

Descendants of Michiel Jansen Vreeland

Generation No. 1

1. MICHIEL JANSEN¹ VREELAND was born 1610 in Broeckhuysen, North Brabant, Netherlands, and died Bef. June 1663 in Gamoenepa, Bergen Co., NJ. He married FITJE HARTMANS WESSELS, daughter of HARTMAN WESSELS and PREYNTJE. She was born 1611 in Cologne, Rheinland, Germany, and died Bef. October 17, 1697 in Bergen Co., NJ.

Notes for MICHIEL JANSEN VREELAND:

The Jansen - Vreelandt Family

Source: "Dutch Uncles and New England Cousins" by Wilson Ober Clough, 1977

MICHAEL JANSEN, born about 1610, came for the patroon Van Rensselaer in 1639, leasing a farm known as Hoogeberch, held from 1640 to 1646. The patroon called him "one of the most upright farmers of the colony." But, like others, he fell into some disagreement and moved to New Amsterdam, and the farm was next leased to TEUNIS VAN VECHTEN, who's son Dirck married JANSEN's daughter, Jannetje, one of the first children to be born in Rensselaerwyck. She died later on Dirck's estate on the Catskill stream, an ancestress via HALLEN BECK...

Michael turned up in New Amsterdam as one of Stuyvesant's Nine Men, and as a signer of the 1649 Remonstrance. In 1656 he complained that Indian raids had deprived him and his six children of seventeen years of labor, in consequence of which loss he was granted a lot in New Amsterdam, living at Bever and Williams streets. In 1658 he obtained land in Bergen County, New Jersey, purchased from the Indians, where he raised cattle and as first justice took the name VREELANDT.

EDITORS NOTE:

Michael's daughter, Jannetje Jansen married Dirck Van Vechten and they had a daughter, Fytje Van Vechten. (see article of the Van Vechten Family). Fytje Van Vechten married Willem Jansz Caspersen Halenbek, thus bringing the Jansen-Vreelandt Family together with the Hollenbeck Family and becoming a many times great grandmother of the editor.

Jansen Vreelandt Family

Source: The Old Dutch Reformed Church, Its Congregation and Its Community Life

by Joan Vreeland Studer

Vreeland's Their Book

By Nicholas Garretson Vreeland

On the island of South Beveland, in the province of Zeeland, lies a small village, 's Heer Abtskerke, colloquially called Scrabbekercke. In 1640 we first hear of our ancestor and he is called Michiel Janez van Scrabbekercke. Thus it's highly probable that Michiel lived (or was even born) at Scrabbekercke.

The other name for Michiel, other than Jansen or Jansz, was in the New Amsterdam Church records where he is referred to as Michiel Jansen van den Berg, referring to the hill farm at Rensselaerwyck, where he had first settled and which he left in 1646 when he went to New Amsterdam.

There has been a story in all the Vreeland Families that Michiel came from a place called Vreeland. There is no proof that our Michiel came from there but it does make sense, so we can only agree that he must have at least lived there during his early life.

Early in the month of May, 1638, the ship Het Wapen van Noorwegen (Arms of Norway)

sailed from Texel. Michiel signed on as a farmer. He arrived about August 4, 1638, with his wife Fitje (or fitie) Hartmans. It is noted that on many of the birth records of the children, Fitje is listed as Fytje Wessels Vreeland. They had seven children born in America.

Michiel brought two farm laborers with him and they joined a small group in the Rensselaerwyck Colony. Not a great deal is known about this colony except that Michiel was head farmer for the Patroon from 1640 to 1646. He was then known as Michiel Jansen. In 1647 he was referred to (baptism record) as Michiel Janszen Van den Berg. However, in the same year, Director General Stuyvesant and his Council selected nine men to give their advice and assist in promoting the welfare of the colony and Michiel was one of the farmers chosen. He was listed as Michiel Jansen Vreeland.

It was recorded that he started raising horses in 1648. There was also a nasty bit, which a true romantic would fail to report, about Michiel's sale of contraband munitions to the Indians and a fine for selling beaver skins without paying duty. Actually he made his fortune in the trapping trade.

He moved to New Jersey in 1654 and on September 15, 1655, the Indians raided. Of all the settlers' families, Vreeland was the only one to escape entirely unharmed, with his wife and six children. He lost his house and all his possessions.

Michiel went back to Manhattan and opened a tap room on the north side of Pearl Street, just south of Broad Street on October 23, 1656. He prospered and bought other land in New Amsterdam.

All the settlers who had been forced to leave their homes in Pavonia (Bayonne-Jersey City) because of the Indian War wanted to return. Michiel soon wearied of living in Manhattan. In late January 1658, he too returned to his farmland and started raising cattle on a large scale. Soon he was quite wealthy.

Michiel Jansen (Vreeland) was named as one of the first magistrates of the first court of justice erected within the limits of the present State of New Jersey, and of the earliest organized municipal governments within that state.

Michiel died in 1663 before the month of June and so before New Netherlands was taken by the English. Fytje Hartmans, widow, continued to manage the considerable land holdings that Michiel left her. She sold and traded and was said to have been an excellent business woman for those times. She died in 1697 and left all her lands to her seven children.

Now - THE FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH of Bayonne, New Jersey. Its history goes back to 1638, when the ship, "Arms of Norway", landed on the shores of Manhattan. In 1654, nine Dutch passengers from this ship moved to what was then called New Amsterdam. They were the first white settlers and consequently, the founders of Bayonne, New Jersey. The congregation started in the homes of these people. From there a small log church was built in the area of what is now Jersey City.

As the congregation grew, a stone church was erected in 1680 on Bergen Avenue. 1723 finds the religious services moving closer to the Bayonne area with a new church called the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen. As the congregation grew once more, two new churches were built, both still standing today. One is in Jersey City, dated 1841 and is now called the old Bergen Church.

The other was established earlier in 1828 and dedicated on January 11, 1829. It was named the Reformed Dutch Church of Bergen Neck. Among the prominent families in the movement were those of Cadmus, Van Buskirk, Cubberly, VanHorn, Zabriskie and Vreeland.

Children of MICHEL VREELAND and FITJE WESSELS are:

- i. JOHANNIS² VREELAND, m. NEELTJE (NEELTIE) HOAGLAND.
 - ii. JANNETJE VREELAND.
 - iii. ELIAS VREELAND.
 - iv. ENOCH VREELAND.
 - v. PRYNTJE VREELAND.
 - vi. ARIAENTJE VREELAND.
 - vii. CORNELIS VREELAND.
2. viii. HARTMAN MICHIELSEN VREELAND, b. October 01, 1651; d. January 18, 1705/06, Bergen Co., NJ.

Generation No. 2

2. HARTMAN MICHIELSEN² VREELAND (*MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born October 01, 1651, and died January 18, 1705/06 in Bergen Co., NJ. He married MARITJE DIRCKSE BRAECKE 1672 in New Amsterdam, NY, daughter of DIRCK BRAECKE and NEESJE(ECHTJE) JACOBS. She was born October 06, 1652 in New Amsterdam, NY, and died Abt. 1724.

Notes for HARTMAN MICHIELSEN VREELAND:

One of these children, Hartman was baptized October 1, 1651 . He married Metje Braecke in 1672. She was the daughter of Dirck Claese Braecke and Neeltje Jacobs. She died January 18, 1707. The Braeckes and Vreelands were very close and there were several intermarriages. Dirck Claese Braecke was the patentee of Cavan Point and Stony Point and around the year 1646, he held a lease on the island of Hoboken. He was also one of the commissioners to fortify Communipaw in 1663.

Child of HARTMAN VREELAND and MARITJE BRAECKE is:

- 3. i. MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³ VREELAND, b. December 26, 1695, Gemoenepa, NJ; d. April 06, 1766, Bergen Co., NJ.

Generation No. 3

3. MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³ VREELAND (*HARTMAN MICHIELSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born December 26, 1695 in Gemoenepa, NJ, and died April 06, 1766 in Bergen Co., NJ. He married ELYSBET GERRITS(E) VAN RIPER May 30, 1719 in Bergen Co., NJ, daughter of GERRIT VAN RIPER and BEELIJTE OOSTEN. She was born May 14, 1694, and died November 18, 1767.

Notes for MICHAEL HARTMANSEN VREELAND:

I am the son of William Porter Van Riper Jr. William Porter Sr. was an influential land owner around the Newark, NJ area until the depression. I have the family bible. It goes back another couple generations. According to family legend, the land was originally granted to a pirate named Michael Hartman Vreeland in exchange for his "protection" of royal ships. I have tried to confirm the story and the name, but have been unable to find any confirmation. Any information would be appreciated.

Children of MICHAEL VREELAND and ELYSBET VAN RIPER are:

- i. GARRET⁴ VREELAND, d. Y.
 - ii. CHILD VREELAND, d. Y.
 - iii. BEELITJE VREELAND.
 - iv. MARITJE VREELAND.
 - v. HARTMAN MICHAELSEN VREELAND.
4. vi. CLAAS VREELAND, b. Abt. March 30, 1724, Gemoenepa, NJ; d. February 09, 1802.

Generation No. 4

4. CLAAS⁴ VREELAND (*MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³, HARTMAN MICHIENSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born Abt. March 30, 1724 in Gemoenepa, NJ, and died February 09, 1802. He married (1) CATLYNTJE SIP December 01, 1757 in Bergen Co., NJ, daughter of IDE SIP and ANTJEY VAN WAGENEN. She was born August 05, 1731 in Bergen Co., NJ, and died September 25, 1759 in Bergen Co., NJ. He married (2) ANTJE (NANCY) BASSETT December 13, 1760. She died in Y.

Child of CLAAS VREELAND and CATLYNTJE SIP is:

5. i. MICHAEL⁵ VREELAND, b. July 31, 1758, Bergen Co., NJ; d. March 10, 1825.

Children of CLAAS VREELAND and ANTJE BASSETT are:

- ii. ANTJE⁵ VREELAND.
- iii. SARAH VREELAND.
- iv. SALLY VREELAND.
- v. BEELITJE (BELINDA) VREELAND.
- vi. STEPHEN VREELAND.
- vii. MARITJE VREELAND.
- viii. ELIZABET VREELAND.

Generation No. 5

5. MICHAEL⁵ VREELAND (*CLAAS⁴, MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³, HARTMAN MICHIENSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born July 31, 1758 in Bergen Co., NJ, and died March 10, 1825. He married GERTJE SICKLES September 16, 1781. She died July 12, 1815.

Child of MICHAEL VREELAND and GERTJE SICKLES is:

6. i. CORNELIUS MICHAEL⁶ VREELAND, b. 1798, Hudson C., NJ; d. July 19, 1877, Big Grove, Illinois.

Generation No. 6

6. CORNELIUS MICHAEL⁶ VREELAND (*MICHAEL⁵, CLAAS⁴, MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³, HARTMAN MICHIENSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born 1798 in Hudson C., NJ, and died July 19, 1877 in Big Grove, Illinois. He married CATHERINE NEWKIRK November 28, 1822, daughter of ARENT NEWKIRK and JANNETJE VREELAND. She was born May 16, 1807 in Bergen NJ, and died January 11, 1892 in Big Grove, Illinois.

Notes for CORNELIUS MICHAEL VREELAND:

Obit notice 07/26/77

Database: New Jersey Marriages, 1684-18952003 11:54 AM

Personal Information What to do next?

Name:CORNELIUS M. VREELAND

Spouse:NEWKIRK, CATHARINE

Marriage Date:28 Nov 1822

County:Bergen

State:NJ

Source Information: Dodd, Jordan, Liahona Research, comp. New Jersey Marriages, 1684-1875. [database online] Provo, UT : Ancestry.com, 2001. Original data: See Extended Description for original data sources listed by county.

Notes for CATHERINE NEWKIRK:

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Also known as Katherine.

Children of CORNELIUS VREELAND and CATHERINE NEWKIRK are:

- i. JANE N.⁷ VREELAND, d. Y.
- ii. GERTRUDE ANN VREELAND, d. Y.
- iii. CAROLINE VREELAND, d. Y.
- iv. HANNAH VREELAND, d. Y.
- v. GARRET VREELAND, d. Y.
- vi. CORNELIA VREELAND, d. Y.
- vii. SARAH CATHERINE VREELAND, d. Y.
7. viii. CORNELIOUS C. VREELAND, b. July 04, 1834, Bergen , NJ; d. January 20, 1908, Wellington, IL.

Generation No. 7

7. CORNELIOUS C.⁷ VREELAND (*CORNELIUS MICHAEL⁶, MICHAEL⁵, CLAAS⁴, MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³, HARTMAN MICHIELSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born July 04, 1834 in Bergen , NJ, and died January 20, 1908 in Wellington, IL. He married (1) REBECCA ANN AYRES June 23, 1857 in Grundy Co., Illinois, daughter of WILLIAM AYRES and ELIZA BENEDICT. She was born January 27, 1839 in New Canaan, CT, and died January 10, 1881 in Newark, NJ. He married (2) MARY E. SKINNER October 26, 1883 in Kendall Co., Illinois, daughter of STEPHEN SKINNER and ANNIE BRODY. She was born September 12, 1859 in Lisbon Township, and died November 23, 1898 in Lisbon, IL.

Notes for MARY E. SKINNER:

obit notice 11/30/98

Marriage Book shows birth date 1859. Cemetery records show 1858.

Children of CORNELIOUS VREELAND and REBECCA AYRES are:

- i. VREELAND⁸, d. Lisbon, IL.
- ii. CORNELIUS VREELAND, d. Unknown, Lisbon, IL; m. ROSANNA E. BURGESS, January 15, 1871; d. Y.

Notes for CORNELIUS VREELAND:

Frederick

- iii. CATHERINE L. VREELAND, m. FREEMAN LUKENS; d. Y.
- iv. LILLIAN ELIZA VREELAND, b. June 03, 1858, Lisbon , IL; d. October 05, 1936, Sandwich, IL; m. JUDSON ADONIRAM SCOFIELD, June 03, 1879, Kendall Co., Illinois; d. Y.
- v. LOTTIE LOVICIA VREELAND, b. October 05, 1860; m. GEORGE W. SCOFIELD, October 05, 1882, Kendall Co., Illinois; d. Y.

Notes for LOTTIE LOVICIA VREELAND:

Charlotte

- vi. WILLIAM HENRY. VREELAND, b. December 04, 1862; m. MAIE HAVENHILL, January 19, 1888; d. Y.

Notes for WILLIAM HENRY. VREELAND:

20th Illinois Inf. Corporal K Civil War.

8. vii. JENNIE VREELAND, b. June 16, 1864, Newark, IL; d. August 1928, Hoopston, IL.

- 9. viii. IRVING GAINS VREELAND, b. June 16, 1869, Big Grove, Illinois; d. December 12, 1951, St Charles, Illinois.
- ix. MARY E. VREELAND, b. April 18, 1873.

Children of CORNELIOUS VREELAND and MARY SKINNER are:

- x. MABEL⁸ VREELAND, b. February 24, 1884, Kendall Co., Illinois; d. June 01, 1898.
- xi. RAY C. VREELAND, b. June 12, 1886; d. Y.

Generation No. 8

8. JENNIE⁸ VREELAND (*CORNELIOUS C.⁷, CORNELIUS MICHAEL⁶, MICHAEL⁵, CLAAS⁴, MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³, HARTMAN MICHIELSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born June 16, 1864 in Newark, IL, and died August 1928 in Hoopeston, IL. She married FRANCES JOHN RIPLEY March 31, 1886 in Lisbon , IL, son of WILLIAM RIPLEY and ELIZABETH STAMPER. He was born September 02, 1863 in Lisbon , IL, and died December 15, 1947 in Hoopeston, IL.

Notes for JENNIE VREELAND:

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Child of JENNIE VREELAND and FRANCES RIPLEY is:

- i. IRVING⁹ RIPLEY, b. October 11, 1893, Morris, Illinois; d. Y; m. (1) PEARL FLOYD; b. Pontiac, IL; m. (2) NINA.

9. IRVING GAINS⁸ VREELAND (*CORNELIOUS C.⁷, CORNELIUS MICHAEL⁶, MICHAEL⁵, CLAAS⁴, MICHAEL HARTMANSEN³, HARTMAN MICHIELSEN², MICHIEL JANSEN¹*) was born June 16, 1869 in Big Grove, Illinois, and died December 12, 1951 in St Charles, Illinois. He married JOSEPHINE JOHNSON June 21, 1894 in Grundy Co., IL, daughter of THORSON JOHNSON and ALICE JOHNSON. She was born May 12, 1871 in Lisbon, IL, and died October 31, 1918 in Helmar, Illinois Lisbon Twp.

Notes for IRVING GAINS VREELAND:

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Notes for JOSEPHINE JOHNSON:

Suffered from influenza for two weeks which developed into pneumonia.

Blk 2 Lot 137 #2

Also known as Jessie.

Children of IRVING VREELAND and JOSEPHINE JOHNSON are:

- i. ROBERT IRVING⁹ VREELAND, b. October 01, 1895, Morris, Illinois; d. March 31, 1963, Ottawa, IL; m. LILA MAY CHARLESTON; b. June 14, 1902, Sheridan, IL; d. December 30, 1977, Sandwich, IL.

Notes for ROBERT IRVING VREELAND:

Obit 4/04/63 KCN

World War I veteran.

- ii. LOTTIE ALICE VREELAND, b. December 09, 1897; m. JAY SHURSON.
- iii. SHIRLEY MILDRED VREELAND, b. September 29, 1898, Morris, Grundy Co., IL; d. March 25, 1978, Roling Meadows, Cook, IL; m. HARRY LEROY SHILL, April 01, 1918, Chicago IL; b. January 27, 1898, Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie Co., IA; d. August 06, 1975, Arlington Hgts., Cook Co., IL.

Notes for SHIRLEY MILDRED VREELAND:

Immediate cause of death, Cerebral Vascular Accident due to Arteriosclerosis. Time of death 10:35p.m.

Met Harry Shill while he was going through Morris Illinois putting down phone lines to St Louis from Chicago.

Notes for HARRY LEROY SHILL:

Harry Shill was raised by George and Lillian Ropp Goodman . Lillian was the sister to his grandmother Elnora Ropp Shill. Arthur Shill left him with the family when he was around one year old. Harry Shill is shown in a picture taken around the winter of 1899-1900. Picture was taken outside a building and there was snow on the ground. He completed only 6 years of school.

Started work at the American Can Co., in Rockdale, IL as a Spindler. Registered for the draft on September 12, 1918. After which went to work for Illinois Bell Telephone Co. Retired after 40 years there. Helped install the first telephone lines between Chicago, IL and St. Louis, MO. It was during this time that he met Shirley Vreeland in Morris, IL. She was working as a waitress when they met.

Spent most of his life in Chicago although they did move alot. Grandma like to buy and sell houses in Chicago.

After retiring he spent his summers at Bass Lake/Knox Indiana and the winters in St. Petersburg, Florida. They sold the cottage and lived in a mobile home outside of Knox for a short time. They then moved to a two bedroom home in Rolling Meadows, Illinois but still went south for the winter.

Have copy of US Social Security application. Shows home address as 3948 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL Employed with, Illinois Bell Telephone Co., 1551 N. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, Illinois Shows parents as Arthur Earnest Shill and Rae Kohler, signed on Nov 24, 1936. Also have a copy of his Registration Card for the US draft.

- iv. VIOLA MAY VREELAND, b. 1902; d. May 12, 1914, Morris, Illinois.

Notes for VIOLA MAY VREELAND:

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- v. RUBY VREELAND, b. May 07, 1902; d. July 1984.
vi. GLADYS VIOLA VREELAND, b. April 20, 1905; d. January 23, 1992; m. SEIDEL.
vii. ELEANOR DOROTHY VREELAND, b. 1907; m. JACK MARKHAM.
viii. ADDIE VREELAND, b. October 05, 1909; d. August 1973; m. IVAN CHARLESTON; b. Abt. 1907; d. Y.
ix. MARGARET VREELAND, b. 1911; m. JOSEPH BUCHNER, May 10, 1929; b. October 02, 1910, Landshut, Germany; d. June 05, 1989, Aurora, Kane Co., IL.