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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.

Louris Jansen Opdyck [Updike] of Gravesend, Kings County, New York

THIS IS A VERY ROUGH DRAFT IN PROGRESS!

Unless otherwise noted, the source for information in this chapter is Charles Wilson Opdyke's landmark work, *The op Dyck Genealogy: Containing the Opdyck-Opdycke-Opdyke-Updike American Descendants of the Wesel and Holland Families* ([hereinafter *Opdyke*] [Albany, NY: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1880], p. 250).

1. LOURIS¹ JANSEN OPDYCK, born in Husum, Scheleswig about 1610 (A.J.F. Van Laer, *Minutes of the Court of Fort Orange and Beverwyck 1652-1656* [Albany, NY: The University of the State of New York; 1920], 88); he died in Gravesend, Kings County, New York, in 1659. He married CHRISTINA ___.

Children:

- i. PETER², named in honor of maternal grandfather; b. ca. 1642.
- 2. ii. JOHANNES LOURENSE, named in honor of paternal grandfather; b. Gravesend 1651; m. CATHERINE ___.
- iii. OTTO, b. ca. 1661.

2. JOHANNES² LOURENSE OPDYCK (*Louris¹ Jansen*), born in Gravesend, Long Island, New York in 1651; died Hopewell Township, New Jersey during April 1729. He married CATHERINE ___, born in Dutch Kills, Long Island, New York in 1665.

Children:

- i. TRYNTJE³, named in honor of mother; m. ENOCH ANDRIESEN, Children, surname *Andriesen*: 1. *Eliakem*, bapt. Bensalem, Bucks Co, PA DRC 10 June 1710.
- ii. ENGELTIE, m. [ELIAKIM ANDERSON].

Children, surname *Anderson*: [1. *Joseph*, bapt. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 13 Sep 1715. 2. *Anna*, bapt. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 13 Sep 1715.]

- iii. ANNETJE m. CORNELIS ANDRIESEN; resided in Maidenhead Township, New Jersey as of 15 June 1714.

Children, first four baptized in the Bensalem, Bucks Co., PA DRC on 10 June 1710, surname *Andriesen*: 1. *Abraham*. 2. *Rebecca*. 3. *Bartholomeus*. 4. *Andries*. 5. *Francina*, bapt. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 15 June 1714.

3. iv. LAWRENCE, named in honor of paternal grandfather; b. ca. 1675; m. AGNES POST.
 v. ALBERT, b. Dutch Kills, LI, NY ca. 1685; m. NJ ELIZABETH ___; d. Hopewell, NJ 1752.
 vi. *son*, progenitor of all the Virginia Updikes.
 Children, surname *Opdyck*: 1. *John*, m. Bordertown, NJ 1744; moved to VA.
 vii. BARTHOLOMEW, d. after 1746; lived in Maidenhead, NJ.

3. LAWRENCE³ UPDIKE (*Johannes² Lourense, Louris¹ Jansen*), born 1675; died Maidenhead, New Jersey in 1748; married AGNES³ POST (*Willem², Lodewyck¹ Cornelis Pos*); she was almost certainly the daughter of Willem² Post and his wife, Aeltje² Teunis Covert (*Teunis¹ Jansen*). Lawrence is the ancestor of virtually every Updike in New Jersey; during his lifetime the spelling stabilized as *Updike*.

Children:

- i. LAWRENCE; named in honor of father.
 ii. WILLIAM, probably named in honor of maternal grandfather; bapt. 20 April 1704; will probated 10 May 1783; m. ANN JOHNSON, b. ca. 1705, dau. of Rutger Jansen and Annetje Gerrits; lived in Windsor, Middlesex Co., NJ.
 4. iii. JOHN, named in honor of paternal grandfather; b. near Princeton, NJ ca. 1708; m. MARY BRAGAW.
 iv. CATHERINE, b. ca. 1710; d. 17 May 1747, age 37; m. JOHN JOHNSON, SR., d. 3 May 1752, age 47, son of Rutger and Ann (Gerrit) Johnson; both bur. Johnson Family Burial Ground (*Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*).
 Children, surname *Johnson*: 1. *Naomi*, m. William Updike, b. 1746, d. 1839. 2. *David*, m. Mary Updike, b. 1749, d. 1807.
 v. RACHEL, m. ___ PRICE.
 vi. TUNIS; probably named in honor of mother's maternal grandfather and brother.
 vii. ATHELIAH, probably named in honor of maternal grandmother; m. STEPHEN⁴ MINOR (*William³, Clement², Thomas¹*), descendant of my direct ancestors, Thomas¹ and Grace (Palmer) Miner; see *Thomas Miner of Stonington, Connecticut* for more information.

4. JOHN⁴ UPDIKE (*Lawrence*³, *Johannes*² *Lourense*, *Louris*¹ *Jansen*), born on his father's farm near Princeton, New Jersey about 1708; died in Somerset County, New Jersey in 1790. He was married at Newtown, Long Island, New York on 11 May 1738 to MARY³ BRAGAW (*Isaac*², *Bourgon*¹ *Broucard*), born in Newtown, Long Island, New York in 1708, daughter of Isaac² Bragaw and his wife, Hilletje³ Bas (*Roelef*² *Pietersen*, *Pieter*¹ *Roelofszen*). He farmed near Cherry Valley, a few miles north of Princeton.

Of John's nine sons there remained in New Jersey four,—Lawrence, Isaac, William and Peter,—and a son of his son Jacob... About 1800, the other five sons of John [Burgoon, Roliph, Abraham, Jacob, and John Jr.] moved together, or nearly so, to Tompkins County, the richest soil of New York State; and with them went one of the sons of their brother, Lawrence; there too in Tompkins County the descendants of the brothers multiplied so rapidly that their neighborhood was called the "Updike Settlement," and the graveyard of the old Log Church near Waterburg, N.Y., is filled with their tombstones. (*Opdyke*, 207)

Children:

- i. LAWRENCE, named in honor of paternal grandfather; b. 1739; d. 1813; m. ALTEYE LANNING.
- ii. ISAAC, named in honor of maternal grandfather; b. Montgomery Twp, Montgomery Co., NJ 1741/42; d. 14 Jan 1809; m. ELIZABETH SAVIDGE, b. 1763; d. 8 Jan 1808; dau. of John and Elizabeth (Runyon) Savidge.
- iii. BURGOON, named in honor of mother's paternal grandfather and brother; b. 1744; d. 1820; m. MARY [LANE], possibly the dau. of Gizebert⁴ and Eleanor/Neeltje (Smock) Lane.
Children, surname *Updike*: 1. *Jerusha*, m. David Force.
- iv. WILLIAM; probably named in honor of paternal grandmother's father; b. 1746; d. 1839; m. 1774 NAOMI JOHNSON.
- v. MARY, named in honor of mother; b. 1749; d. 24 Mary 1807, age 58; m. DAVID JOHNSON, d. 8 Oct 1824, age 69; both bur. Johnson Family Burial Ground (*Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*). David Johnson was probably the grandson of John and Catherine (Updike) Johnson.
5. vi. ROLIPH, named in honor of maternal uncle and maternal grandmother's father; b. 1750; d. 1830; m. ELEANOR "NELLY" LANE.
- vii. ABRAHAM (twin), b. 1752; d. 12 March 1827; m. ca. 1774 JANE VANDERVORT.
- viii. JACOB (twin), b. 1752; d. 26 Sep 1827; m. 1777 ANNA SAVIDGE, b. ca. 1751, d. 19 Jan 1822, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Runyon) Savidge.
- ix. PETER, b. 1756; d. 1818; m. MARY VAN CAMP.
- x. JOHN, named in honor of father (and father's paternal grandfather) so perhaps he was the second son of this name born since the third-born son was typically named in honor of the father; b. ca. 1758; d. Seneca Co., NY 1815; m. (1) GERTIE UPDIKE OR TRUAX; m. (2) MARY [SMITH].
- xi. SARAH, b. 1760; m. Trenton, NJ 29 May 1778 JEREMIAH WOOD.

- xii. [GYSBERT; doubtful placement; "The only support for [the placement of this son] is the testimony of one grandson of William and Peter, brothers of Roliph and Burgoon, who says that his mother often mentioned having an uncle Gysbert. I think it likely that she was referring to her cousin, Gilbert, son of Roliph, who may have been called Gysbert as his [maternal] grandfather, Gysbert Lane was." (Mike Morrissey, correspondence [27 May 2001])]

5. ROLIPH⁵ UPDIKE (*John*⁴, *Lawrence*³, *Johannes*², *Louris*¹ *Jansen*), son of John⁴ and Mary (Bragaw) Updike, was born in New Jersey about 1750; he died in Ulysses, Tompkins County, New York about 1830. Roliph was married to ELEANOR⁵ "NELLY" LANE (*Gizebert*⁴, *Mathias*³, *Gysbrecht*² "Gilbert" *Laenen*, *Matthys*¹ *Jansen*), daughter of Gizebert⁴ and Eleanor/Neeltje (Smock) Lane; the identity of Roliph's wife has been scientifically and conclusively proven by Mitochondrial DNA testing (Perry Streeter, "Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) Testing of Probable Eighth Cousins Confirms Their Kinship and Proves Their Matrilineal Lines of Descent from Aeltje Cornelis (Cool) (Van Couwenhoven) Stoothoff, etc.," *New Netherland Connections* [April, May, June 2005; Volume 10, Number 2]).

Roliph was named in honor of his maternal uncle, Roelof⁸ Bragaw, who was named in honor of his maternal grandfather, Roelef² Pietersen [Bas], who was named in honor of his paternal grandfather. Roliph's name is seen as *Rulef*, *Rolif*, *Ruliph*, *Rulif*, *Rulof*, *Roelef*, *Ralph*, etc. Roliph was farmer in (then Montgomery, Somerset County, now) Princeton, Mercer County, New Jersey and Ulysses, New York. Roliph settled in Ulysses shortly after 1800. In the 1810 Federal Census, "Roliff Updike" appears at Ulysses in (then Seneca, since 1817) Tompkins County. He was identified as "Ralph Updike" in the 1820 Federal Census.

The first child of my direct ancestors, Daniel³ and Mary (Updike) Richey, was born in Tompkins County about 1804; the Richey and Updike families both settled in Tompkins County about 1801. Daniel and Mary were probably married in New Jersey just before the relocation or in Tompkins County just after the move. It seemed probable that Mary's father was one of the five sons of John⁴ and Mary (Bragaw) Updike who migrated to Tompkins County.

Unfortunately, Mary was *not* identified in Opdyke's generally well-researched and well-documented genealogy. It is evident from the will of Isaac⁵ Updike that he had no children of his own; however, his will did include a bequest "to Isaac Richey, son of my brother Ruliph Opdycke's daughter Mary, \$100" (*Opdyke*, 245). That Mary (Updike) Richey's father was Roliph⁵ Updike would seem to be an obvious conclusion. However, by the time that Isaac⁵ Updike made his will on 18 April 1808, Mary (Updike) Richey's son, Isaac Richey, had a first cousin who bore the same name and, per *Opdyke*, his mother was also named Mary.

There were two documented marriages between the families of Daniel² and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (___) Richey and Roliph⁵ Upike. John³ Richey (*Daniel*², *John*¹), married Mary Ellen⁶ "Nellie" Updike (*Roliph*⁵) and Margaret⁴ Richey (*Lawrence*³, *Daniel*², *John*¹) married Ralph⁶ Updike (*Roliph*⁵) (*Opdyke*, 310). The available evidence suggested that there was a third marriage between these families.

Outside of *Opdyke*, Mary Ellen⁶ "Nellie" (Updike) Richey was known simply as Eleanor in other sources, including the inscription on her tombstone. Over time, I came to the tentative conclusion that Roliph⁵ Updike actually had two daughters that married Richey brothers; that the daughters' names were Mary and Eleanor; that there was no daughter named Mary Ellen. The

author of the *Opdyke* genealogy must have created an erroneous composite name, Mary Ellen, for Eleanor in order to incorporate Isaac⁵ Updike's reference to a grandson of Roliph⁵ Updike named Isaac Richey because he was not aware of Mary (Updike) Richey's existence and the fact that Roliph⁵ Updike apparently had two grandsons named Isaac Richey. Reconsider the wording of Isaac⁵ Updike's will—he certainly knew that he had two grand-nephews both named Issac Richey so he specified which one as the "son of My brother Ruliph Opdycke's daughter Mary [as opposed to Eleanor]".

If Roliph⁵ Updike married Eleanor Lane, as it was subsequently theorized and proven through mtDNA testing, it followed that Mary (Updike) Richey was named in honor of her paternal grandmother, Mary (Bragaw) Updike, and that Eleanor (Updike) Richey was named in honor of her maternal grandmother, Eleanor/Neeltje (Smock) Lane, which would be consistent with Dutch naming patterns. As shown below, other children were named in honor of Eleanor's family members.

Children, birth order uncertain:

- i. GILBERT⁶, named in honor of his maternal grandfather; b. 1775; m. his first cousin, LEANEY⁶ UPDIKE (*Abraham⁵, John⁴, Lawrence³, Johannes², Louris¹ Jansen*), dau. of Abraham⁵ Updike; resided in NY; resided in or near Kalamazoo, MI in 1840; farmer.
Child, surname *Updike*: 1. *Daniel*, m. ___ Smith; resided Barry Co., MI; farmer.
- ii. MATTHIAS, named in honor of maternal uncle who d. young (and mother's paternal grandfather); resided in MO; farmer.
- iii. RALPH, named in honor of father; b. near Princeton, NJ 1785; d. 1859; m. Tompkins Co., NY MARGARET⁴ RICHEY (*Lawrance³, Daniel², John¹*), dau. of Lawrance³ and Elizabeth (___) Richey, granddau. of Perry Streeter's ancestors, Daniel² and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (___) Richey, see *John Richey of Mansfield, New Jersey* at <http://www.perry.streeter.com> for more information; resided in NY; relocated to MI in 1827; master carpenter, boat-builder and farmer.
Children, surname *Updike*: 1. *Anson*, b. Tompkins Co., NY 1818; m. 1839 Harriet S.⁷ Updike (*Ralph⁶, Burgoon⁵, John⁴, Lawrence³, Johannes², Louris¹ Jansen*), b. 1822, d. 1887, dau. of Ralph⁶ and Mary Ann (Pickel) Updike; resided Grass Lake, MI; farmer. 2. *Orrin*, b. Tompkins Co., NY 1820; m. Adelia S. Kaywood; resided Belleville, IL; builder. 3. *Louisa*, b. 1825; m. John W. Mills; resided Grinnell, IA. 4. *Caroline*, b. 1828; m. Samuel James; resided Island City, NE. 5. *Lyman*, b. 1829; m. Delia Hempstead; resided Isabella Co., MI; farmer. 6. *Ursula*, b. 1836; m. E. Bennett Chapin; resided Grass Lake, MI. 7. *Oletha*, b. 1839; d. 1852. 8. *Dewitt C.*, b. 1842; m. Matilda English; resided MI and ID; farmer.
- iv. ELEANOR "NELLIE," named in honor of maternal grandmother and mother; m. JOHN³ RICHEY (*Daniel², John¹*), son of Perry Streeter's ancestors, Daniel² and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (___) Richey; resided Tompkins Co., NY; see *John*

Richey of Mansfield, New Jersey at <http://www.perry.streeter.com> for more information.

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 - v. MARY "POLLY," named in honor of paternal grandmother; b. ca. December 1785; d. Greenwood Steuben Co., NY 25 Sep 1845; m. DANIEL³ RICHEY JR. (*Daniel², John¹*), b. [Mansfield, (then Sussex, now) Warren Co.], NJ ca. Nov 1783, d. Greenwood, NY 18 March 1862, son of Daniel² and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (___) Richey; Daniel m. (2) MARY HANNAH ___, b. Wales 1801, d. Greenwood, NY 1881; they are all buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, New York; Perry Streeter's ancestors; see *John Richey of Mansfield, New Jersey* and related documents at <http://www.perry.streeter.com> for more information and further descendants. Mary was *not* identified in *Opdyke* but her parentage has been proven through mtDNA testing.
 - vi. CATHERINE, named in honor of maternal aunt; m. JAMES BESS; resided Steuben Co., NY.
 - vii. PETER, d. 1852; resided NY, OH, and MI; farmer; unmarried.

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This is a complete every-name index for the entire document; each woman is indexed under her maiden name and her married name(s). A question mark, (?), indicates an unknown maiden name.