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Staten Island and Its People

A HISTORY

1609-1929

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to map them with accuracy. Mr. George M. Root, an experienced surveyor familiar with farm lines of long standing, made a map of Staten Island in 1902 on which these early grants are shown in relation to present roads; and the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, as we are informed by Mr. Arthur Brubaker, has since corrected it. From Root's map we copy the following list of the early owners of land, interpolating also those indicated by cattle mark records to 1712:

- Adriansen, Gozen, 1701, 1708.
Anderson, George, cattlemark before 1690.
Antill, Edward, 1686.
Arentse, Clause, 1677 (later Gerrit Vick 1687).
Ardwin, Matthew, 1685.
Arrowsmith, Edmund, 1680; Joseph 1683.
Barber, Francis, 1680.
Barker, William, 1694, 1696.
Bastido, Joseph, 1694.
Belville, John, 1665, and cattlemark before 1690.
Beekman, William, date?
Bendall, Philip, 1680.
Berryman, Thomas or Jane, 1693.
Billiou, Pierre or Isaac, 1686, 1692, 1697, 1702.
Billop, Christopher, 1676, 1687; Joseph, 1702.
Blackford, Samuel, 1683; Anthony, 1685.
Bodine, 1694, 1708.
Borame, Henry, 1696.
Bridges, John, 1680.
Britton, Nathaniel, 1677.
Britton, William and Mary, 1685.
Browne, George, 1691.
Bucklew, Peter, 1686.
Baudouin, Jaques, 1664 (spelled Bandovan on map).
Casier (Case), John, cattlemark before 1690.
Canon, Andros, 1686; also cattlemark before 1690; Abraham, 1697.
Carhart, Thomas, 1691.
Cartier, Francis, 1686.
Christopher, Hans, 1685.
Christopher, Stoffel, cattlemark before 1690.
Clarke, Edward, 1680.
Clayson, Derick, 1697.
Cole, Abraham, 1685.
Comes or Coone, Thomas, cattlemark before 1690.
Cooper, Benjamin, cattlemark before 1690.
Corbett, Jacob, 1680.
Cornelis, Jacob, 1680.
Corsen, Cornelius, 1680.
Corsen, John; Joshua, 1680, 1683; Peter, 1680, 1683.
Cresson, Jacob, 1680, 1683; Peter, 1680, 1683.
Croose, Garret, 1709, 1677.
Crousoon, Jousia (Crocheron?), 1685.
Crocheron, John, 1677.
Cummins, George, cattlemark before 1690.
Curtis, Samuel, cattlemark before 1690.
Curtis, Richard, 1680.
Coeur, Joly, 1680.
Corne, Simon, 1680.
Comely, Henry, 1677.
Dalley, John, 1677.
Darall, William, 1680.
DeCamp, Lawrence, 1700.
Disosway (Du Souchay), Mark, 1684, 1701.
Doddiman, Richard, 1668.
Dongan, Thomas, 1680.
Dorland, Lambert Jansen, 1680.
Douglass, William, 1685.
DuChene, Anthony, 1700.
Dullere, John, 1702.
Dyce, William, 1680.
Dye, James Hance, 1700.
Duxbury, Elias, 1693.
Egbertse, Teunis, 1699.
Elston, William, 1680.
Emott, James, 1694.
Fitzgaret, John, 1680.
Fountain, Vincent, 1701; Anthony, 1685.
French, John, cattlemark before 1690.
Fountain, Anthony, 1685.
Gayneau, Etienne, 1677.

"Richmond County Gazette," August 22, 1860, the names of ten arrivals at the Belmont are given, and on the 29th of August, seventeen others are mentioned. It is also stated that for several years it was a temperance house. "Three churches have been organized in its parlor." It closed about 1887, and was demolished to make room for stores.

Belville—According to Riker, the earliest mention of John Belville is his admission to the French church in New York in 1670; Root's map, however, locates him at Long Neck in 1665. In 1677 John Belville from St. Martin, France, married Hester Casier, both living on Staten Island. Somewhat doubtfully, "Le Chaudronier," the tinker, a Frenchman formerly a soldier under the Prince of Orange, found by Dankers and Sluyter in 1679, is identified with this John Belville. Without any doubt, however, we find his cattle-mark recorded very early, probably in 1680, and reference to the swinging gates on his farm at Fresh Kill in 1708. He gave the land on which the French Church was erected in 1698. Of his family we find few traces. The census shows Hester and Mary, both women in 1706. Mary, with Barent Sween, was a witness in 1708. Hester in 1732 was the wife of Nathaniel Britton.

Bement—Bement Avenue in West New Brighton is a reminder of Edward Bement, a wealthy resident whose gifts to churches were important. Mr. Bement was born in Salisbury, Connecticut, on April 15, 1795; died on Staten Island, April 27, 1866. Gravestones in the cemetery adjoining the Church of the Ascension at West New Brighton record the births and deaths of several members of his family. In 1842 Akerly refers to the blooded stock on Edward Bement's farm on the north shore. His home was on Richmond Terrace, west of the foot of the present Bement Avenue. In our boyhood three towering Lombardy poplars grew by the roadside and a line of flowering dogwood trees adorned the bank which sloped to the water's edge.

Bendall—Philip Bendall had a land grant in 1680; the present South Avenue at Arlington extends through the central part of the grant. His cattlemark was recorded at about the same time. The inventory of his estate in 1681 shows that his buildings were valued at £25 and that he had in and about them a cow, a calf, twenty shoats, two axes, a spade, an iron pot, two hoes, a beetle, three wedges, an old musket, a chain and irons for a plow, twelve bushels of wheat and ten of Indian corn, with household stuff, valued in all at £16.10.0. Lydia Bendall appears as a witness in 1701.

Benedict—Samuel Ward Benedict, born at Danbury, Connecticut, in 1798, the descendant of an English family long resident in New England, bought the Daniel Winant place at Rossville in 1836. The house