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## “Historical Handbook of the Van Voorhees Family in the Netherlands and America”

This is the fifth time at reproducing the Van Voorhees Association’s published handbook, 1935, entitled, “Historical Handbook of the Van Voorhees Family in the Netherlands and America”, with illustrations by Stephen J. Voorhies. We hope you are lucky enough to have purchased one when it was still in print, as it has been out of print for quite some time. Once again, we thank our longtime member, John Van Voorhees, for transcribing the book into Word format. We are sharing this with our membership in the next several issues of our newsletter. The contents page will not be included as the page numbers are irrelevant. There are some interesting stories in this book, so keep watching for them in future issues of the “Van Voorhees Nieuwsbrief”! In this issue, we share three more sections from the handbook.



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### THE DUTCH COLLEGE ON THE RARITAN

That New Jersey was the only one of the thirteen colonies to have two colleges was due to Dutch settlers who so loved their home land that they could not be content to join educational forces, either with the Episcopalians who organized King’s College in New York in 1754 or the Presbyterians who two years later moved the College of New Jersey, which they had conducted at Newark for a decade, to Princeton.

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Queen's College, chartered in 1766, and begun as a school in 1770, was the only institution of higher learning in the colonies that owed its origin directly to Dutch influences. In it, however, the Dutch language was never officially used. Its beginnings were hampered by lack of adequate financial support. Soon came the war for American independence, and when, in December 1776, New Brunswick was occupied by the British, the college was closed, though a semblance of activity was continued elsewhere. It was not reopened until 1786. During the trying years that followed, little could be done, but the organization was maintained in spite of discouragements.

In 1811 a new building on a new site was occupied by the College and the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church under an agreement that served for a time, but was not intended to be permanent. In 1825, in view of a gift that then seemed large made by Col. Henry Rutgers of New York City, it was given his name, and as Rutgers College it soon attained strength and influence.

College and Seminary continued in the Queen's building until 1856, when the Seminary was removed to Hertzog Hall, a new building constructed for the purpose on a new campus only a few hundred feet to the north. The college thereafter rejoiced in a completely separate life, and was much benefitted by the change.

In 1864 the work was broadened by the addition of the New Jersey College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, established by the State under the Federal Land Grant Act. As educational needs developed courses and schools were added, until in 1924 it became known as Rutgers University, with a College for Women - New Jersey College - begun in 1922 on a new campus a mile to the south.

The agreement with the State of New Jersey made a farm for experiments in agriculture necessary, and the Trustees in 1865 chose land just beyond the city limits that in the early days had belonged in succession to several members of the Voorhees family.

Before 1825 three of the Voorhees name had graduated at Princeton - Stephen Van Voorhees in 1765 who became a clergyman, Abraham G. Voorhees in 1809, of whose family nothing has been learned, and John Van Dyke Voorhees in 1813, who became a surgeon in the United States Army, and served on General Andrew Jackson's staff. He died in 1820 in Pensacola, Florida.

The first of the name to graduate from Queen's College was Ira Condit Voorhees of New Brunswick, in the class of 1817. He attained prominence as a merchant in his native city, and a window was placed in the First Reformed Church as a memorial to him and his wife, Anna Holbert Voorhees. A son, Charles H. Voorhees, also of New Brunswick, was a physician of more than usual attainments.

The next of the name to graduate from Rutgers were John V. Voorhees, 1840, Robert Voorhees, 1841, and Henry V. D. Voorhees, 1847. Robert was an orator of note, and Henry, his brother, became a clergyman of distinction. All these were descendants of Jan Lucas Van Voorhees.

In 1847 Nathaniel W. Voorhees also received his degree. He was a descendant of Minne Lucas Van Voorhees, as were his second cousins, J. Newton Voorhees, 1854, and his brother, William Brownlee Voorhees, 1860. John N. Voorhees, 1856, became a lawyer, and his brother, Henry Martyn Voorhees, 1859, a clergyman. There were descendants of Abraham Lucas, and also through their mother, of Coert Stevensen, through his son Gerrit Coerten Van Voorhees.

Willard Penfield Voorhees, 1871, became a justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey; Foster M. Voorhees, 1876, was governor of the State from 1889 to 1892, and Edward B. Voorhees, 1881, was professor of Agriculture at Rutgers and head of the Federal and State Agricultural Experiment stations there. Judge Voorhees was a descendant of Jan, and the others of Minne Lucas Van Voorhees.

From this time forward the number of graduates bearing the Voorhees name increased so rapidly that in 1932, when the most recent Alumni Catalogue was published, it listed a larger number of Voorhees alumni than of any other name except Smith. The Smiths, however, represent several racial and family lines, while those of the Voorhees name have a common ancestor.

Among the generous benefactors of the College was Abraham Voorhees of the Six Mile Run Church. He was a descendant of Lucas, through his youngest son Abraham, who married Neeltje Cortelyou, and before 1726 settled a few miles west of his ancestral church. Their son Jaques married Nellie Van Doren; their second son, Abraham J., married Grace Opie; their son Abraham, born 1787, did not marry but lived in the neighborhood until his death in 1867 at the age of eighty-one. He bequeathed to the College \$25,000, which was used to create the "Voorhees Professorship of History and Political Science"; and from his residuary a fund of over \$54,000 was received and set aside to aid worthy students who were candidates for the Christian ministry, and for other purposes. His tombstone bears the appropriate inscription, "A Friend of Education."

In 1893 Ralph Voorhees, who was blind, a brother of Nathaniel W. Voorhees, 1847, and an uncle of Foster M. Voorhees, 1876, and Edward B. Voorhees, 1881, and of several other graduates of Rutgers, gave to the college the library building that bears his name. After his death in 1907 his widow, Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees, contributed an amount sufficient to double the capacity of the library, and the enlargement was completed in 1928. At her death in 1924 it was found that she had generously endowed the New Jersey College for Women at New Brunswick, including a provision for the erection on its campus of the beautiful Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees Memorial Chapel. Other amounts were set apart for fellowships, for scholarships, and as a loan fund.

Another benefactor of the college should also be mentioned. Mr. P. Vanderbilt Spader of New Brunswick, a member of the class of 1849 who did not graduate, in 1887 gave his library valued at \$15,000 to the college, and by his will bequeathed a fund of \$10,000, the income to be used to maintain and increase the Spader Collection. This became available after his death in 1890.

Mr. Spader, whose grandmother was Alletta Voorhees, was a near relative of Abraham Voorhees, the donor mentioned above, both being descendants of Abraham Lucas and Neeltje Cortelyou Voorhees.

The Voorhees family has indeed made some worthy contributions to Rutgers College in New Jersey, that from its beginning has borne witness to the sustained loyalty of the Dutch to the cause of higher education.



## XI THE FIRST CLERGYMAN

The first member of the Van Voorhees family to enter the Christian ministry was Stephen Van Voorhees, a great grandson of Lucas, through Jan and Isaac, whose older brother Peter was an ancestor of Senator Daniel W. Voorhees of Indiana.

Stephen Van Voorhees was born at Six Mile Run in 1740. When over twenty years of age he entered the College of New Jersey at Princeton, about ten miles from his parents' home, and graduated with the class of 1765. Three years later, in August 1768, he received the degree of Master of Arts.

Before that time the New Jersey families had begun to drop the Van. As Stephen Voorhees, our first college graduate began his work as a teacher. His first school, so far as is now known, was in "Hackensack at the Bridge," as is stated in an advertisement in the New York Journal or General Advertiser of January 14, 1768. His assistant, Francis Barber, continued the school after Mr. Voorhees had withdrawn to conduct a school in New York City. Here again our information is obtained from an advertisement in the New York Gazette and Weekly Mercury of October 9, 1769.

Stephen Van Voorhees did not continue this school long, for in 1772 he was licensed as a Christian minister by the General Meeting of Ministers and Elders, that later became a Classis, and the next year became minister of the Reformed Dutch Church of Poughkeepsie. Here he married Elizabeth Matthewman, and their son John was baptized at the Poughkeepsie church in 1776, but did not long survive.

That year he resigned his charge and the pastorate of the Rhinebeck Flats (now Rhinebeck) Church, where he continued for eight years. During the Revolution he was outspoken in his adherence to the cause of the colonies. In 1784 he accepted the pastorate of the Philipsburg and Cortlandtown churches in Westchester county. The Philipsburg church was afterwards know as the Sleepy Hollow church at Tarrytown. The church building is still standing, though it is now used as place of worship during the summer season only. It was brought into public notice through the tales of Washington Irving who lived nearby and worshipped there.

Rev. Stephen Voorhees did not continue many years in the pastorate of the church at Tarrytown. He was too zealous for the full results of the Revolution and ventured to use the English language when baptizing a child. As this was not in accordance with the ritual he was charged with violating customs and usages that were deemed binding if not sacred. The controversy that followed this transgression became so sharp that in the interest of peace he withdrew and returned to New Jersey in the hope of finding greater liberality.

Mr. Voorhees's last charge was over the Presbyterian churches of Kingston and Assampink, near Princeton, New Jersey. He was installed at Kingston on June 12, 1793. Two of the members of the congregation at the time were Coert Voorhees, and Coert Voorhies. He died November 23, 1796, when only fifty-six years of age, and was buried in the yard surrounding the church.

In preparing his genealogy, Elias W. Van Voorhis made the curious error of listing Rev. Stephen Voorhees in two places, with two different lines of descent. The one given above accords with the records at Princeton, where he was listed as a son of Isaac Voorhees of Six Mile Run, and as having married 2d, Elizabeth Clausen.

As Stephen had two pastorates in New York State, our genealogist was led to link him with a Westchester branch of the family, as a son of Koert Voorhees, a grandson of Coert Stevensen through his son Garret. This Westchester family early adopted the abbreviated spelling, Voris. As Rev. Stephen was a son of Isaac, and was always known as Van Voorhees or Voorhees, he could not have belonged to the other family also. There are those who believe that the New York State family should trace its line to Jan Stevensen, through his son Stephen, who married Ann Baldwin, and settled in Westchester County. Of him our genealogist failed to find any record. The line appears on page 23 of the Condensed Genealogy.

Throughout the generations since the death of Rev. Stephen Voorhees many of the name have served in the Christian ministry, some of whom receive casual mention in these pages. Many others have held positions of responsibility in churches of several denominations. As yet no effort has been made to compile accurate lists. There are at least ten clergymen of the Voorhees name now in the active Christian ministry, six of whom are members of our Association.



## XII IN THE WAR FOR AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

During the years following the English occupation of what had been New Netherland, people of Dutch antecedents lived under a flag that they could with difficulty think of as their own. Of necessity they yielded to English sovereignty, and, as it protected them and their churches in their rights as evangelical Christians and did not interfere seriously with their civil rights, they finally in all honesty gave allegiance to the new government. Many of them, however, retained a keen remembrance of the fatherland and clung tenaciously to the Dutch language and customs, in many instances through several generations, adopting the English as business required, but in home and church persistently using the more familiar Dutch.

These facts need to be recalled when the history of the years preceding the Revolution is studied. The average Dutch family was too polite to encourage open or violent opposition to British rule, but its members had profound reasons for sympathy with those leaders who later stood firmly for what they deemed the constitutional rights of the colonies. When the break came, after the skirmishes at Lexington and Concord, the battle of Bunker Hill, and a year later, after the Declaration of Independence had been adopted, descendants of those who, by fighting against Phillip ii of Spain, had helped to establish the Dutch Republic of the sixteenth century, were equally zealous in the struggle against Great Britain to help establish on a firm basis the American Republic of the eighteenth century. And when a new flag, the Stars and Stripes, was adopted to replace the British ensign, a deeper loyalty to the new government was born. In the great conflict for American Independence descendants of Dutch immigrants fought with zeal and perseverance.

One other effect may be noted. The common tongue, still spoken of as English though by no means universally adopted, was not longer the language of a people across the sea only, but of their own country also. In a more vital sense, their neighbors of other nationalities - German, Scotch, Irish, even English - were their fellow-citizens. Their old love for the language of the Netherlands gradually weakened, and by 1800, English had come to be quite generally spoken in many homes, and also in some of the churches.

This will serve as introduction to a brief reference to the services rendered by men bearing the Voorhees name in the war for Independence, not as differing from their neighbors of similar ancestry, but as showing kindred spirit of patriotism.

In the course of the generations many household stories of heroic military exploits during the Revolution have been well nigh forgotten, but the public records of military service contain conclusive evidence of the abiding patriotism of the Van Voorhees family.

Natives of New Jersey very naturally have fuller knowledge of her records than those of other states. In a book compiled in 1872 by William S. Stryker under orders of Governor Randolph, entitled "Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War," we find listed in the continental army, the state troops, of the militia of New Jersey, the names of eighty soldiers bearing the name of Voorhees, though spelled in different ways. Some twenty attained military rank. Nearly half of these were listed as from Somerset county, thirteen from Middlesex, five from Monmouth, three from Bergen, two from Hunterdon, and one from Sussex.

At a rally of the Van Voorhees Association held on Saturday, May 27, 1933, at the Washington Headquarters at Rocky Hill, near Princeton, N. J., Miss Amanda L. Voorhees of New Brunswick read the roster of those who had thus served, with a brief record of each. No attempt has yet been made to trace the family connections of all these eighty men. Nor has there been an occasion to list the men in the service who had married women of the Voorhees name. Their patriotism was as keen as that of the men, and merits equally careful recording.

A search of the records of the State of New Jersey discloses the name of only one man bearing the name of Voorhees whose toryism was so marked that his property was confiscated and sold, and of only one other who went to Canada.

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**This takes us through page 62 of the original handbook, which contains 112 pages. We will continue to publish material from the handbook over the next several issues.**

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## **The Importance of Collaboration**

By Mike Morrissey

The Van Voorhees Family in America includes a number of families whose ancestors have not been identified. Often there is little documentation for them in the earliest generation beyond family traditions, often flawed. However, different branches of a family often have different traditions, each with its own set of insights and mistakes. When combined together with other seemingly unrelated records, they can begin to form a more complete picture of a family.

The family of Jacob (184198) Voorhees and Tryphena is such a case.<sup>1</sup> They were thought to have had a child, also named Tryphena, born about 1778, suggesting Jacob was born about 1758. Tryphena Jr. married Jonathan Palmer<sup>2</sup> before 1806 when their eldest child, Gilbert, was born. No other children of Jacob and Tryphena were known. Jacob and Tryphena joined the Reformed Dutch Church of Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY on 4 Sep 1831. He died in Delaware Co., NY before 18 Jul 1840 when his estate was probated.

Harold Hazelton noted the marriage of a Jacob Voorhees and Phebe Norton at Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY. However, he gave no further information or sources.

A Hiram D. Voorhees was born on 17 Jan 1809 at Greene Co., NY.<sup>3</sup> He married Charlotte Bates (182633) on 2 Nov 1826 at Reformed Dutch Church of Gilboa, Schoharie Co., NY. He was a witness at the marriage of Huldah Voorhees (not otherwise mentioned in VVFA published volumes) to James Palmer at the Reformed Dutch Church of Gilboa, but the relationship between Hiram and Huldah was unknown. He was listed next to Tryphena Voorhees in the 1840 census of Davenport, Delaware Co., NY.

A researcher found online located the death record of a Margaret Markum, daughter of Jacob Voorhees and Tryphena A. Voorhees.<sup>4</sup> That there should be two marriages of a Jacob Voorhees and a Tryphena seemed highly unlikely. A search for Mr. Hazelton's record of the marriage of Jacob Voorhees and Phebe Norton turned out to be at the Reformed Dutch Church of Gilboa in 1808. Another transcription of that record lists the wife's name as Phene, a shortening of Tryphena, being mistaken by Hazelton as Phebe.

Margaret's death record records she was born 13 May 1818 at Windham, Greene, NY. A review of the 1820 census of Windham, NY shows Jacob Voorhees with 1 male under 10, 1 male between 10 and 15, 1 male between 26 and 44, 2 females under ten, 1 female between 26 and 44. The probable residents were Elam, Hiram, Jacob, Margaret, Huldah

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<sup>1</sup> Van Voorhees Family in America, the First Six Generations, by Florence Christoph, pg. 799.

<sup>2</sup> The Palmer Family in America, by Horace Wilbur Palmer, Vol. 1, pg. 375. Martha is named as Jonathan's second wife.

<sup>3</sup> Van Voorhees Family in America, the Seventh and Eighth Generations, by Florence Christoph, Vol. 2, pg. 1264.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NWM4-RGQ>

and Tryphena, to be discussed later. This Jacob Voorhees was born no earlier than 1776, not 1758. His tombstone lists his death as 10 Jan 1839, aged 64 years.<sup>5</sup>

If there were not two men named Jacob Voorhees who married a woman named Tryphena, where might the tradition of their daughter, Tryphena Jr., marrying a man named Jonathan Palmer come from? As noted earlier, a Huldah Voorhees married a James Palmer on 29 May 1832 at the Reformed Dutch Church of Gilboa, NY. That James Palmer was the son of Jonathan Palmer and Martha Webb.<sup>6</sup> Martha was thought to be the second wife of Jonathan Palmer, but a Bible record shows they were married on 19 Sep 1804.<sup>7</sup> Though not proven, I believe Tryphena, Jr. was a mistake for Huldah, and that she married Jonathan's son, James, not Jonathan himself, another family tradition gone slightly awry.

Given Hiram's birth in Greene Co., NY (where Margaret was born) in 1809, shortly after Jacob Voorhees and Tryphena Norton were married, his association with Huldah, his being listed in the 1840 census next to Tryphena Voorhees, and the likelihood he was the male between 10 and 15 years of age in the 1820 census, Hiram is undoubtedly their son as well.

Another daughter, Harriet Ann, was identified by other researchers.<sup>8</sup> She was born about 1824 in Schoharie Co., NY according to the 1855 census of Worchester, Otsego, NY<sup>9</sup> and married Henry Nelson Mackey. Jacob and Tryphena Voorhees joined the Reformed Dutch Church at Gilboa, Schoharie, NY in 1831, so they may have moved there by 1824. There is a female of Harriet's age listed in the 1840 census of Davenport, Delaware, NY living with Tryphena Voorhees.<sup>10</sup> Their family moved to Georgia in the 1850s, where Henry died on 8 Aug 1889, in Butts Co., GA, buried at Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery.<sup>11</sup> It is not known when Harriet died, but Henry married second, Maryette Etter, widow of Henry King,<sup>12</sup> on 30 Sep 1869 at Butts, GA.<sup>13</sup>

Another son, Elam/Elon, was identified by other researchers.<sup>14</sup> He was born in 1818 in Little Falls, Herkimer, NY. He fits the male listed in the 1820 census of Windham, NY. As Elon Vorus he was issued a license to marry Mary Ann Starr on 1 Sep 1838 in Stewart Co., Georgia,<sup>15</sup> as well as in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census records. He was likely named after his maternal grandfather, Elon Norton. This placement may not be correct as Little Falls is quite a distance from Windham, NY, where his sister was born. Also, there is a male of Elon's age listed with age listed in the 1840 census of Davenport, Delaware, NY living with Tryphena Voorhees.<sup>16</sup> Interestingly, in the 1850 census of Stewart Co., GA, Elon's eldest child was only 6 years old (born about 1844),<sup>17</sup> and he is not found in the 1840 census of Georgia. Mary Ann was only 16 when they obtained their marriage license. Perhaps the actual marriage was delayed.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/29656880/jacob-voorhies>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/search/tree/results?q.fatherGivenName=Jonathan&q.fatherSurname=Palmer&q.givenName=James&q.motherGivenName=Martha&q.motherSurname=Webb&q.surname=Palmer> Martha Palmer, age 68, is listed in the 1850 census of Gilboa, Schoharie, NY with the family of James and Huldah Palmer, undoubtedly his mother.

<sup>7</sup> <http://schoharie.nygenweb.net/fbible4.html>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L63J-DZ6>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9BLJ-Q5H?i=10&cc=1937366&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AK6QF-G7M>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYTP-3RSH?i=10&cc=1786457&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXHTQ-T5W>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31950961/henry-nelson-mackey>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31950962/mary-etter-mackey>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-G5MB-31F?cc=1927197&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AFWWK-76G>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/GMT6-K25>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C91Q-M3NG-5?cc=1927197&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQ218-G529>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYTP-3RSH?i=10&cc=1786457&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXHTQ-T5W>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6L4Q-QCZ?i=131&cc=1401638&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMZY8-7HX>

Another daughter, Louisa M., was identified by other researchers.<sup>18</sup> She was born about 1827 in Delaware Co., NY according to the 1855 census of Gilboa, Schoharie, NY.<sup>19</sup> Given the information above, she was probably not born in Delaware Co., but moved there when she was young as Tryphena is listed in the 1840 census in Delaware Co. There is a female of Louisa's age listed in the 1840 census of Davenport, Delaware, NY living with Tryphena Voorhees.<sup>20</sup> She married James Mackey.

Though his family has now been clarified, his parents have not. One possibility is the family of John Voorhees (30781) and Neltje Polhemus who also lived in Delaware Co., NY. Another possibility is Hiram Voorhees (30279) and Hilette Vanderbilt of Oxford, Sussex Co., NJ. Hiram's will makes specific bequests to several named sons, but only mentions "his daughters", not their names. The will is written in such a way as to allow for other sons, since it does not say that those mentioned were all his sons. If Jacob was his son, he would have been born about 1784, early enough to have been married in 1808. The only suggestion that he had a son named Jacob (possibly named after Hilette's brother, Jacob) is the possible naming of his eldest son, Hiram, and his eldest daughter, Huldah (a variant of Hilette),<sup>21</sup> after their paternal grandparents. Jacob named his second son, Elon, after his maternal grandfather, though he did not have a known daughter, Chloe, named after her maternal grandmother.

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## Our Association Helping Communities – Oradell, NJ

Our association was asked by people involved in rebuilding a local cemetery in New Jersey, the "Voorhis Burying Ground" in Oradell, Bergen County, NJ in the northeast corner of the State. We shared our knowledge of the cemetery and the people buried there. The local work included physically reinvigorating the cemetery and replacing the grave markers consistent with historic documents. The historical group involved has plans to hold a reopening ceremony sometime later in 2023. If you have interest in attending, please contact Don Coons at 302-752-8881 ([decoons@comcast.net](mailto:decoons@comcast.net)) or our restoration contact JoAnn Young ([youngprodinc@aol.com](mailto:youngprodinc@aol.com)).

The are the names of the people buried in this historic cemetery begin with Hendrick VanVoorhees (1731 – 1803) and his wife, Wilbrecke Laroe on whose farm the cemetery was originally located. Also buried there are Lucas Voorhees and his wife, Aelye Acherman [son and daughter-in-law of Hendrick and Wilbrecke]; Albert H. VanVoorhees and his wife Elizabeth Ackerman (likewise a son and daughter-in-law); Annatje VanVoorhees and her husband, Garret C. Cooper (a daughter and son-in-law); Nicasie VanVoorhees (another son of Hendrick and Wilbrecke); Jacobus VanVoorhees and his wife, Maria Demarest (another son and daughter-in-law); Henry H. VanVoorhees and his wife, Polly Lozier (another son and daughter-in-law). Additionally, the only child of Annatje VanVoorhees and Garret C. Cooper, John Cooper, is buried there. Expect more on this in the next Nieuwsbrief.

The patriarch of those buried in the cemetery, Hendrick (Henry) VanVoorhees (Van Voorhis), is a son of Lucas Van Voorhees and Annatje Kip. He is a grandson of Albert Stevens VanVoorhees and his wife, Magdalena (Elena) VanderShuren. He is a great-grandson of Steven Coerte VanVoorhees and Willempie Roelofse Seubering.

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<sup>18</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LX9L-Y6X>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-LBLJ-XHY?i=9&cc=1937366&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AK6Q6-1CR>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYTP-3RSH?i=10&cc=1786457&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXHTQ-T5W>

<sup>21</sup> In the "Van Deursen Family" by Captain A. H. Van Deusen (pages 693-716), there is a 24-page glossary of Dutch names entitled, "Christian Names as Used Among the New Netherland Settlers, and Their Approximate Equivalents in English"

Hilette, Hiltje = Hilda, Huldah

<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~cliffamere/genealogy/Misc/Dutch-Names.htm>



# Patriot Ancestors

By Don Coons

This is the first of a two-part series on the subject of Patriot Ancestors. In this installment, we will identify what a Patriot Ancestor is and show examples of Patriot Ancestors in our Voorhees family. In the second installment which will appear in the next Nieuwsbrief, we will share ideas of how to research for additional Patriot Ancestors in your own, broader ancestral family.

## What is a Patriot Ancestor

A Patriot Ancestor is the term which both the Daughters of the American Revolution (known commonly as DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (known commonly as SAR) use to identify a person who provided service to the colonists during the American Revolution.

To establish a "Patriot Ancestor" for membership in the DAR or SAR, you need to document your line to that person and document how the ancestor aided the cause of American independence. DAR has provided what appear to be the best descriptions for qualification as a Patriot Ancestor and these are acceptable types of service for an ancestor:<sup>1</sup>

- Signers of the Declaration of Independence
- Military Service, such as participation in:
  - Army and Navy of the Continental Establishment
  - State Navy
  - State and Local Militia
  - Privateers
  - Military or Naval Service performed by French nationals in the American theater of war
- Civil Service, under authority of Provisional or new State Governments:
  - State Officials
  - County and Town Officials (Town Clerk, Selectman, Juror, Town Treasurer, Judge, Sheriff, Constable, Jailer, Surveyor of Highways, Justice of the Peace, etc.)
- Patriotic Service, which includes:
  - Members of the Continental Congress, State Conventions, and Assemblies
  - Membership in committees made necessary by the War, including service on committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from April 1774, such as Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, committees to care for soldier's families, etc.
  - Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance, etc.
  - Members of the Boston Tea Party
  - Signers of Petitions acknowledge the right of the new provincial and/or state government to represent the people. In addition, the content and wording of the petition must clearly demonstrate loyalty to the cause of American independence. Petitions regarding religious issues do not qualify.
  - Defenders of Forts and Stations: Individuals who lived on the frontier, from the Great Northern Lakes to Georgia, who are documented as having actively defended the western frontiers against British forces and their allies, the Indians.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dar.org/national-society/accepted-revolutionary-war-service>, accessed 3 Apr 2019.

- Doctors, nurses, and others rendering aid to the wounded (other than their immediate families)
- Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity
- Furnishing a substitute for military service
- Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces
- Prisoners on the British ship Old Jersey or other prison ships
- Service in the Spanish Troops under Galvez or the Louisiana Militia after 24 December 1776
- Service performed by French nationals within the colonies or in Europe in support of the American cause
- Those who rendered material aid, in Spanish America, by supplying cattle for Galvez's forces after 24 December 1776
- Those who applied in Virginia for Certificates of Rights to land for settlement and those who were entitled to and were granted preemption rights
- Those who took the Oath of Fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia from October 1779 to 26 November 1783
- Those who rendered material aid and supported the cause of American Independence by furnishing supplies, with or without remuneration, loaning money and/or providing munitions. Some states enacted special tax laws to raise money for supplies. Payment of these "supply" taxes is considered patriotic service.

### **Voorhees Family and Patriot Ancestors**

Members of the Van Voorhees Association have been working to define Voorhees ancestors who appear to have provided service to our nation during the American Revolution. You may have some interest in your own research into your individual family and some of what our Association has done might be helpful.

On the Association website under the heading, Van Voorhees Family Members Who Served in the Revolutionary War, [at <http://www.vanvoorhees.org/VVA/rev-war-vets.php>] shows over 150 names along with some details about the person and a link for each to Ancestry.com where more details can be found on that person. This might be helpful to you in trying to identify one of your own Voorhees ancestors as a possible "Patriot Ancestor".

In addition, our members focusing on the genealogy of the Voorhees family are attempting to identify Voorhees ancestors in the Association database who provided service during the American Revolution. So far, there are 79 such individuals "tagged" for service in our database and 33 of those have a DAR and/or SAR identification number.

The definitive validation records for service during the American Revolution are in the individual databases of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). These two organizations are independent but both have rigorous rules for establishing the service of specific individuals during the Revolution. Both have searchable databases to help researchers determine if validity of service has been vetted for a particular historic individual.

With the work of our Association on our website and the "tagging" of Voorhees ancestors in our database, we have now added DAR and/or SAR identification numbers where applicable. The following table shows the individuals who have been "tagged" in our database as Patriot Ancestors. Where available, the DAR and/or SAR number(s) are provided.

Last	First	VVA ID #	Birth Date	Death Date	Father	Mother	State	Rank or Service	DAR Number	SAR Number
Van Voorhees	Abraham	31132	6 Nov 1751	about 1811	Daniel VanVoorhees	Femmetje Bennet	NY	Private	A119085	
Van Voorhees	Albert	30454	1 Feb 1738	19 Aug 1828	William VanVoorhees	Maria VanGelder				
Van Voorhees	Albert	30491	11 Jun 1759	17 Oct 1820	Albert VanVoorhees	Cornelia VanGiesen				
Van Voorhees	Albert P.	30496	14 Nov 1743	9 Mar 1828	Petrus VanVoorhees	Geesjen Romeyn	NJ	Private	A119093	
Van Voorhees	Daniel	31129	8 Jul 1738	21 Feb 1819	Daniel VanVoorhees	Femmetje Bennet	NY	Private	A119104	
Van Voorhees	Henry	31170	21 Apr 1735	13 Sep 1801	Coert VanVoorhis	Catherine Filkin				
Van Voorhees	Johannes	30781	4 Dec 1726		Roelof Lucasse VanVoorhees	Helena Stoothoff				
Van Voorhees	William	31125	about 1727	1784	Daniel VanVoorhees	Femmetje Bennet	NJ	Sergeant	A119226	
Van Voorhees	Zachariah	31176	21 Mar 1748	3 Jul 1811	Coert VanVoorhis	Catherine Filkin	NY	Private	A119228	
Van Voorhis	Daniel	34182	30 Aug 1751	10 Jun 1824	Cornelius VanVoorhees	Nieltje Hoagland				P-310009
Van Voorhis	Jacob	31191	14 Aug 1755	18 Mar 1802	Jacob VanVoorhis	Catherine Mesier				
Van Voorhis	Johannes	31171	7 Jun 1738	about 1804	Coert VanVoorhis	Catherine Filkin				
Voorhees	Aaron	30940	Feb 1760	25 Nov 1841	Albert Voorhees	Neeltje (--?--)	NJ	Private	A119082	
Voorhees	Abraham	30072	2 May 1753	15 Feb 1808	Abraham Voorhees	Geertje Lott	NJ	Drummer	A119083	P-311068
Voorhees	Abraham	30126	13 Nov 1742	4 Dec 1835	Albert VanVoorhees	Ariantje Vandervoort				
Voorhees	Abraham	30902	2 Apr 1759	22 Sep 1830	Abraham Voorhees	Maria VanDoren				
Voorhees	Abraham	30682	25 Feb 1755	23 Apr 1841	Lucas VanVoorhees	Neeltje Quick	NJ	Sergeant	A204454	P-309986
Voorhees	Albert	30728	9 Jun 1745	Apr 1820	Hendrick Voorhees	Sarah Schenck				
Voorhees	Albert	30928	25 Mar 1753	18 Feb 1830	Cornelius Voorhees	Magdalena VanNuys				
Voorhees	Albert	35138	Dec 1756	25 Dec 1834	Albert Voorhees	Neeltje (--?--)	NJ	Corporal		P-311070
Voorhees	Auke	30209	29 Aug 1743	21 May 1819	John A. Voorhees	Janetje Kershow				
Voorhees	Coert	34137	28 Feb 1756	9 Mar 1821	Coert Voorhies	Catrina VanPelt	NJ	Private	A119094	
Voorhees	Cornelius	34127	18 Dec 1755	6 Jan 1835	John Voorhies	Elizabeth Meileu	NJ	Adjunct		P-329396
Voorhees	Cornelius	16393	about 1759	about 1895	Albert Voorhees	Neetje (--?--)				
Voorhees	Daniel	30731	about 1757	1813	Stephen Voorhees	Maria Lake				
Voorhees	Daniel	31147	9 Mar 1749	1782	Cornelius VanVoorhees	Aeltie Couwenhoven				
Voorhees	Daniel	34179	1759		William VanVoorhees	Ann Couwenhoven				
Voorhees	David	30755	6 Sep 1757	9 Oct 1841	Isaac VanVoorhees	Helena Barkalow	NJ	Private	A119108	P-311072
Voorhees	Derrick	30754	22 JUN 1755	about 1829	Isaac VanVoorhees	Helena Barkalow				
Voorhees	Folkard	30265	7 May 1756	10 May 1822	Abraham Voorhees	Elizabeth Sebring	NJ	Soldier	A119109	
Voorhees	Garret	30729	30 Jan 1748		Hendrick Voorhees	Sarah Schenck	NJ	Private	A119117	
Voorhees	Garret	30848	13 May 1720	about 1785	Minne Lucasse VanVoorhees	Antje Wyckoff	NJ	Patriotic Service	A119111	
Voorhees	Garret	30872	4 Mar 1750	18 Oct 1823	Garret Voorhees	Neeltje Nevius	NJ	Sergeant	A119119	P-311106
Voorhees	Garret	30903	9 Jun 1763	14 Dec 1861	Abraham Voorhees	Maria VanDoren				
Voorhees	Garret	31006	15 Mar 1739	18 Nov 1816	Coert VanVoorhees	Neeltje Hegeman			A119114	
Voorhees	Garret R.	30823	24 Feb 1760	21 Apr 1812	Roelof VanVoorhees	Eleanor VanNuis				
Voorhees	Gerardus	33957	19 Jun 1763	25 May 1812	Garret Voorhees	Ann Beekman				P-311081

Last	First	WA ID #	Birth Date	Death Date	Father	Mother	State	Rank or Service	DAR Number	SAR Number
Voorhees	Gerret	34044	10 Apr 1761	1 Jul 1831	Andreas Voorhees	Ann Sutphen	NY	Soldier	A210452	
Voorhees	Gilbert	30227	9 Apr 1758	1797	Auke Voorhees	Neltje (--?)	NJ	Private	A200968	P-311083
Voorhees	Hendrick	30243	20 Oct 1759	26 Jun 1827	Jan Voorhees	Lea Springsteen	NJ	Private	A119148	
Voorhees	Henry	30726	12 May 1740	12 Nov 1827	Hendrick Voorhees	Sarah Schenck	NJ	Private	A119149	
Voorhees	Hiram	30279	20 Jan 1757	12 May 1817	John Voorhees	Anna Garretson	NJ	Private	A205331	
Voorhees	Isaac	30073	10 Aug 1755	14 Apr 1833	Abraham Voorhees	Geertje Lott	NJ	Sergeant	A119157	P-311087
Voorhees	Isaac	34128	3 Apr 1758	4 Oct 1844	John Voorhees	Elizabeth Meileu	NJ	Private	A119159	P-311086
Voorhees	Jacob	30882	21 Oct 1748	22 Sep 1814	Minne Voorhees	Maria Ouke	NJ	Private	A119173	
Voorhees	Jacobus	30127	30 Dec 1744	2 Feb 1828	Albert VanVoorhees	Ariantje Vandervoort				
Voorhees	Jacobus	30150	3 Jul 1755	31 Mar 1844	Albert Voorhees	Neeltje (--?)				
Voorhees	Jacobus	30824	26 Dec 1761	7 Feb 1821	Roelof VanVoorhees	Roelof VanVoorhees				
Voorhees	Jacques	30077	27 Jun 1765	18 May 1833	Abraham Voorhees	Maria VanVoorhees				
Voorhees	James	19312438	about 1752	after 1820	Unknown	Unknown				
Voorhees	Johan	30750	18 Jul 1751	14 Nov 1814	Martin VanVoorhees	Elizabeth (--?)				
Voorhees	Johannes	33936	5 Nov 1745	28 Apr 1819	Isaac Voorhees	Christina Terhune				
Voorhees	John	30131	1 Jun 1731		Abraham Voorhees	Christine Vandervoort				
Voorhees	John	30210	11 Oct 1746	6 May 1805	John A. Voorhees	Janetje Kershow				
Voorhees	John	30250	18 Dec 1758	18 Oct 1845	Peter Voorhees	Sophia VanDerbogert				
Voorhees	John	34057	18 Jan 1763	5 Mar 1817	John Voorhees	Nieltje VanDerveer	NJ	Private	A119198	
Voorhees	John	34138	1 Sep 1757	25 Sep 1796	Coert Voorhies	Catrina VanPelt	NJ	Private	A119196	
Voorhees	John	41676	14 Jan 1750	about 1800	John Voorhees	Christina Schuyler				
Voorhees	Koert	31145	about 1745	about 1800	Cornelius VanVoorhees	Aeltie Couwenhoven				
Voorhees	Koert	33956	14 Sep 1761	21 Sep 1815	Garret Voorhees	Ann Beekman				
Voorhees	Lucas	29982	2 May 1753	24 Aug 1812	Abraham Voorhees	Geertje Lott	NJ	Private, Trumpeteer	A119215	P-311096
Voorhees	Martinus	33078	28 Aug 1763	31 Jul 1825	Peter Voorhees	Leah Nevius				
Voorhees	Minne	30899	18 Feb 1753	about 1814	Abraham Voorhees	Maria VanDoren				
Voorhees	Minne	30890	25 Feb 1754	3 Aug 1794	Johannes M. Voorhees	Phoebe VanDerveer				
Voorhees	Oakey/Isaiah	30217	Sep 1750	16 Mar 1834	Abraham Voorhees	Sara (--?)			A119166	
Voorhees	Paul	30137	1 Jul 1746		Abraham Voorhees	Christine Vandervoort				
Voorhees	Paul	175453	7 Jul 1760	14 Mar 1843	John Voorhees	Mary Aten				
Voorhees	Peter	30744	10 Oct 1750	10 Oct 1823	Petrus VanVoorhees	Marytie Ryder	NJ	Private	A119217	P-311097
Voorhees	Peter	31494	12 Feb 1756	21 Jun 1842	Albert Voorhees	Catharyntje DeRiemer	NJ	Private, Cavalry	A119218	
Voorhees	Peter	30875	7 May 1758	17 Apr 1833	Garret Voorhees	Neeltje Nevius	NJ	Private	A119219	P-311101
Voorhees	Peter	30862	1 Jun 1758	26 Oct 1779	Lucas VanVoorhees	Catlyntie VanVoorhees				
Voorhees	Roelof	30727	26 Sep 1742	16 Oct 1799	Hendrick Voorhees	Sarah Schenck	NJ	Private	A119222	
Voorhees	Roelof	30833	20 Jan 1759	1845	Johannes VanVoorhees	Neltje Polhemus				
Voorhees	Roelof	33933	about 1739	about 1803	Isaac Voorhees	Christina Terhune				
Voorhees	Stephen	30738	21 Jan 1738	12 Jun 1815	Petrus VanVoorhees	Marytie Ryder	NJ	Private	A119223	
Voorhees	Tunis	34054	about 1757	about 1812	John Voorhees	Nieltje VanDerveer				
Voorhees	William	30725	23 May 1738	about 1794	Hendrick Voorhees	Sarah Schenck				
Voorhees	Coert	31117	Aug 1735	11 Sep 1817	Coert VanVoorhees	Petronella (--?)	NJ	Private		P-311112
Voris	Garret	171273	11 Mar 1748	20 Dec 1848	Cornelius VanVoorhees or Abraham Voorhees	Aeltje Couwenhoven or Sarah Williamson	NJ	Private	A119115	P-311077

# The Strange Case of Peter Voorhees of Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS

By Mike Morrissey

Peter first appears in Kansas on 10 Mar 1877, when Peter Voorhees of Lawrence, Douglas Co., KS bought land in Douglas Co., KS from G.W. Griffith. On 1 Sep 1877<sup>1</sup>. Peter Voorhees and his wife, Elizabeth S. of Lawrence, Douglas, KS, sold the same land in Douglas Co., KS to John Chilcote.<sup>2</sup> Peter Voorhees appears in the 1880 census Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS,<sup>3</sup> age 33, born in NJ, parents born in NJ, with his wife, Elizabeth S, 27, born in PA, ill with congestion of the liver. However, a Peter Voorhees matching this description was not found anywhere in the 1850 through 1870 census indexes. So, who was he?

Understanding Peter Voorhees begins with learning more about his aunt, Anna S. Groome Voorhees (41657), daughter of Peter J. Voorhees and Cornelia Berrian<sup>4</sup> of Somerset Co., NJ. Her middle name "Groome" was actually her married name, as she married Nathaniel C. Groom on 17 Dec 1867 in Henderson, IL.<sup>5</sup> They are listed in the 1870 census of Town 8 Range 4 of Henderson Co., IL with their daughter Cora Mae, age 1 and Charles Voorhees, age 21<sup>6</sup> (her nephew, son of her brother, John Berrian Voorhees (40858)). By 1880 they had moved to Halstead, Havey, Kansas where they are listed in that census<sup>7</sup> with no children.

Her connection with Peter is first found in the 1900 census of Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS<sup>8</sup> where she is listed as his aunt in the household of Peter Voorhees, born Nov 1845 in NJ, age 55, parents born in NJ, along with N. C. Groom, uncle, born Jul 1840 in NJ, and Ann Groom, aunt, born Jun 1829 in NJ, had 2 children, none living, parents born in NJ. Peter is listed in the 1910 census of Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS,<sup>9</sup> aged 64, born in NJ, parents born in NJ, married once 34 years ago. He moved to Fishing River, Clay, MO by 1920, where he is listed in the 1920 census<sup>10</sup> again in the household of Anna Groom, age 90, born in NJ. He is listed as Peter Voorhees, age 74, born NJ, parents born in NJ, nephew. However, he is not a son of any of Ann's brothers.

The connection between Anna Voorhees Groom and Peter Voorhees begins to become clearer in his will, written on 20 Jun 1920 in Clay Co., MO and was proved on 19 Oct 1921. It mentions monetary bequests to several people with the remainder to "my two daughters, my only children, viz: Lissie J. Prevost and Julie M. Stryker, both of Trenton, NJ."<sup>11</sup> These children are the key to his real name.

A review of the census records of 1900 of census<sup>12</sup> Trenton, Mercer, NJ: lists Alice Stryker, b Dec 1848, age 51, married, 3 children, 2 living; b NJ; Julia M, daughter, b Apr 1876, age 24, single, b NJ, parents b NJ; Harry S. Probost, son-in-law, b Jan 1868, married 4 years; Lizzie J., daughter, b May 1873, age 27, no children, b NJ, parents b. NJ. In the 1920 census of Trenton, Lizzie and Harry Provost, and Julia M. Stryker are living in separate households. The names of Alice's children and their location are the same as those of the children of Peter Voorhees.

Alice Van Dyck married Peter V Stryker on 25 Oct 1871 at Princeton, West Windsor, Mercer, NJ.<sup>13</sup> She and her daughters (without her husband) are living with her mother, Elizabeth [Jewell] Vandike, in the 1880 census of West Windsor, Mercer Co., NJ.<sup>14</sup> Alice died on 10 Jan 1912,<sup>15</sup> and is buried at Riverview Cemetery, Trenton, NJ

Peter Voorhees Stryker was the son of Henry Stryker and Sarah Maria Voorhees. He was living with his parents, age 24, single, in the 1870 census of Montgomery, Somerset, NJ.<sup>16</sup> He does not appear in any later census indexes. The will of Henry Stryker of Montgomery Township, Somerset Co., NJ, written on 26 Dec 1892 mentions his wife, Sarah M, his son, Peter V. Stryker, his grandchildren: Lizzia J. Stryker and Julia Stryker, among other children and grandchildren,<sup>17</sup> again mirroring the children of Peter Voorhees. Peter V. Stryker died on 7 Oct 1921 (less than two weeks before the will of Peter Voorhees was proved) and is buried in the Blawenburg Cemetery, Montgomery Twp., Somerset Co., NJ.<sup>18</sup>

Sarah Voorhees was born in June 1826.<sup>19</sup> She married Henry Stryker on 20 Feb 1845 in Somerset Co., NJ.<sup>20</sup> Though she is not identified in the Van Voorhees Family in America, she was undoubtedly also a daughter of Peter J. Voorhees and Cornelia Berrian,<sup>21</sup> supported by the 1830 census of Montgomery Twp., Somerset Co., NJ<sup>22</sup> which shows there is an additional, previously unknown daughter under 5 years old living in Peter's household. Her son, Peter V. Stryker, aka Peter Voorhees, would then be the nephew of Anna S. Voorhees.

A few questions remain:

- 1) Why did he use the name Peter Voorhees, instead of Peter Voorhees Stryker?
- 2) Did he ever actually change his surname to Voorhees?
- 3) Did he ever actually marry Elizabeth as no marriage record under either surname has been found.

Finishing on Anna Voorhees Groom, her daughter, Cora Mae, was born on 26 May 1869 and died on 26 Oct 1871. Her son, Henry VanDoren, was born 2 Octo 1871, and died 23 Aug 1874. By 1910, Anna was living in Halstead, Harvey, MO where she is listed in the census as being 81 years old, a widow born in NJ. She probably died shortly before Peter Voorhees wrote his will as no provision is made for her.

<sup>1</sup> Douglas Co., KS Deeds, Vol 16, p. 128.

<sup>2</sup> Douglas Co., KS Deeds, Vol 16, p. 317

<sup>3</sup> 1880 US Census Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS, online at: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYBC-D11?cc=1417683&wc=XZ92-GP8%3A1589403245%2C1589395616%2C1589403484%2C1589395538>

<sup>4</sup> Florence Christoph, Van Voorhees Family in America, First Six Generations, p. 600.

<sup>5</sup> Illinois. County Marriages, 1810-1940: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939J-KQ95-YJ?cc=1803970&wc=3264-T38%3A146159701>

<sup>6</sup> 1870 US Census of Town 8 Range 4 of Henderson Co., IL, online at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-63B9-M88?cc=1438024&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AM64Q-7HH>

<sup>7</sup> 1880 US Census of Halstead, Havey, Kansas, online at <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YYB-CHK?cc=1417683&wc=XC47-K68%3A1589403245%2C1589404436%2C1589404661%2C1589398807>

<sup>8</sup> 1900 US Census of Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS, online at: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-6QFS-SXH?cc=1325221&wc=9B7S-3TB%3A1031093901%2C1030788401%2C1032685901>

<sup>9</sup> 1910 US Census of Wakarusa, Douglas Co., KS, online at: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GYB4-IDC?cc=1727033&wc=QZZC-47C%3A133640801%2C133718401%2C137001101%2C1589089109>

<sup>10</sup> 1920 US Census of Fishing River, Clay, MO, online at: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9RN1-9CNN?cc=1488411&wc=QZJY-DD6%3A1036473201%2C1036795101%2C1037472101%2C1589332490>

<sup>1</sup> Clay, MO Wills, Vol K, p 305

<sup>2</sup> 1900 US Census of Trenton, Mercer, NJ, online at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DTG9-97Q?cc=1325221&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AM9FG-L54>

<sup>3</sup> New Jersey Marriages, book BK, pg. 539

<sup>4</sup> 1880 US Census of West Windsor, Mercer Co., NJ, online at: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YB5-T1?cc=1417683&wc=XWGH-FM9%3A1589408696%2C1589400935%2C1589409242%2C1589395390>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/24710498/alice-stryker>

<sup>6</sup> 1870 US Census of Montgomery, Somerset, NJ, online at: <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-DTJ3-M3C?cc=1438024&wc=KPZF-T38%3A518652701%2C518991201%2C518958901>

<sup>7</sup> Somerset Co., NJ Wills, Vol N, p 213.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/35717826/peter-voorhees-stryker>

<sup>9</sup> 1900 Census of Millstone, Somerset, NJ, online at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HY-6WJW-WCC?cc=1325221&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AM9ND-F71>

<sup>20</sup> Somerset County Historical Quarterly Vol 8, p 208.

<sup>21</sup> See family tree of Sarah Maria Voorhees at: <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/K85D-MBH>

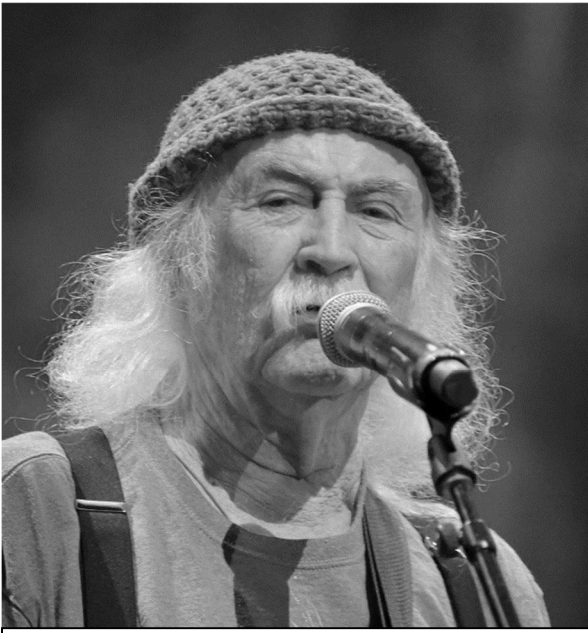
<sup>22</sup> 1830 US Census of Montgomery Twp., Somerset Co., NJ, online at:

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YYF-9CJT?cc=1803958&wc=35Y4-B81%3A1588480903%2C1588477714%2C1588471434>

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## IN MEMORIUM – FAMOUS DESCENDANT OF STEVEN COERTE VAN VOORHEES



David Crosby performs for the California Saga 2 Charity Concert in Los Angeles California on July 3, 2019 - Photo by Glenn Francis of [www.PacificProDigital.com](http://www.PacificProDigital.com)

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**David Van Cortlandt Crosby** (August 14, 1941 – January 18, 2023) was an American musician and singer-songwriter. He first found fame as a member of the Byrds, with whom he helped pioneer the genres of folk rock and psychedelia in the mid-1960s, and later as part of the supergroup Crosby, Stills & Nash, who helped popularize the "California sound" of the 1970s. In addition to his music, Crosby was known for his outspoken personality, politics, and personal troubles; he was sometimes depicted as emblematic of the counterculture of the 1960s.

After a short time performing in the folk music scene, Crosby co-founded the Byrds in 1964. They scored their first number-one hit in 1965 with a cover of Bob Dylan's "Mr. Tambourine Man". Crosby appeared on the Byrds' first five albums and the original lineup's 1973 reunion album. In 1968, he formed Crosby, Stills & Nash (CSN) with Stephen Stills and Graham Nash. After the release of their debut album, CSN won the Grammy Award for Best New Artist of 1969. The group later occasionally included Neil Young. The core trio of CSN remained active from 1976 until 2016, and the duo of Crosby & Nash also recorded three gold albums in the 1970s. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young (CSNY) reunions were held in each decade from the 1970s through the 2000s.

Crosby released eight solo albums, albeit sporadically, over the course of his career. His solo debut was 1971's "If I Could Only Remember My Name". The last five of his solo albums, beginning with *Croz* (2014), came in the last decade of his life. Additionally, he formed a jazz-influenced trio with his son James Raymond and guitarist Jeff Pevar in CPR. He also appeared frequently on recordings by other artists, including Joni Mitchell, Jefferson Airplane, Jackson Browne, James Taylor, and David Gilmour.

Crosby's combined work with the Byrds and CSNY has sold over 35 million albums.[7] He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice: once for his work in the Byrds and again for his work with CSN. Five albums to which he contributed are included in Rolling Stone's list of "The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time", three with the Byrds and two with CSN(Y).

Crosby died in Santa Ynez, California, on January 18, 2023, at the age of 81. Believing he was "probably going to die fairly soon", Crosby had planned his funeral at least three years prior to his death, to be held at his horse ranch in Santa Ynez, in hopes that he would be reconciled with his former Byrds and CSN bandmates so that they would attend. A statement from his family said that he died "after a long illness". On January 23, Stephen Stills's ex-wife Véronique Sanson appeared on French television and stated that Crosby had died in his sleep from complications of COVID-19. "He was on his fifth day, went to take a nap, and never woke up again."

The above information is from Wikipedia ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Crosby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Crosby), accessed 4 June 2023). His Van Voorhees lineage follows.

Van Voorhees Association

Summary for David Crosby

Generation	Father Name	Mother Name	VVA#	Reference
11	David Van Cortlandt Crosby (1941-2023)			
10	Floyd Delafield Crosby (1899-1985)	Aliph Van Cortlandt Whitehead (1905-1973)		New York Times, Dec. 12, 1930 & California Death Index (1940-1997)
9	Frederic VanSchoonhoven Crosby (1860-1920)	Julia Floyd Delafield (1874-1952)		New York Times, Dec. 3, 1920 & New York Times, March 28, 1952
8	Edward Nicoll Crosby (1821-1865)	Elizabeth Maria VanSchoonhoven (1826-1906)		Elizabeth is listed with her parents husband and children in Lane Families
7	Jacobus (James) VanSchoonhoven (1781-1865)	Elizabeth Lane (1790-1867)		Lane Families, p. 100
6	Col. Derick Lane (1755-1831)	Maria Lansing (1773-1802)		Lane Families, p. 59 & DAR # A068575 (Derich Lane)
5	Matthias Lane (1721-1804)	Elizabeth Sutphen (1723-1807)		Lane Families, p. 25
4	Matthys/Matthias Lane	Antje Schenck	Antje (115)	Pages 17-18 & Lane Families, p. 17
3	Garret Roelofse Schenck	Neeltje Coerte VanVoorhees	Neeltje (24)	Pages 5 & 17 (First 6 generations)
2	Coert Stevense Van Voorhees	Marretje Gerritse VanCouwenhoven	Coert (4)	Pages 2-5 (First 6 generations)
1	Steven Coerte Van Voorhees	Aaltjen Wessels	Steven (1)	Page 1 (First 6 generations)

[Lane Families: "The Lane Families of Somerset County and Vicinity," by A. Van Doren Honeyman, Somerset County Historical Quarterly, vol. 2, 1913]



## IN MEMORIAM



On Sunday, March 12, 2023, **Susan Elaine (Voorhees) Zick**, loving wife, mother and grandmother (Grammie), passed away after a long struggle with frontal lobe dementia.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

James and Bertha Voorhees, and her brother John, of Springfield, Illinois. She is survived by her brother Bruce, her sister Martha (Schou), her husband Alford, her sons Craig and Jeff, and her granddaughters Alexis and Brennan.

Born in Springfield, Illinois, she attended Springfield High School and was a member of the Cheerleading squad. She married Alford E. Zick Jr., of Springfield, in 1964. They relocated to Decatur, Illinois in 1964 and then to Barrington, Illinois in 1985, finally settling in Barrington Hills in 1990.

Susan dedicated her life to philanthropic endeavors, volunteering her time, and talents prolifically. She managed, and was the buyer for the gift shop at St. Mary's hospital in Decatur, as well as running the hospital's "Candy Striper" corps, all without pay. At Decatur's "Junior Welfare" organization, she held multiple board positions, over the years, and worked/volunteered tirelessly to Produce/oversee fund raising events, plays, musicals, and the yearly Decatur "Fun Fair" at Fairview Park.

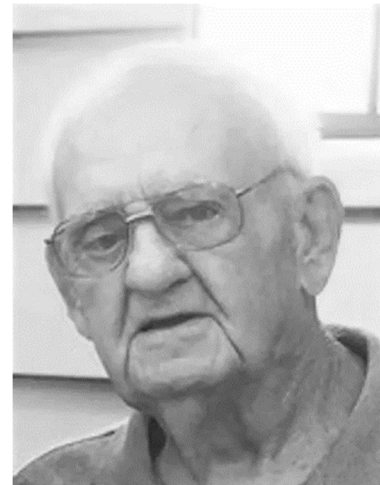
She was the driving / "sweat equity" force behind the creation, rehabilitation / construction and management of "The Carriage House" community educational arts program/facility for children and adults, located in the Carriage House, at the Millikin homestead in Decatur. She was a PTA member, consummate "Room Mom", and active member at Grace United Methodist Church, (and later became a member of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington).

She was an active P.E.O., serving as her chapter's President and then treasurer, for years, and she

helped to create and manage the P.E.O. Illinois "Home Fund", which provides funding for P.E.O.'s in need of financial housing assistance. She was an active "Questers" member, Levy Restaurant Group "Mystery/Secret shopper", Barrington Area Garden Club member, Chicago Union League Club member, and was a financial supporter of the Chicago Lyric Opera, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Field Museum of Natural History, St. Joseph's Catholic school in Harvard, Illinois, Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock, Illinois, and Barrington's "Journey Care" hospice/palliative care center.

Al and Susan were members of the Barrington Hills Country Club and the University of Illinois I-Fund program. On November 29th, 2016, she was honored by the University of Illinois, and it's Athletic Department, on the Basketball Court during the first University of Illinois home men's basketball game in the newly renovated State Farm Center. This inauguration day tribute was not only for her decades of financial support, but specifically for her generous financial contribution to the University's renovation of the former Assembly Hall.

## IN MEMORIAM



**John B. Voorhees**  
1935 - 2022

Springfield, IL—John B. Voorhees, 86, of Springfield, passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at his home. He was born on October 11, 1935, in Fairview, to James and Bertha (Groom) Voorhees. He married

Carol J. Smith on June 1, 1957 and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bruce (Cathy) Voorhees of Springfield and Kevin (Jennifer) Voorhees of Pleasant Plains; two grandchildren Stephanie Jewett and Kevin Alec (Mary) Voorhees; four great-grandchildren, LeBron, Alyvia, Coleman and Zayden; two sisters, Martha (Frank) Schou of Spaulding and

Susan (Al) Zick of Barrington Hills; one brother, Bruce (Maxine) Voorhees of Springfield; and a few nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John was proud of his 48 year career as a cartographer for the IL Department of Transportation.

He was a member of Church of the Little Flower. He was a United States Army veteran. He was a youth coach and administrator, having coached baseball and hockey. He was a member of the Greater Springfield Bowling Hall of Fame and served as a Boy Scout Leader.

### IN MEMORIAM



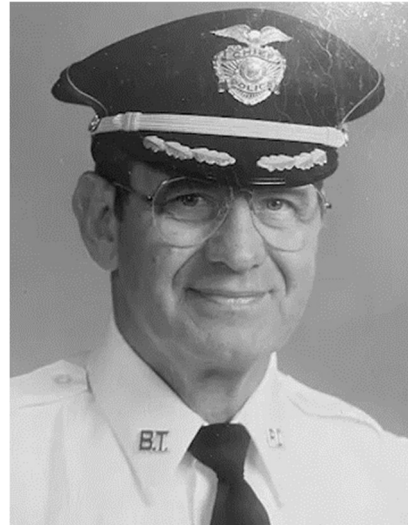
**Marilyn Eloise (Van Voorhis) Voshall**, age 88, of Erie County, passed away at UPMC Hamot on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. She was born in Cleveland, OH on September 16, 1933, daughter of the late Merrill and Forest (Schaffer) Van Voorhis.

Marilyn was a graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School, Class of 1951 and went on to graduate from Hiram College, Hiram, OH, in 1955 with a BA in English Education. She had a lifelong passion for music, composing many of her own musical arrangements. She also worked as a freelance church organist. Marilyn was a charter member of the Mt. Lebanon Christian Church and belonged to both Faith Lutheran Church and First Methodist Church in Erie. She was a life member of the Van Voorhees Association and served as editor of their genealogical research newsletter, Nieuwsbrief. Marilyn belonged to the German Cultural Society of Erie, PA and was a former member of Commodore Perry Yacht Club. She enjoyed sailing, sewing, and making her own jewelry and gifts for family and friends.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 66 years, Dr. Roy E. Voshall, PhD; two children: Linda M. Voshall

(Eric) and Robert E. Voshall (Paula); one brother, Ronald G. Van Voorhis (Mary Jane); seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two nephews.

### IN MEMORIAM



Richard "Dick" Voorhees, 83, of Hillsborough, NJ, passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. He will be remembered as a true public servant, who dedicated his entire life to the service of others.

Dick served in the U.S. Marines Corps: 3rd Division at Okinawa and Quantico, VA from 1957-1960.

Dick began his career with the Bound Brook Police Department in 1960 before starting in 1965 as a charter member of the Bridgewater Township Police Department. He climbed up the chain of command, eventually becoming Chief of Police in 1987 where he continued until his retirement in 2000.

Dick is best known for founding Operation Home Free in 1984 with Trailways Bus Company and the International Chiefs of Police, a program that provides a free bus ride home to runaway children. The program has continued and is coordinated by the National Runaway Switchboard and Greyhound bus company. He pioneered school bus programs, child safety, community policing and was selected as PARADE Magazine's Police Officer of the Year in 1984 for his implementation of the Home Free program. Among his other career highlights he helped organize the Kelsey Charity Run in 1995 and pioneered; Water Rescue, HAZMAT, motorcycle patrol and established the first volunteer Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team.

Dick was a volunteer for many organizations. He was a life member of the Bound Brook Rescue Squad, serving as President, Captain and Chief during his 27 years of service. He was the Chief Driver for Somerset Medical Center's Mobile Intensive Care Unit (M.I.C.U.), member of the Somerset County Special Olympics, Far Hills Race Committee, Midland School Race Committee, United Way of Somerset County, Board of Trustee for the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP), Somerset County Youth Commission and Chairperson of the Child Abuse and Missing Children, Somerset County Human Potential Committee, past president of the Somerset County Chiefs of Police.

Dick has received numerous career achievements and recognitions.

He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Kathryn and Clarence Voorhees and his sisters, Carol Duhamel and twin Joyce Ernst.

Surviving are his loving wife of 17 years, Lori Voorhees, two dear sons, Richard P. Voorhees of Ft Lauderdale Fl; Craig and his wife, Eleanor Voorhees of Lambertville, NJ; his daughter Christine and her husband, Robert Hiatt of Tampa, FL; and his step-daughter, Christine Gwin of Hillsborough, NJ; his first wife, Dorothy Harrington of Bridgewater, NJ; and his two brothers, Gary Voorhees of Middlesex, NJ; Lee and, his spouse, Susan of Long Valley, NJ; along with his three adored grandchildren, Eve, Julia, and Zen.

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Voorhees (Van). Long Island. Steven Coerte van Voor Hies, Flatland, 1660. (Holland.)

Quartered - 1st and 4th; A tower or, voided of the field. 2nd and 3rd: Argent, a tree eradicated vert.

Crest - A tower of the shield.

Motto - Virtus castellum meum. [Virtue is my fortress]

(Source: Crozier's General Armory: A Registry of American Families Entitled to Coat Armor by Wm. Armstrong Crozier, 1904)

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Please consider sharing some of your own knowledge with your Association members by submitting an article for our Nieuwsbrief. Our aim is to provide interesting information for our members including historical information about the family and the latest finds in genealogical research. If you have something to share or an idea of a future article, please contact Don Coons at 302-752-881 or at [decoons@comcast.net](mailto:decoons@comcast.net) and share your thoughts and ideas.

## **In Appreciation - Marie Voorhees Avelsgaard**

Marie has provided great service to all members of the Van Voorhees Association in no small part due to her responsibility as Editor of our newsletter, Nieuwsbrief, since 2016. A number of those fine, past issues of the Nieuwsbrief are available on our Association website (<http://www.vanvoorhees.org/nieuwsbriefs/index.php>) or by going to our website and looking under the tab "Nieuwsbriefs". Selected articles from her term as editor include "Visiting Ruinen and Hees" in Drenthe, Netherlands by Albert Coert Voorhees in the Fall/Winter 2017 issue; a reprint of "5 Ways to Tell if your Genealogy Research is Accurate" from Ancestral Findings Newsletter in the Spring/Summer 2019 issue; "How to make Plans to Protect your Genealogy for Future Generations" from AncestryFindings.com (site no longer appears to exist) in the Fall/Winter 2019 issue; and many more. We are all indebted to Marie for editing these many issues of the Nieuwsbrief and thereby also preserving the wonderful information contained in those publications for the future.

### **DUES REMINDER**

Dues for 2023 are due. Our Association works on a calendar year so yearly dues become due on January 1. Dues pay for printing and mailing of the Nieuwsbrief and for family genealogical research. None of the VVA officers or contributors receive any compensation: these are all volunteer activities.

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