

MALE ANCESTRY OF DR. EARL G. SWEM, VIRGINIA

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PURPOSE: To establish the male ancestry in America of Dr. Swem, considering the starting point as the will of Anthony Sweem of Richmond County, New York proved March 10, 1719/20.

PURPOSE ACHIEVED: Dr. Swem's first ancestor in America on the male line is Tys Barentsen van Leerdam who emigrated with wife and children to America on May 9, 1661. He was the father of the above Anthony Sweem.

THIS FAMILY'S NAMES AND ORIGIN

Dutch nomenclature was in a stage of transition during the seventeenth century. Relatively few Dutch families had established surnames, although some might use a certain surname for a few generations. Most of the Dutch used the patronymic as a last name, (i.e. a possessive form of the father's first name, which consequently changed with each generation). Others used as last name their place of origin, their occupation, or some personal characteristic. An example of each of these forms of naming is: for English families -- Jackson, Washington, Taylor, and Gay; for this particular Dutch family -- Tysen, van Leerdam, and perhaps Sweem. The wife retained her "maiden name", which might be any of the forms of naming above; she occasionally used as patronymic her husband's first name rather than her father's first name; she did not use her husband's last name until English influence prevailed. The many variations in spelling have no significance, except in that the tendency to phonetic spelling may provide clues to the pronunciation. After surnames became established, the custom of variant patronymic often continued as middle name or middle initial. The Dutch adhered strongly to the custom of naming the elder

children after the children's four grandparents and younger children after other relatives. The godparents were usually close relatives. The Dutch liked to use shortened or diminutive forms of the first name. For further detail, see my articles on this subject being printed in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly for March and June, 1953.

The first of the Sweem family in America was Tys Barentsen van Leerdam. His name, under the many spelling variants shown below, appears sometimes in full and more often with merely the patronymic Barentsen. Tys or Thys, (the "h" is silent), is the Dutch diminutive of Mathys. Translated, his name may be read Mathias, (or Matthew), son of Barent who came from and was probably born in Leerdam. This may have been but probably was not his surname in Holland; only research in the records there can tell. Such research might not be difficult since we know his approximate birth, - 1621, (see 1681, testimony below), and his probable origin.

Leerdam is a town in the southeastern corner of the Province of South Holland, some distance directly south of the City of Utrecht; it is on a tributary of and just north of the Waal River, (the name in Holland for the present main channel of the Rhine River). You will find Leerdam on the Encyclopedia Britannica map of Holland.

Tysen, the surname used by one branch of the family, is an example of the perpetuation of a patronymic, since originally it meant merely "son of Tys".

Sweem was given many spelling variants. Later members of the family remaining on Staten Island usually used the anglicized form Swaim. From the variants, it is evident that the name was pronounced somewhat as you do now, - rather than as we now pronounce "ee". It seems likely that the name arose because of some personal characteristic: thus, in Dutch-English dictionaries printed 1691 and 1824 appear "Zweemen", - to be like, and "Het Zweensel", - the

likeness. ("S" and "Z" are interchangeable). Even though we do not find the name Sweem on American records before about 1703, the family could very well have used this surname in Holland; only research there can tell.

Forbur or Forbor appears on two records as the surname for one member of this family. Instances of its use are so few that it is perhaps a corruption, but of what I have no idea.¹

THE EMIGRANT

Tys Barentsen van Leerdam, more commonly called Tys Barentsen, was born about 1621 presumably in Leerdam, South Holland. He came to America in 1661, settling on Staten Island, and died in or about 1682. His known wife, who emigrated with him and survived him, was Sytie Cornelis. There is a good possibility that she was a second wife, both because of a gap in the children's ages as recorded on the passenger list and because the elder son Barent does not seem to have named any daughter after her as would have been customary if she were his real mother. The presumable first wife may have been named Elizabeth, judging by grandchildren's names. The records concerning the emigrant are given below.

1661, May 9.- Passengers in the ship "de St. Jan Baptist", Capt. Jan Bergen:
 Tys Barentsz from Leerdam, wife and 3 children aged 15, 10 & 1 1/4 years.
 Pieter Bielliou from Walslant, wife and 4 children.
 Walraven Luten from Flanders, wife & infant.
 Myndert Courten from Aernham.
 et al. (as translated and printed in Holland Society of New York Yearbook, 1902, pp. 18-19. The originals are in the New York State Library at Albany and are really accounts of those passengers 1654-1664 who did not pay for their passage until after they came to America). The four names listed above all appear on the following petition.

¹There was a Jan or John Forbus or Forbuus in New Amsterdam who had a plantation across the river on Long Island in 1638-49; he acted as a godparent together with Margriete Forbuus in 1662. A soldier Adrianus Forbiet from Brussel emigrated in 1660.

*any wife
of this type*

1661, Aug. 22.- Council meeting, present Stuyvesant and 2 councillors. Before the Council appeared Pieter Billow and another"who stated for themselves as well as for some other persons, arrived by the last ships, that the locality of Staten Island suited them well and they requested therefore that some of the lands on the said Staten Island might be allotted and given them as property for farmland, meadow and pastures, and that lots for houses and gardens might be laid out at a convenient place." The Director General and Council heard the petition and resolved to look up a convenient place on Staten Island and lay it out for a village. The persons who asked for lots on Staten Island are; 19 names including Thys Barentsen from Leerdam and Paulus Dirck² from Luxembourg. (Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, 13:206).

1661, Aug. 10, baptized at the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam, Cornelis son of Thys Barentszen V. Leerd. and of Sytie Cornelis; no godparents given. (Collections of the N.Y. Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2:61).

1671/2, Jan. 16, Tys Barentson witnessed the inventory of Walraven Letin of Staten Island, (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y. Historical Society, 1:23).

1673, April 14.- The Council of the Province of New York meeting: "Kingdom's and Tys Barent's affairs referred back to the justices who tried them before." (Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668-1783, p. 18, referring to the original at Albany, 3:136).

1673, Aug. 25, Tys Barentse van Leerdam among the magistrates for Staten Island, (Register of New Netherland, O'Callaghan, p. 99). At a meeting of the Commanders and Council of War on Aug. 25, 1673, from the nominations of the inhabitants of Staten Island, are elected as magistrates thereof: include as one of the Schepens- Tys Barentse³, (Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, 2:586).

1675, June Calendar of cases to be tried at Court of Sessions, Gravesend: Albert Cornelisen (Pl't) vs Capt Barents Vanlerdan (Def't) on list of actions.

Alb Cornelissen

Tys Barents Van Leerdan

The Plaintiff declares upon a bill of 202 G.

It being an old case wherein John Kingdome and Sim: Jans: Rem: are concerned, the former having Judgment & latter found (?) about counterfeiting a release of Youncker Vostiks.

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Paulus Dirck from Luxembourg is perhaps the Paulus Richards who later was appointed administrator of Tys Barentsen van Leerdam's estate. (The English for Dirck is Richard). However, there was also a Paulus Richard from Rochelle, France: see NYGB Record, 66:134-36. No relationship with the Sweem family has been found.

³Our emigrant is not to be confused with his contemporary Mathys Barentsen who was similarly selected Oct. 1673 from nominations by the inhabitants of the Town of Swaenenburgh, (i.e. Kingston, N.Y.), to be ensign, (Documents, ibid, 2:627).

Nor is he to be confused with an earlier man Van Edam, Tys Barentsen Schoenmaecker, (i.e. Tys Barentsen, shoemaker), who settled in Rensselaerwyck, near Albany, N.Y., in 1636. (NYGB Record, 15:76; Van Rensselaer Bouwier Manuscripts, pp. 156 & 810).

This to have Judgment against ye defendand and John Kingdome to be paid by Sim: Jans': This ye Court Judgment. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 2:328 & 334). Presumably "Capt" is a misreading of the original script for "Tys" which appears later on in the record.

1677, April 17, Tys Barentse was a godparent (of his daughter Beelitje's son): records of the Dutch Church of Bergen, N.J. (Holland Society of N.Y. Yearbook, 1913, #45).

1680, June 27, Tys Barendz was a godparent (of his son Barent's son): records of Dutch Church of Flatbush, Long Island, N.Y.; also godparent same day of a son of Peter Janz & Maritie Jans. (Holland Society of N.Y. Yearbook, 1898, p. 115).

----- before 1691, earliest list of cattle marks on Staten Island has Tis Barnson', (Stillwell's Historical and Genealogical Miscellany of N.Y. and N.J., v.1, p.23). These and the following records there printed are from Staten Island's first book of records, Liber A.

1681, Dec. 4, case of Peter Balew vs Christopher Bilup: Testimony of Tis Barns aged 60 years or thereabouts that Balew hired him to mend his net. (Ibid, p. 8).

1681 court record: corn is to be delivered to Tis Barnson for debt settlement in a suit between two others. (Ibid, p. 6).

1681, Sept. 13, Court of Sessions: Case of Peter Balew and Tis Barns plf. Subpoenas issued for various people, also a warrant for Tise Barnson. (Ibid, p. 31).

1682, Feb.-- Estate of Tyse Barnse of Staten Island, letters of administration granted thereon to Paulus Richards, the widow Scytie having refused. (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y. Hist'l Society, 1:123, from Liber 1-2, p. 456 at the Surrogate's Office, Manhattan).

1684, Feb. 7, Meeting of the Council of the Province: Order on petition of Paulus Richards for a quietus as administrator of Tyse Barnse deceased. (Calendar of Council Minutes 1668-1783, p. 35, from the original at Albany, 5:46).

1684, March 31, Meeting of the Council of the Province: Order for Paulus Richards administrator of the estate of Tyse Barnsen deceased to settle certain debts of the estate with Nicholas de Meyer before he can have a quietus. (Ibid, p. 37).

1728. Jacob Van Dick given the cattle mark formerly tiss barnson's deceased.⁴ (Stillwell, ibid, p. 48).

CHILDREN OF THE EMIGRANT:

1. + Barent Tyssen later called Barent Sweem, born about 1646 and named for his paternal grandfather---see below.

⁴The date 1728 is so long after the 1682 decease that in the interval the cattle mark might have been inherited by our emigrant's son Anthony Sweem who died in 1719.

2. + Anthony Tyce later called Anthony Sweem, born about 1657 more or less---see below.
3. + Cornelis Tyssen, baptized Aug. 10, 1661 and named for his maternal grandmother ---- see below.
- 4.&5. Probably two other sons including a John, since there were four John Sweems in the Staten Island census of about 1706, born respectively about 1674, 1675, (elsewhere he was called Sr.), 1680, and 1681. Three of them were on the Richmond County militia lists of 1715: Johannes and John Sweem in the South company, and Johannes Sweem in the North company. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series 1:549, 550, 547). For two of the Johns, see the sons of Barent and of Anthony, given later in this report.

The other two Johns and unplaced Sweem groups in the 1706 census are: John Swam aged 32 & woman Anne Swan; probably with the former are girls---- Elizabeth & Mary Swam and Ane Swan; John swam aged 31 & woman Jane Swam; evidently with the latter is the girl----Siathe Swam, perhaps also boys----John & tye Swain. (Stillwell, pp. 153-54, 150-51, 154, 152, 153). The Staten Island Dutch Church records give Johannes Sweems Sr. and Jannetje La Forge as parents of Jan baptized 1718. Her maiden name suggests they were also parents of Antie baptized 1714, (godparents David Laforsie & Antie Willemsen), and of Albert baptized 1715, (godparents Willem & Elybet Seymenssen), although the church record merely identifies these two as children of a Johannes Sweem.

6. Beelitje Tysn and her husband Willem Janse Loserecht had a son Hendrick baptized April 17, 1677, godparents Tys Barentse and Annetje Hendrickse: records of the Dutch Church of Bergen N.J. (Holland Society of N.Y. Yearbook, 1913, #45). Willem may have been one of the sons aged 19 and 13 who had emigrated with their father Jan Willemsen from Loosdrecht in

1661 in the same ship with the first of the Sweem family. Jan Willemzen Loosdrecht joined the church at Bergen in 1667 and died there.

William Johnson Losereght and wife Bely Thysen of Richmond County gave a 5-year mortgage to Paule Richards of N.Y.C. on 246 acres at the south side of Staten Island patented to William and Peter Johnson in 1677; mortgage was signed William Johnson and Bely Thysen. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:104). Their son Hendrick Janszen had children baptized on Staten Island 1713-1729; his will as Henry Johnson of Richmond County was proved 1730.

It is evident that they named another son for Beelitje's father: this son was Mathys or Thys Jansz, whose children baptized at Staten Island 1716-1722 included daughter Beletje 1716 and another whose godparent was Johannes Zweem; his will as Mathys Johnson of Richmond County was proved 1756.

7. Elisabeth Thyszen only seems to be mentioned in the record of her husband's remarriage. On April 15, 1692 were proclaimed the marriage bans of Jan Depuy living in New York City, widower of Elisabeth Thyszen, to Geertruytje Jans unmarried girl born and living at Kingstowne: records of the Dutch Church of N.Y.C. (Collections of N.Y. Gen'l & Biog'l Society, 9:72).

The Staten Island census of about 1706 lists John du puy aged 49, (so born about 1656), John du peuy aged 24, woman-- Peternel dupey, boy---Nicolus dupey, girls--- Catherine, Magdalene & Susana dupey.

Will of John Dupuy of Richmond County, proved 1732, named wife Petronella, my 4 sons John, Nicholas, Barent, & Moses, (baptized 1714); my daughters Magdalena, Susanna, Elizabeth, (baptized 1707), Petronella & Mary; and children of my deceased daughter Catharine.

Jon Dupuis witnessed the will of Anthony Sweem in 1719; another witness, Obadiah Winter, had married Susanna du Puy by 1719 when their child was baptized on Staten Island.

BARENT TYSSSEN ALIAS SWEEM

Each of his names is spelled countless ways, so I am using for him the full alias as it appears only in a deed of 1717. In early years his last name was some variant of his patronymic Thys or Tyssen; the surname is first found in a record of 1703 as Swame. Since his sister Bely could write, presumably he as the eldest son could write, but we have no evidence; our only record which he might have signed was^a a testamentary deed of 1719, when he was for those pioneer times a very old man, and it could have been for this reason that he only signed his mark thereto.

Barent was born about 1646: he was the child aged 15 on the 1661 passenger list since the census of about 1706 called him 60 years old. He lived on Staten Island and probably died shortly after 1719. His wife of record was Magdalena Jans, named in the 1680 baptism of a son and as a godmother 169-. He and an unnamed wife were godparents in 1707. She may have been a second wife, as Sarah and Elizabeth were the adult females listed for his household in the census of about 1706. It seems likely that his wife Magdalena Jans was a sister of Wolford Janse Prall, who was godparent at the baptism of their son in 1678 and who owned adjoining lands, according to deeds of 1688 and 1717. The records concerning Barent follow.

1676, (March 31?). Description of survey of lot at Staten Island, on Karle's Neck at the Fresh Kill laid out for Barne Tisen, 94 acres. (Calendar of Land Papers, 1643-1803, p. 12, from original at Albany, 1:72).

1677, Sept. 29. patent granted by Governor Andros to Barne Tysen, as laid out at Karles Neck at the Fresh Kill, Staten Island, adjoining land of Thomas Morgan, the commons, and land of Wolford Prall, recorded Nov. 29, 1681. (Staten Island Hist'l Society, copy of liber at Albany, Patents 5:49). Barne Tison's property named as adjoining in the patents granted Sept. 29, 1677 to both Thomas Morgan and Wolford Prall. (Ibid, 5:52).

1678, July 14. at New Utrecht baptized Matthys child of Barent Thysz, godparents Wolphert Jansz and Adriaantje Van Deventer; records of the Dutch Church of Flatbush, Long Island, N.Y. (Holland Society of New York Yearbook, 1898, p. 109; Mrs. Frost's MS copy of these baptisms, 1:15).

1680, June 27. at Utrecht baptized Johannes child of Barent Tysz and Magdalena Jans, godparents Tys Barendsz, (ibid, p.115 and ibid, 1:15). and Susana Rauhs.

-----before 1691 earliest list of cattle marks on Staten Island has Barn Tiss'. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 22).

1688, June 26. Wolford Yanson Prall of Staten Island, yeoman, mortgaged for £ 50 to Pawles Richards of N.Y.C., merchant, my dwelling and plantation on Staten Island bounded on the east by land of Barrent Tison and to the west by the Fresh Kill, 80 acres, signed Wolfert Prall. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:102).

169- Barent Teyszen and Maghdalena Teysze were godparents at baptism of Johannes son of Matheus de Decker: Staten Island church records. (Collections of N.Y. Gen'l and Biog'l Society).

1703, June 10. John Depuy of Staten Island and his wife Peternell deeded for £ 39 to Mattise Swame of Staten Island land on Staten Island at Carles Neck at the Fresh Kill on the rear of the said Depuy's land and running with the line of Barnt Swames land south-east 142 rods, 20 acres of upland plus 2 1/2 acres of salt meadow fronting to said land by Gov. Andros' patent 1677. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:498).

1706. Undated Census of Staten Island, from internal evidence taken about 1706: Barnt Swam aged 60, women---Sarah and Lisabeth Swam, boy---Barnt Swam, girls---Madlean and Mary Swam. (Stillwell, op cit p. 153).

1707. Barent Sweem "and wife" godparents (to their son Mathys' daughter).

1708. Barent Sweem and Mary Belveel godparents (to his son Johannes' daughter).

1708, May 19. Anthony Sweam of Richmond Co., farmer, for £ 17 paid by barene Sweam of Richmond Co. deeded to said barne Sweam a tract of salt meadow on Karles Neck bounded to the south by meadow of arent praal, east by upland and Kosshon, west toward meadow of Jacob galjor, 8 1/2 acres; signed with mark A of Anthony Sweem; witnesses Jan de puy and John du puy junr; recorded for Johannes Swame Sept. 30, 1723. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:143).

---- evidently 1711. List of men received from several counties and sent up to Albany: soldiers, concerning the expedition against Canada: Out of Richmond County 6 names including Barent Tyce. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:447)

1712, Dec. 26. Matteus Decker of Richmond Co., cooper, with consent of his wife Eve deeded for £ 80 to Jhon De puy of the same, cordwainer, 20 acres plus 3 1/2 acres of salt meadow, being one fourth of a fourscore acbe tract on Carles Neck at Fresh Kill, bounded southwest by land of Barent tison and southeast by the rear quarter of peter praal's land. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:98).

1713, April 13. Peter Prawll of Staten Island, yeoman with consent of his wife Althea deeded for £200 to Jⁿ Carshrone (?Crothron?) of Staten Island, yeoman, land on northwest side of Staten Island adjoining land formerly belonging to Willfoard praul late deceased, bounded southeast by meadow of Anthony Tyc.. and adjoining meadow of Barne Swaime. (Ibid, B:606).

1717, Dec. 14. Peter Praal of Richmond Co., yeoman deeded for £48 to Johannes Sweam of the same, yeoman, 20 acres which is now in occupation of said Johannes Sweam which is the quarter part of 80 acres on Karles Neck which said 80 acres was granted by Gov. Andros to Wolford prall by patent Sept. 29, 1677; also one fourth of salt and fresh meadow belonging to said fourth share; which premises is the southeast fourth part of said 80 acres and is bounded west by John Dupuy, north by Lambert Garnson, east by William Alljard (?) and south by "land of Barent tyssen alias Sweem"; signed pp mark of Peter Praal; witness Syme van name; acknowledged by peter praal and aeltje praal his wife. (Ibid, C:144).

1719, Sept. 7. Barent Swame of Richmond Co., yeoman for love and affection toward my loving son Johanes Swame of the same, deeded one lot in Richmond Co. on Carrels Neck where he now lives on and all my salt meadow and all buildings & improvements thereon, my Great Bible I give and bequeath unto my son Johannes Swame, my best hors belonging to the farm, my wagon & plow & all its plow tackling, and I leave him two iron Wiges (?) and two Ceatel (?) and one splitting knife; signed ~~X~~ mark of Barent Swame; witnesses francois bodin & peter praal. (Ibid, C:140).

According to histories of Staten Island by Morris and by Leng and Davis, Barne Tysen married in 1672 Maria Kroesen and had children Abraham, Cornelius, and David, the latter dying 1710 having married Magdalena Morgan and having a son Barnt Tysen born 1699. I cannot say that these statements are definitely wrong since I did not make a special search for these names, (they not being on your line); however, I did not happen on such relationships, and certainly it would be against Dutch custom if Barne named no son Tys after the grandfather.

CHILDREN OF BARENT TYSSSEN ALIAS SWEEM:

1. Matthys Sween or Swame, named for his paternal grandfather, was baptized at Flatbush, July 14, 1678, as child of Barent Tys, (see the full record above). On June 10, 1703, he bought land at Carles Neck, Staten Island, adjoining his father from John Depuy, (see the full record above). Tyse or Tise Swame was chosen a surveyor of the highways for the North Division in 1704 and an assessor for the North Division in the 5th year of her Majesty's reign, (Richmond Co. records in Stillwell,

*In a common
in Dutch names
* mentioned in
above*

pp. 51 & 55). Matthys Sween was a godparent in 1703 or 1705 for Jarels Morgan's daughter; Thys and Saaratie Sween, (his wife), were godparents on April 23, 1707 for Johannes Van Campen's daughter. Administration on the estate of Tice Swan of Richmond County was granted March 24, 1707/8 to his wife Sarah. (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y. Hist'l Soc. Coll., 1:458). The will of Arent Prall, dated 1721 and proved 1725, bequeathed to my daughter Sarah ELO and to her 2 children Lenor and Mary that she had by Tice Swain her first husband ELO each. (Ibid, 2:323). Sarah Praal's second husband was Symon Van Namen; they were godparents of many of Lena's and Maria's children, below.

- a. Magdaleen, baptized in 1707 Dutch Church, Staten Island, as daughter of Matthys Sweem, godparents Barent Sweem & wife. Usually called Lena or Helena Sweem, she married Charles Dekker and had children Charles, Matthys, Magdalena, Matthius, Eva, and Mariya baptized between 1727/8 and 1751 in the Dutch Church, Staten Island.
 - b. Maria Sweem married Johannes Decker and had children Maria, Sara, Matthys, and Eva baptized 1726 to 1738/9 at the same church.
 - x. Saertie, Aaron, and Moses were Sara Praal's children by her husband Symon Van Namen, baptized at the same church 1716 to 1724/5.
2. Johanes Swame or Sweem, named for his maternal grandfather, was baptized at Flatbush, June 27, 1680 as child of Barent Tyz and Magdalena Jans, (see above). The Staten Island census of about 1706 lists John Swam aged 26 and Martha Swam, (his wife). (Stillwell, p. 151). On May 19, 1708, Johannes Swame of Richmond County was deeded 8 1/2 acres on Karles Neck by Anthony Swame; on Dec. 14, 1717, Johannes Sweam, yeoman was deeded 20 acres there already in his occupation, by Peter Praal; on Sept. 7, 1719, he also received the lot there he lives on, and other belongings by way of testamentary deed from his father Barent; these 3 tracts and a fourth of 8 1/2 acres, (that had been deeded May 19, 1708 by Anthony Sweam to barene Sweam), were all recorded Sept. 30, 1723, for Johanes Swame or his heirs. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:140, 141, 143, 144).

He was probably the Johannes Sweem, private in the North company of Richmond Co. militia 1715. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:547). The will of Johannes Swame of Staten Island, dated Jan. 20, 1719/20, and proved May 17, 1720, named children Barent, Mary, Lena, Martha, Ties, and Elisabeth; executors Symon Van Name and Aaron Prall, Jr. (NYHS Wills, 2:214). His "Wife Martha" appears only as godparent of Johannes Van Campen's child in 1715.

- a. Barent; b. Mary; c. Annetie baptized 1708, godparent Barent Sweem; d. Magdaleena baptized 1711, godparent Elisabeth Sweem; e. & f. Martha & Tys baptized 1715, godparents Johannes Van Campen, Simon & Sara Van Namen; g. Lysabet baptized 1718, godparent A&je Paraels.

3. Barnt Swam listed as a boy in the 1706 census of his parent's household. Nothing further on him unless he is, as I imagine, the Barnt Tysen ancestor of the Tysen family of Staten Island. This Tysen family descends from the earlier Barent Tyssen alias Sweem because it owned the tract patented to him in 1677, but whether the younger Barnt was a son or grandson of the first is uncertain, (see above, for printed statement of the intervening generation being David); I have not concerned myself with this since I imagine your interest would only be in this development of the surname. The D.J. Tysen Bible, published 1855, (sic), has entries all in one hand, starting with Barent Tysen born Feb. 4, 1699, married Oct. 20, 1723 Elizabeth Swaine; John Tysen son of Barent born Oct. 10, 1731, died March 7, 1808, married May 1, 1757 Cordelia Bergen; etc. (copy at Staten Island Hist'l Society). Presumably this same family is in the following church record: Barent Sweem and Marie Canon had a son Johannes baptized Nov. 7, 1731, at the Dutch Church, Staten Island. In 1762, Mathew Decker sold land in the North Precinct adjoining "Barnt Sweem alias Tyson" and several owners of Charles Neck lots. (Richmond Co. Deeds, D:487).

- a. John Tysen, born and presumably the one baptized 1731, married 1757, and died 1808 as above. Will of John Tysen, yeoman of Northfield, dated 1796 and proved 1808, names wife Cornelia, sons John and Jacob, mentions slaves; bequeaths to son Jacob "all the land I heired of my father Barnt Tysen alias Swaim" at the Karl's Neck, Jacob to pay Barnt Tysen son of David Tysen dec'd £8. (Richmond Co. Wills, A:382). Lived on and buried on the 1677 patent. (Morris' Memorial History, 1900,2:119).
- b. David Tysen married by license 1764 to Alice Decker. Administration on the estate of David Tysen granted 1771 to his brother John. (NYHS Wills, 7:40). Had son Barnt Tysen living 1796, as above.
- 4.? Sarah Swam, adult female on the 1706 census. Is she a second wife of Barent or his daughter?
5. Lisabeth Sweem, adult female on the 1706 census, may be identical with Elisabeth Sweem godparent 1707-11, (each time with a different male, so presumably unmarried), to children of Evert Mesker, Mattheus De Decker, and Johanes Sweem. Perhaps the Lysbet Sweem who married Lambert Gerritsz Jr. and had children Magdaleena, (godparents Jan & Susanna du Puy), Nicholas, Abraham and Elisabet baptized 1718-1730 in the Dutch Church, Staten Island.
6. Madlean Swam, girl on the 1706 census, named for her mother.
7. Mary Swam, on the 1706 census, might be identical with Mary, (maiden name unknown), wife of Johanes Van Campen, godparent in 1711. The many church sponsorships indicate he was related in some way to the Sweems. Johanes Van Campen had children: Martha baptized 1707, godparents Thys & Saraatie Sweem; Christina baptized 1711, godparents Peter Praal & wife Mary; Arent baptized 1715, godparents Johanes Sweem & wife Martha.

ANTHONY TYCE ALIAS SWEEM

Each of his names is spelled in many ways but the above heading combines the more usual variants and is itself a version of the alias appearing in deeds of 1716 and later. The variants are indicative of pronunciation: the "h" ^{is silent} in both his first name and his patronymic, while the vowels in his surname were evidently pronounced similarly to Swaim and Swame. His surname is first

found in records of 1706 and 1707. Before that date and to some extent thereafter, his last name was some version of his patronymic Tyce, Tyse, Thyssen and even Tice. In the 1719 record of him as godparent to his grandchild, he appears as Anthony Thysz Sweem, the patronymic, - now become a middle name, - proving that he was the son of a man whose first name was Thys.

This 1719 record is our only direct link for Anthony with the previous generation. The work therefore included searching the early records for men having the first name Thys or Matthys. I also had the clue that the father's patronymic might be Barentsen if, (as it turned out), Anthony had a brother Barent; I considered this a clue because a Barent Swam was listed on the 1706 census as older than Anthony, and under Dutch custom the oldest son was often named for the father's father. It was only through working out Barent's family that I proved Anthony's.

Anthony's exact birthdate requires research in Holland. If he came over with his parents, he was more likely the baby of 1 1/4 years on the May, 1661 passenger list than the child of 10 years. The census of about 1706 gives his age as 49, that is born about 1657. I believe that 10-year old child was more likely the sister Beelitje Thyssen who could write and hence was probably educated in the settled civilization of Holland rather than in the pioneer outpost of Staten Island. Moreover, Beelitje was undoubtedly older than Anthony; not only did she have a child baptized in 1677, but that child was probably not her first son, since he was named Hendrick and it was customary to name the first sons after the grandfathers, in this case Thys and Jan.

Anthony was evidently born 1657-1660, perhaps in Leerdam. He lived on Staten Island and died between June 16, 1719 and March 10, 1719/20, the dates on which his will was written and proved, respectively. He married about 1681, since his eldest, (or eldest surviving), son was baptized August 1682. His wife was Neeltje

Jans, a name that would usually be translated as Cornelia, daughter of John, she appears as Eleanor on the 1706 census, ~~but~~ Neeltje, the Dutch diminutive of Cornelia, is similar in pronunciation to Nelly, the English diminutive for Eleanor, hence the connection between these two different English names. Presumably she died in the four years previous to March, 1731/2. The records concerning them follow.

1680, Dec. 1. Warrants passed to those applying for land on Staten Island include for the south side Anthony Tyre, (sic, as printed), 80 acres. (Documents re Colonial History of the State of New York, 13:547). 1680, Dec. 24. Description of survey of about 88 acres lying on the south side of Staten Island laid out for Anthony Tyce by Philip Welles, surveyor. (Calendar of N.Y. Colonial MSS of Land Papers, p. 23). 1680, Dec. 30. Patent granted by Gov. Andros to Anthony Tice for 80 acres on the south side of Staten Island adjoining William Darvall, woods, and the water side, with 18 acres of meadow to be laid out. (Staten Island Hist'l Society's copy of liber of Patents at Albany, 5:26). (see 1722 record below).

1682, Aug. 26. baptized Johannis child of Anthony Thyssen and Neelitje Anthonis, godparents Thomas Laurenszen & Annetie Josephs: records of the Dutch Church of New York City. (Collections of N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l Society, 2:154). ⁵ & ⁶

1685, April 4. Description of 80 acres lying on the south side of Staten Island laid out for Anthony Tyce by Philip Welles, surveyor. (Land Papers, op.cit., p. 31.).

⁵Our Anthony Thyssen is not to be confused with an earlier Anthony Matheuszen, negro who married Maria Anthony in 1654 in the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam, and who appears on the Court Records of New Amsterdam in 1655 as Anthony Matysen, a negro plaintiff.

There is also no need to confuse him with Anthony Thyssen, born 1643, living at New Utrecht, Long Island in 1693, no further trace of him; son of Thys Janse Lanen Van Pelt. (Bergen's Early Settlers of Kings County, p. 354). Bergen does not identify this 1693 record nor does he say what last name this Anthony used. Unless his patronymic is on this 1693 record, it probably applies to his cousin Anthony Teunisse Van Pelt who was well established at New Utrecht. Anthony born 1643 may well have died young. At any rate, no Van Pelts have been found acting as godparents, witnesses, etc. to the Tysens and Sweems of Staten Island as they would have if they were related.

⁶The relationship, if any, of these godparents to the Sweem family, has not been determined. Thomas Laurenszen, (who seldom used his surname Poppinga), was the husband of Marritje Jans Joncker, but her family contains no Neeltje. (see NYGB Record, 59:306). Annetie Josephs, (Waldron), was wife of Jan de La Montagne.

1686. Patent to James Largey mentions that the property adjoins that of Anthony Tyce. (Patents 5:347). 1688 sale by James Largey of Richmond Co. to Thomas Dongan, Governor of New York, 80 acre tract on the south side of Staten Island, beginning at a stake by ye waterside which is the bounds of the land of Anthony Tyce, bounded on the southwest by Sarah Scidmore, on the southeast by the water or bay and on the northeast by land of Anthony Tyce; witnessed with the mark "A" of Anthony Tyce. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:99). 1689 the above described property is one of the lots mortgaged by Thomas Dongan to Robert Livingston. (Ibid, B:120). (see 1716 record below).
- 1688, Dec. 4. At a Court of Sessions held for Richmond County at the County court house, a grand jury consisting of 13 good and lawful men were called and sworne, including Anthony Tysce. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:643).
- 1692, Dec. 8. Order on petition of Anthony Tyce for land on Staten Island; granted. (Calendar of Council Minutes 1668-1783, p. 79).
- 1693, Sept. 12. Land granted on Staten Island to Anthony Tyce as petitioned for. (Ibid, p.90). 1693, Sept. 12. Patent by Gov. Fletcher to Anthony Tyce, yeoman of Richmond Co., on basis of survey by Philip Wells ordered by former governor Dongan under warrant of April 4, 1685, for land on the south side of Staten Island adjoining James Largey, at the water side to the woods by the line of the former lot patented to him, 80 acres plus meadow; he has built on it and wants confirmation plus 10 acres on Paul Gurney's Creek; now confirmed by Gov. Fletcher. (Staten Island Hist'l Society's copy of Patents 6:418).
- 1695, March 5. Daniel Shotwell of Richmond Co., carpenter and wife Elizabeth deeded to Anthony Tyse of Richmond Co., yeoman, 130 acres at the south side of the Fresh Kills. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:245).
- 1696, Oct. 12. Petition of Peter Menne and Anthony Tyce for land on Staten Island granted. (Council Minutes, op. cit., p. 118). ---(no date; filed at end of 1697):Petition of Peter Menne and Anthony Tyce, praying for a grant for a tract of vacant land on the south side of Staten Island. (Land Papers, op. cit., p. 50).
- 1697, July 1. Patent granted to Anthony Tyse and Peter Minne. (Council Minutes, op. cit., p. 125). (see 1720, 1724 & 1735 records below).
1699. Anthony Tyson chosen supervisor of the West Division. (Stillwell's Historical and Genealogical Miscellany of New York and New Jersey, p. 22). This and other records here taken from Stillwell, other than the 1706 census, are from Richmond Co. Liber A records.
- 1702, April 23. Petition of Anthony Tysson, praying for a patent for 27 acres of meadow adjoining his land in Richmond County. (Land Papers, op. cit., p. 60). 1702, April 23. Patents granted for land on Staten Island include one to Anthony Tyssen. (Council Minutes, op. cit., p. 167).
1703. Anthony Thysen and Kattaleyn De Sceau were godparents of a child of Marcus Du Secoy; records of the Dutch Church on Staten Island.
1703. Anthony Tycson chosen Supervisor of the West Division. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 50).

1704. Anthony Tyce, yeoman, one of those chosen to select a place in the center of the county to build an edifice. (Ibid, p.52).

1706. Undated Census of Staten Island, from internal evidence taken about 1706: adult males---Antony Swam aged 49, John Swain 25, Cornelius Swan 21; women---Elener Swan, Elizabeth Swain, Mary, Anne & Rachel Swam, Ledy Swain, Mary Swam; boys--- Albert, Mathew, Jacob, Antony & Mathew Swam. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 154).

1707. Antoni Sweens and Neeltie Sweens were godparents of Daniel son of Paul Richau: records of the Dutch Church on Staten Island. (see note 2 of this report).

1707. Anthony Tyce witnessed the will of Peter Manett of Staten Island, yeoman, dated 1707 and proved 1712; it mentions the undivided tract in the woods patented jointly to the testator and his neighbor Anthony Tice. (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y.Hist'l Society, 2:121).

1708, May 19. Anthony Swame of Richmond Co., ffarmer for E17 deeded to Johanes Swame of the same an 8 1/2 acre tract of salt meadow on Karles Neck in Richmond Co. bounded to the east by upland of Koshon, to the north by meadow of Jacob Galliot, to the south toward meadow of Arent Praal; signed with mark "A" of Anthony Sweem, witnessed by Jan Dupuy and John dupuy Junr. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:141).

1708, May 19. Anthony Sweam of Richmond Co., ffarmer for E17 deeded to Barne Sweam an 8 1/2 acre tract of salt meadow on Karles Neck, bounded to the south by meadow of Arent Praal, east by upland Kosshon, west toward meadow of Jacob Galjor; signed with mark "A" of Anthony Sweem, witnessed by Jan de puy and John du.puy Junr. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:143).

1709. Anthony Tyce chosen collector of the West Precinct. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 56).

1713. Peter Prawll of Staten Island, yeoman & wife Althea sold to Jn Carshwne (?) for E200 land on the northwest side of Staten Island, adjoining land formerly belonging to Willfoard Praull dec'd, southeast by meadow of Anthony Tyc..., and adjoining meadow of Barne Swaime. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:606).

1713. Anthony Tyce chosen assessor of the West Precinct. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 49).

1715. Richmond Co. militia, list of the South Company under Capt. James Pollion, the privates including Anthony, Matthias and Johannes Sweem. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:550).

1716, Sept. 29. Richard Barnewall of Drakes Hill, Essex Co., and Thomas & Walter Dongan, two surviving kinsmen of the late Thomas Earl of Limerick⁷ deceased sold to Anthony Swaim of Staten Island

⁷Thomas Dongan, Governor of New York, was later Earl of Limerick; he owned a large part of Staten Island. See the 1686-88-89 group of records above.

yeoman, for £130, a tract on the south side of Staten Island, beginning at a stake by the water side, which is the bounds of the land of "said Anthony Swaim Alias Anthony Tyce as specified by the patent"⁷, bounded northwest by said Anthony Swaim, southwest by land laid out for Sarah Scidmore, southeast by the water or Bay, and northeast by "said Anthony Swaim or as by patent⁸ Anthony Tyce", 80 acres; in the actual possession of him the said Anthony Swaim by lease to him made by John Dongan in his lifetime and not yet expired and is part of the estate of the late Earl of Limerick on Staten Island settled upon said Thomas and Walter Dongan but undivided between them; recorded Feb. 20, 1727 for Anthony Swaim. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:274).

1719, April 19. Anthony Thysz Sweem and Neeltje Jansz were godparents (to their son Matthys' son): records of the Dutch Church of Staten Island. (Collections of the N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l Society, p. 21).

1719, June 16. Will of Anthony Sweem of Richmond County, Province of New York, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner; to my eldest son Johannes or such of my sons as shall be the eldest at my decease £5 as in full of his pretence as being heir at law to my estate; debts to be paid out of my estate both real and personal at the discretion of my beloved wife Neeltje whom I make executrix; my well beloved wife Neeltje shall enjoy all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood; my eldest daughter Elizabeth £50 over that which I give herein unto any of my children; my grandson Thomas Wilmoth £25; each of my five daughters viz. Elizabeth, Mary, hannah, Rachel and Leah £30; the remainder of my estate to be equally divided among my three sons viz. Johanis, Matthysz and Jacobus; if my son Cornelis is not deceased and if he should at any time hereafter return to this place, then he shall share and have part in my estate proportionably with the rest of my sons above named; appoint Coll. Thomas ffarmer, Doct^r Johnson, of N.Y.C.⁹ and Gosen Adriaensz of Richmond Co. to be trustees and overseers of this my will
witnessed by Abraham Egbertson signed with the mark "A"
Obediah winter of Anthony Seem
Jn Dupuis

1719/20, March¹⁰ New York appeared before me Peter Schuyler Esq. President of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, Abraham Egbertson and Obediah Winter and made oath that they saw Anthony Seem sign and they saw John Dupuis subscribe as witness.
(signed) P. Schuyler

1719/20, March 10 New York Neltie Seem the Executrix named in the within will took the oath of executrix. (signed) P. Schuyler
The Will of Anthony Sweme, 1720
(from the original will still on file at the Office of the Surrogate for New York County, photostat enclosed). (see also abstract of the liber:9:150 in NYHS wills, op. cit., 2:212).

⁸See 1693 confirmatory patent and 1685 survey, above.

⁹The identity of the executor Dr. Johnson of N.Y.C. has not been investigated; he might be a relative of the wife Neeltje Jans who lived in N.Y.C. The name of the witness Winter is not too clear for his and John Dupuis' relationship, see above under Anthony's sister Elisabeth Thyszen.

1720, April 18. Johaness Sweem of Richmond Co., Yeoman, Eldest son of Anthony Sweem of the same deceased by and with the free consent of Neeltie Sweem the widdow and relict of said deceased and executrix of his will, deeded for £21 to Matthys Johnson of the same, yeoman, a piece beginning at a marked tree near a small bridge, bounded north by the road, west by Sandy Brook, south and east by a small brook, 12 acres, which is part of a 123 acre tract granted by patent dated Oct. 12, 1696 by Gov. Fletcher "unto Peter Manne and the abovesaid Anthony Sweem alias Tyse"; signed by Johaness Sweem and the mark "Q" of Neeltie Sweem; acknowledged by both Feb. 20, 1720/1 before a justice of the peace of Richmond Co. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:102). This property was later sold by Mattys Johnson to Mathias Verbrackel, who sold it in 1726 citing the Sweem deed. (Ibid, D:81).

1720/1, Feb. 20. Johaness Sweem of Richmond Co., yeoman, with the free approbation of "my Mother leelche Sweem" of the same, gentlewoman, as is signified by her hand and seal to these presents, deeded for £125 to Mattyce Sweem of said County, husbandman, one messuage in Richmond County at the south side of the county, 80 acres, bounded west by Paul Regrenee, east by Samuel Curtiss, 45 rods broad, as by patent of Gov. Andrice dated Nov. 1, 1695 to Joseph Thomo, also salt meadow adjoining; signed Johaness Sweem and with the mark "Q" of Neeltje Sweem; witnesses Abraham Egbertson and John depuy; acknowledged April 7, 1722 by said Johaness Sweame and Nelte Swame before a judge in Richmond Co.; recorded May 21, 1731 for Mattyce Sweem. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:284).

1722, Nov. 26. "Neeltje Sweme, late of Staten Island but now of New York, executrix of the last will and testament of Antony Swame deceased and Johannes Swame of the County of Richmond and province of New York, Eldest sun to the said Antony Swame of the one part" deeded for £ 135 to Daniel Lake of Staten Island, Gentleman, an 80 acre tract on the south side of Staten Island bounded east by William Dorvall, 380 x 44 rods, as by patent from Gov. Andrews to Antony Tyse dated Dec. 30, 1680; signed with the mark "Q" of Neeltje Swame and by Johaness Swame; acknowledged by both Nov. 26, 1722 before a justice of the peace of Richmond Co. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:130).

1724, May 20. William Sweem late of Richmond Co., yeoman, with the consent of his wife Mary, deeded for £210 15s to Simon Symons of Kings Co., one messuage tract and salt meadow in Richmond Co. beginning at a stake in the meadow by Paul Gurno's Creek, along said creek to the place called Hanchomas Brook, up said brook to Abraham Mannet, along the road to the land late Matthys Sweems, then along his land to John Taveau, then to Tunis and Symon Bogaert to Sandy Brook, then down the brook to the land of Mattys Johnson and the meadow of Johaness Sweem and the Creek, 91 acres, being part of a 123 acre tract granted by Gov. Fletcher in 1696 "to Anthony Sweem alias Tyse and Pater Mannet" by patent; also 2 acres of salt meadow adjoining; I, William Sweem am the true sole and lawful owner of said bargained premises in my own right;¹⁰ signed William Sweem and Mary Sweem; witnessed by Gozen Adriaenz and Jn Dupuye. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:205). 1735, March 9. Simon Simeson of Richmond Co.

¹⁰For comment on how William Sweem may have obtained this tract, see under him in the Cornelis Tyssen section below.

blacksmith and his wife Mary deeded to Jacob Spragg a tract that is part of the patent granted by Gov. Fletcher on Dec. 10, 1696 "to Antonye Swame Alias Tyce and Peter Manete". (Ibid, D:83).

1731/2, March 16. "These are to satisfy you that about four yeares agoe Nelet Swame and Henry Johnson, Lat of" Richmond County, deceased appeared before me and swore that upon the edge of the bank there was formerly a stake planted which is the bounds of Johannes Vanderhufe and they showed me where it had been; signed Abraham Cole; this certification recorded 1749 for Peter Andrewvet. (Richmond Co. Deeds, D:134).

CHILDREN OF ANTHONY TYCE ALIAS SWEEM:

1. Johanes Sweem or Swame, (he signed both ways according to recorded deeds), was baptized August 26, 1682 by the Dutch minister of New York City as Johannis, child of Anthony Thyssen and of Neeltie Anthonis, (for full record of this and other items, see under the father, above), In 1715 he was a private in the South Company of Richmond Co. militia, with his father, brother Matthias and cousins. After the death of his father, he, as eldest son, joined his mother the executrix, in selling lands, 1720, 1720/1, and 1722, calling himself a yeoman of Richmond Co. His own lands are mentioned as adjoining in sales by others, 1724 and 1726. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:205 & D:81).

We distinguish his family from that of his first cousin Johannes, (son of Barent), Swame because his own name is entered so explicitly, "Johannes Sweems son of Anthony" with wife Mary Rus on the 1718/19 baptismal record of son Jacobus. We have only two other records of his wife or wives. She was Mary Row on the 1728 baptismal record of their daughter. As Mary Swam she was the last listed woman and second Mary in the household of her father-in-law on the 1706 census, which included also John Swain aged 25, and two boys Antony and Mathew Swam, presumably their sons.

- a. Antony, born by 1706; was godparent 1726 to a daughter of (his aunt) Anna Sweem; married Anna Brooks and had a daughter Maria baptized 1728 whose godparents were Johannes Sweem and Marytje Borkelo.

- b. Mathew, born by 1706; the second Mathew listed as in (his grandfather) Antony's household in the 1706 census.
 - c. Jacobus, baptized 1718/19 as son of "Johannes Sweems son of Anthony", the child's mother being Mary Rus; godparents Jacobus Biebaut and Rachel Sweem: Dutch Church records of Staten Island. (Collections of N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l. Society, p. 21)
 - d. Rachel, baptized 1728, daughter of Johannes Sweem and Mary Row; godparent Lea Sweem.
2. Cornelis Sweem, born about 1685. He is listed on the Staten Island census of about 1706 as Cornelius Swan, aged 21 and living in his father's household. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 154) Judging by the terms of his father's will, (see above), dated 1719, Cornelis had by then settled elsewhere and not been heard of for some time.

No other Staten Island record definitely pertaining to him has been noted; but it should be pointed out that so far as ages and the few facts known to me are concerned, he might be the father of some of the children discussed below under his uncle Cornelis Tyssen.

- 3. Albert Swam, born after 1685 and died childless between 1706 and 1719, judging by the 1706 census and his not being mentioned in his father's will.
- 4. Mattys Sweem, listed as boy Mathew Swam in the 1706 census, was a private in 1715 in the South Company of Richmond Co. militia, with his father, brother Johannes and cousins. In 1720/1 he, a husbandman, was deeded 80 acres by his widowed mother and brother, (for the full records, see above under the father Anthony). On April 20, 1722, Matthys Sweem of Richmond Co., yeoman and Catharine, his wife, sold to John Ral of the same, yeoman, for £100, this same 80 acres, described with the same neighbors but as granted by Gov. Fletcher's patent 1697 to Leonard Lemes; signed with the marks "M" of Mattys Sweem and "C" of Catherine Sweem; witness Henry Johnson. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:90).

*The Matthys
who died in
1793 (Gregg Bible)
might be them
He was 85 years
old
Cornelius died
in 1762
Are they brothers?*

The Staten Island baptismal records of Matthys Sweem's children give his wife as Catharina Mangels Ral or Rol. She was baptized Oct. 24, 1694 in the Dutch Church, New York City as Catharina, daughter of Mangel Janse Rol and Anna Hendricx. Her father's name is so unusual that his acting as godparent in 1722 to the child Susanna, (see the full record below), makes it obvious that Susanna's father, Mathew Forbur was identical with Matthys Sweem. Mathew Forbor and his wife Catharine were godparents May 19, 1717 to a daughter of Robert Vesgate and wife Francyntje Ral in the same New York City church.

- a. Anthony, baptized 1719 at the Dutch Church, Staten Island, son of Matthys Sweem and Catharina Mangels Ral; godparents Anthony Thys Sweem and Neeltje Jans.
 - b. Susanna, baptized 1722 at the Dutch Church in N.Y.C., daughter of Mathew Forbur and Catharina Ral; godparents Mangel Ral and Antje Ral. (Collections of the N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l Society, 2:434).
 - c. Jannetje, baptized 1727 at Staten Island; godparent Johannes Sweem.
 - d. Matthias, baptized 1734 at Staten Island; godparents Michiel du Chene and Hester Canon.
5. Jacobus Sweem, a boy on the 1706 census and named in his father's 1719 will.
 6. Daughter, name unknown, evidently married before 1706 a Mr. Wilmoth and died by 1719, since Anthony Sweem then bequeathed a legacy to my grandson Thomas Wilmoth. Presumably he was the Thomas Willmoth who, by wife Elizabeth Mersereaux had a son Thomas baptized 1737 at Staten Island.
 7. Elizabeth Sweem, on the 1706 census and in her father's 1719 will, where she is called my eldest daughter; presumably unmarried.
 8. Mary Swam married Feb. 13, 1717 Jacobus Bebout in the Dutch Church, N.Y.C. As Jacobus Biebaut and Maria Sweems, they had 4 children baptized on Staten Island 1721-1729: Jacobus,

Maria, (godparents Johannes Van der Hoeven and Anna Sweem), Elisabeth, and Petrus. An account of this Bebout family is in NYGB Record, 66:239.

9. Hannah Sweem, in her father's will; but Anna Sweem with her husband Johannes Van der Hoeven on Staten Island's Dutch Church records, which give the baptisms of 6 children 1719-1730/1: Lea, (godparents Johannes Sweem Jr. & Lea Sweem), Cornelius, Lea, (godparents Jacobus Biebaut & Marya Sweem), Elisabeth, (godparent Anthony Sweem), Johannes, and Anthony, (godparent Lea Sweem).
10. Rachel Sweem, on the 1706 census and in her father's 1719 will; also godparent 1718/19 to her brother Johannes' son.
11. Leah Sweem, also called Lea, and in the 1706 census is listed as Ledy Swain. By her husband Jan Andrevet, she had 3 children baptized at the Dutch Church, Staten Island 1722-1729: Neeltje, (godparents Johannes and Antje Sweem), Leah, and Jan.

CORNELIS TYSSSEN

Cornelis was baptized Aug. 10, 1661 as son of Thys Barentsz V. Leerd. and Sytie Cornelis: records of the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam later New York City. (Collections of the N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l Society, 2:61). Cornelis Tyson was paid for killing a wolf in 1698; Cornelis Tyse registered his cattlemark on Staten Island in 1703, (Stillwell, op. cit.).

On Nov. 4, 1684, Daniel Stillwell assigned his 80 acre patent on the south side of the Fresh Kills on Staten Island to John Pens and Cornelus Tison, which said Cornelus Tison assigned all his right to said John Pens on March 12, 1686, (recital of a later owner 1725, Richmond Co. Deeds, C:226).

The members of his family, other than Elisabeth, are not known. Some of those tentatively assigned below might belong to an unnamed brother or, if young enough, to his nephew Cornelis Sweem

*eliminate
Cornelius of
New Jersey died
no 1702*

who left Staten Island not long after 1706.

POSSIBLE CHILDREN OF CORNELIS TYSSSEN (in arbitrary order):

1. Elisabeth, born and baptized 1705 at the Dutch Church, Staten Island, as daughter of Cornelis Tyssen; godparents Leenart Smack and Sara Smack. Perhaps she used the name Elisabeth Sweem and perhaps she married Peter, minor son in 1707 of the Peter Manett who was a joint patentee with Anthony Tyce in 1696, (see above). Elisabeth Sweem and Pierre Manin were godparents 1721 to a son of William Sweem; Elizabeth Sweem and Pieter Manez were godparents 1723 to a son of Abraham Manez and Anna Jansen: records of the Dutch Church, Staten Island.
2. ? Maria Sweem acted with Abraham Manez 1719 as godparents of a son of Willem Sweem.
3. ? William Sweem listed in 1715 as a private with John Sweem in the same South Company of Richmond Co. militia as Anthony Sweem and his two sons. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:549).

In 1724, William Sweem, late of Richmond Co., yeoman, with consent of his wife Mary, sold 91 acres of the 123-acre tract that had been patented 1696 jointly to Anthony Sweem alias Tyse and to Peter Mannet, (see above under Anthony for the full abstract). How William had obtained this land unfortunately does not appear on the record; he was not a son of Anthony and seems too old¹¹ for a grandson; could his mother have been a Mannet? It seems likely that his father was Cornelis Tyssen, since he named a son Cornelius.

Willem Swame or Sweem had three children baptized at the Dutch Church, Staten Island, the mother of the two youngest being recorded as Marya Lageler.

¹¹A cattlemark was registered in 1703 to a Witt (Will?) Tyse. If this record belongs to the above William Sweem, he was considerably older than the records in the text suggest.

Handwritten note:
 Elisabeth
 who was born
 in 1705

- a. Magyel, baptized 1715; godparents Hendrick Willemsen and Maritje Williamit.
- b. Johannes, baptized 1719; godparents Abraham Manez and Maria Sweem.
- c. Cornelius, baptized 1721/2; godparents Pierre Manin and Elisabeth Sweem.

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*eliminate
because when
Cornelius died
in 1767, and his
son Matthias was
54 years old at
that time.*