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Hi all,

I wrote a rather longish reply for this while I was at my mother's and then forgot to bring the diskette! So this will probably be not as detailed and thus shorter...and maybe for that reason better.

I800GRAMS wrote:

> Something that has been bugging me for ages is :
> Are we tracking the original 3 Brothers Romeyn?

I'm not sure who you mean by "we", Inez. If you mean has anyone been officially assigned the job of researching them, the answer is no, as far as I know. However, I am sure that a number of people have been researching them independently and, like myself, have accumulated a little bit on them although most of what I have found is also in McDonnell.

> Point: From Tony's Ged file that he so graciously sent,
> Jansel Romeyn was born about 1627 in Holland.
> His children are listed as Symon born 1629. Now I don't beleive a 2
> year old
> can father a child. 2. Klaes H. born 1653 3. Christoffel J. born
> 1655.

I think that it was Lisa L who sent out this particular file from info that she had found on WFM. The file originally gave a code number for the submitter and I think that Lisa is working on tracking down that info. If anyone else has access to that information, I am sure that Lisa won't object to the help.

However, it is my guess that what may have happened is that the original compiler sort of made up a fictious father in their family group sheet program in order to show that they suspected that the three were brothers. As the file passed around, others did not realize that the fellow was sort of fictious and thus it was submitted as fact to WFT who in turn then tried to do some estimating which just doesn't work out. I have done the same thing with my FGS only I gifted my imaginary parent with seven children so that I could list in one place some of the people who used the Romeyn surname at one point or another.

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> Now in Mildred McDonnell's book 1 Romine's on page 10 - New York
> Records of
> New Amsterdam date of 12 Oct. 1660 a Simon Jansen Romein and Stoffel
> Jansen
> are refered to and the following pages concerning Neeltje Pieters wife
> of
> Romeyn, the carman mentioning Symon Jansen Romeyn date of 10 June
> 1661. It
> also refers to Jan the carman.

If you look at page 15 of Mildred's book, you will see where Neeltje is called something like..."Nieltje Pieters, wife of Romeyn Serveyn, born Serdam...". When this is combined with the other reference, it would

appear that "Romeyn" is her husband's nickname or given name and that his surname is "Serveyn". I have not taken time to research on this name at all, except to note that it may exist, particularly in NJ later, and that I need to learn more about it in order to determine what the story is.

The problem that I see with the reference to Stoffel Jansen, carpenter is that there is no surname given. Until it is know with certainty that the fellow refered to is Stoffel Romeyn, it could refer to another of that name and patronimic. I haven't done the task of learning how many Stoffell Janse's there may have been in the Dutch colonies is 1660 but I would imagine that chances are good that there is more than one. Bear in mind that there are about 11 Claes Jans prior to 1650!

And on page 48 Pieter Jansen
> Langstraat is
> Pieter Romeyn widowed in June of 1657.

That Pieter used the Romeyn surname at least once is one of the things that has me reluctant to declare that Symon, Stoffel and Claes were brothers. When the other variations of the name are considered, particularly Room(e) and Rome, there a couple of others fellows who also used the patrynomic Jans who don't seem to be related to the others with the exception of Pieter's brother.

Mildred McDonnell did a lot of work that the rest of us can build on. However there is a lot of work that she did not do. As I look at the documents that Mildred collected, there is not one ORIGINAL document which can really be said to show that the three were brothers. What is particularly telling is that there seems to be little or no contact between the supposed brothers or their children. They do not attend the baptisms of one another's children and they do not witness one another's wills or deeds.

There may be at least one exception to this but the hints are found in secondary sources. The very first extract that Mildred gives is take from Theunis Bergen's "Early Settlers in King County." Bergen was a well know and respected genealogist at the turn of the last century but he was not infallible. In the writeup that he did for Stoffel Romeyn he mentions that Stoffel bought land in Gravesend in 1689 or something like that from "his brother Jans". The original of that deed or a good copy of it needs to be located in order to determine whether or not it does indeed identify them as brothers or if this is merely an assumption on the part of Bergen.

I find it
> hard to
> beleive they waited another 20 or 30 years to marry and have thier
> flock of
> kids, that appear and dissappear through the next 300 years. But
> being a
> Romine I almost understand the whole thing.
>
> Any one else out there agree with this theory?
I certainly do.

Renee

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