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Hi all,

Candis, I think that I have spotted part of the problem.
First let me state that Ackerman is a far from perfect source, as Joan Kraus and I can testify. But we can use him as a sort of baseline.

Candis E. Binkley wrote:

> Most people in the Romeyn line try to insist my line starts with
> Nicholas then Benjamin then Ralph then Jacob. I KNOW my Great-Aunt Anna
> wrote on two separate occasions that there were 2 Ralphs (see spelled
> the first one Roelff).
>
> This is in my family line.
>
> Roelf Romeyn father of:
> Benjamin Romeyn b 7/25/1748 d 6/7/1829
Here is the nub of it: There are two Benjamins with
birthdate/baptismal dates that are very close to one another. The first
one was baptised 3 Aug 1746 at Schraalenburgh Ref Church and is the one
that Ackerman says married Rachel or Ragel Van der Linde. He is said by
Ackerman to be the son of Nicolas Romeyn and Billetjin Demarest.
Benjamin wrote his will in 1823 and it was proved in 1829. Note the
date of his baptism. It is earlier than what you have.

There is another Benjamin. He was baptised 31 July 1748 which would be
in line with the birthdate that you give. His baptism took place at
Hackensack Ref. Church. His wife was Christina Mead, the widow of
Abraham Ackerman. Ackerman gives no children for them and according to
Ackerman, Benjamin's parents were Roelof Romeyn and Lydia Demarest.
This Roelof is the son of Albert who in turn is the son Claes, the first
immigrant. The only problem is, this Roelof was baptised in 1722!
(Benjamin is said to have died in 1829.)

Now, here is the info from Corinne that pertains:

>>1. RALPH (1695-1775) m. Lydia_____
>>2. BENJAMIN (1748-1829) m. Rachael Vandelinden

So, it would seem that somewhere along the line the two Benjamin's have
been confused or compounded into one.

Looks to me like you and Corinne are going to have a lot of fun
straightening it out! You are going to need to determine whether or not
Candis' grandmother could have ever read the book that Corinne has.
Could they have corresponded so that Candis' grandmother might have been
one of the author's informants? You are going to need to find the
baptismal records and see if they do actually give the names of both
parents and that Ackerman didn't just sort of guess.

However, for what its worth, there is a hint in Ackerman that he may
have it right. That is that a Nicholas (actually Klaes) Romeyn signed
"the Call" that was sent to Rev. Benjamin van der Linder to come to the
Schraalenburgh Church. It would be interesting to know if Rachel was
related to him or not. It would also be interesting to know if Van de
Linde ever held a post at Hackensack and if he did indeed come from
Holland.

The other hint is much more nebulous. And that is the insistance that
Benjamin (and his father) were Dutch and therefore born in Holland. The
two don't have to equate in this time frame. The above call to Van der
Linde is an indication of just how Dutch many of the American born Dutch
families still were. It is a bit difficult for us to realize at this
point in time that many of the Dutch families did not like the English.
I have Bantas who came from this same Bergen Co, NJ Dutch stew pot who
as late as the the 1780's were trying to crave out a Dutch settlement in
KY in order that their children could be raised to read the Bible in the
language that God wrote it...Dutch. The Demorests were right there with
them. Jacob Vandever was NJ Dutch who had land holdings in both NJ and

Frederick Co, VA where a copy of his will was filed. When he died in the late 1700's, he left money to several Dutch Reformed Congregations but the money could only be paid out to the churches if there was a preacher in the congregation who was teaching and preaching in Dutch. So many of these people thought of themselves as Dutch even though they were born in what were by then English colonies.

And this is, in turn, a point in favor of the lineage as you have it. These fellows are apparently using the Dutch patronymic system. What you are going to have to find somewhere would be a document in which that first Ralph uses a second name...either Claese or Albertse in order to determine the name of his father. Also you will need to find a context in which Benjamin, the husband of Rachel Van de Linde, uses a clear patronymic and the same for the one who married the widow of Abraham Ackerman.

I did a bit more poking around in the Ackerman book tonight. Ackerman was well aware of the book by Davis. He apparently rejected Davis' research on the earliest members of the family in favor of his own. Ackerman does include in the back of his book all the "unattached" or otherwise unidentified Romines that he came across. Some of the listings are obviously taken from tombstones or marriage records. Others are apparently from correspondence. On p. 138 we find poor Ralph Romaine, born 1695 in Holland; came to America in 1749. Married Lydia, born 1698 and died 1776. No children or other information given. Now I think we can guess where he got that information!

As I said, you guys are going to have lots of fun trying to untangle this one. Hope that you will keep us all posted on what you learn.

Renee

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