John Buckhout had a brother, Peter. This assumption is strengthened by the fact that the same two men received additional grants of land on September 4, 1686. Peter the son of Jan would not have been old enough to have held land in 1666.) (BOOKOUT-L@rootsweb.com)

In fact, no Bockhouts (or variations thereof) are identified in the list of "Freeholders of Newtown, Dec. 4, 1666" that is associated with the land patents executed by Nicholl that year (*Newtown*, Appendix G., 427). I suspect that Dongan's Patent of 1686, which makes reference to both the current residents and Nicholl's patent of 1666, was misinterpreted. As shown further above and re-stated below, John Bockhout and his *son*, Peter Bockhout, were indeed identified in Dongan's Patent of 1686.

The last mentioned grant is thus described in Newton Minutes, 1653-1734 "Thes are the names of the purchars and free houlders of Newton & Are draw up to be inserted in our pattin. Greit and Intered on Record the twenty forth day of september 1686 by order of the Justis of the peece. Theophilus phillips, clerk. The list included the names of **John and Peter Bookhood**, indexed as Buckhout.

The final grant to Jan Buckhout, shortly before his death and dated January 6, 1695, is also recorded in the Newton Town Minutes, "Jenewari the 6-1695. Laid out four draueft Lo-- for Cap William Hallit and Samuel Hallit on the west side of Jamaca highway Joyning to it in Linth Sixt rods begining at William Creeds Land which new-town ga-- him so runes north the breth of the fouer Lots Sixty Rods These four Lots William Hallit sener, William Hellit, Samuel Hallet, **John Buckhout**. (*Minutes of Newtown: 1653-1734*, as posted on BOOKOUT-L@rootsweb.com)

In a 1675 tax list, "----- Buckhood" was assessed for 1 Males, 5 Upland & Meadow, 0 Horses, 0 3 yer oulds, 9 2 yer oulds, 0 Yearlings, 0 Oxen, 1 Cowes, 1 3 yer oulds, 1 2 yer oulds, 0 Yer Oulds, 0 Sheep, and 0 Swine ("A List Off the Estate of Newtowne, Sept^r 1675.", *DHNY*, 467).

In later tax list, the "Newtowne Estimations" of 1683, "John buckhood" was assessed for 1 Heads, 12 Lands, 0 Horses, 0 3 yeres, 0 2 yeres, 0 1 yere, 2 Oxen, 2 Cowes, 2 3 yeres, 2 2 yeres, 2 1 yere, 4 Sheepe, 1 Swine ("Rate List of Newtown 1683.", *DHNY*, 515).

John's will of 23 August 1682 identifies five children, presumably the same five children that immigrated with him in 1662:

Buckhout, John, of Mespath Kills, weaver, 23 Aug., 1682. Life estate to wife, Hannah, with remainder to five children: sons Matties & Peter; daus. Trincke, Alles, & Mary. Wife exx. Wits: William Hallett, Andrew Bird, & Robert Blackwell. Pro. 23 March, 1694/5. (*Long Island Source Records*, 133, as abstracted from the Town Records of Newtown, Queens County, New York)

[What is the full text of the original will?]

John's will was probably recorded by an Englishman who may have taken liberties in anglicizing Dutch names and whose spelling was imperfect in either language. Obviously, John was also known as Jan to Dutch speakers and "Alles" was probably known as Aeltje. We are left to wonder if Hannah was actually the name of John's wife or if it was simply an English name that a clerk used as a proxy for an unknown Dutch name. John and Hannah's eldest son married a daughter of Theophilus¹ "Stoffel" Elsworth. Theophilus, another one of my direct ancestors, was an Englishman who resided in the Netherlands and married a Dutch woman before emigrating to New Amsterdam. Without further research, we cannot rule out the possibility that Hannah's name was accurately recorded in John's will because she too may have been of English origins.

Children; birth order uncertain; ordered per father's will; probably all born in or near Leiden, Netherlands:

- i. MATTHYS², b. Leiden, Netherlands ca. 1649; m. (1) New York RDC 9 June 1675 ELIZABETH² "LYSBETH" ELSWORTH (*Theophilus*¹): "*Matthys Janszen j.m. van Leyden en Lysbeth Elswaerts j.d. van N. Yorck beyde womende alheir getrowt den 9 June 1675.*" Lysbeth was bapt. 10 Jan 1655 as dau. of "Stoffel Elswaerts" with sponsor Lysbeth Twillarts (*BDC*:38); she was the dau. of my direct ancestors, Theophilus¹ "Stoffel" Elsworth and Annetje Jans; for more information, please see the Elsworth documents and links at <<http://www.perry.streeter.com>>; m. (2) 26 Oct 1696 MAGDALENA RUTGERS, widow of Joris Walgraef: "*Mattys Boeckhours j. wedr. v Lysbeth Elswaert an Magdalena Rutges wede v. Joris Walgraef, byde wonende to N. Yorck, 25 Oct 1696*" (*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* [1:40, 84; 5:153])

Children, surname *Boeckhout* (Cynthia Middaugh-Zuber [correspondence, 15 Sep 2004]): 1. *Annatje*, b. 1676; m. 1695 Abraham Siboutszen. 2. *Engeltje*, [**named in honor of whom?**]; bapt. 11 March

1678; m. 2 Sep 1695 Deliverance Conklin. 3. *Johannes*, bapt. 1679; m. Maritie ___. 4. *Theophilus*, bapt. April 1681. 5. *Sara* (twin), bapt. NYC RDC 20 Sep 1685. 6. *Abraham* (twin), bapt. NY RDC 20 Sep 1685. 7. *Brechtie*, bapt. 1688.

- ii. PIETER JANSEN [PETER JOHNSON], b. [say 1653]; m. before 15 Aug 1683 (1) LYSBETH JANS, widow of Pieter¹ Roelofszen [Bas] and dau. of Jan Pater; m. (2) NY RDC 3 Nov 1699 ELSJE JEURIANS, widow of Thomas Verdon. Child, by Lysbeth Jans: 1. *Jan*, bapt. NY RDC 15 Aug 1683.
- iii. TRINCKE, b. [say 1654].
- * iv. ALLES, b. [say 1657]; *Alles* is an obvious synonym for *Alice*, the English equivalent of *Aeltje*; therefore, she was probably identical with "Aeltje Boekhoute" who probably married to ROELOF² PIETERSEN [BAS] (*Pieter*¹ *Roelofszen*), son of Pieter¹ Roelofszen of Mespeth Kills and his first wife, Willemyntje Jans.
- v. MARY, b. ca. 1661.

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