

-- GESNER --

The family groups represented in this collection may not be complete, because information was entered bit by bit as I found it or happened upon it; I have not done any systematic research on these families. Because they do not compose whole family genealogies, these listings are arranged differently from most genealogical records or histories. Each listing is a family group, and is arranged and filed alphabetically under the name of the head of the family.

Names are generally in alphabetical order (disregarding spelling variations and middle names), then in approx. chronological order. The first sorting is by surname (mixing together any and all spelling variations), then by given name, then by approximate birthdate (when known) in approximate chronological order. For easier reference, surnames in headings are grouped together under the most common spelling usage that evolved in this geographical location, regardless of individualistic spellings in the records themselves. Cross references are used in most cases where surname spellings substantially vary.

Within the quoted records, the individual spellings have been (mostly) retained because they sometimes provide clues (although in general—but with exceptions—they seem to largely reflect the record keeper's particular orthography and not always, at this early period, any special family preference). Those interested can see the variety and evolution of a particular name's spelling and the interesting and sometimes amusing attempts at phonetic reproduction. Keep in mind that before names and spellings were standardized, records reflected the individualistic whim of the particular recorder (often two different spellings of the same name within the same document). In addition, all records were handwritten, and sometimes deciphering a handwritten name in early records can be quite challenging! So expect to search under all possibilities of spelling (for both surnames and given names).

Given names are grouped together without regard for middle initials or middle names. Because middle names and/or initials are sometimes used, sometimes not used in various records, it seemed simplest to arrange entries as if the middle names or initials did not exist. Usually all variations of a given name are grouped together as though spelled one way: Jan, Johannes, John, etc. are all grouped as one (but also look under the other forms).

Sources and references are included with each "family" grouping, but may or may not include sources that are cited (or are obvious, such as baptismal records, etc.) within the narrative or listing itself.

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I welcome, and would be grateful for, any additions or corrections, especially with source citations.

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Genealogical material on the Gesner family includes:

Brown, Alfred Lozier, The Gesners and Their Kin, 1937 (at Bergen County Historical Society)  
Gesner, Athon Temple, The Gesner Family of New York and Nova Scotia, Middletown, CT: Pelton & King, 1912

**Gesner, Abraham**

Abraham Gesner (twin)  
son of John Henry Gesner  
& Femmetje Brouwer

b. 10 Nov 1756

bp. 12 Dec 1756 Tappan Ref Ch

Abraham Gesner was a Loyalist during the Revolution and settled afterward at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

---children of Abraham Gesner (12 children)

• **Maria Gesner**

---Sources: Haagensen, Alice Munro, "The Nicholas Gesner Diary" in *South of the Mountains*, April-June 1990, p. 3

m.

**Elizabeth Steadman**

dau. of

b.

bp.

**Gesner, Abraham (M.D.)**

Abraham Gesner  
son of Henry Gesner &  
Sarah Pineo

m. 1822

**Harriet Webster**

dau. of

b. 1797  
d. 1864

b.  
d.

He lived at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was a medical doctor as well as an eminent geologist. He was the discoverer of kerosene in 1854.

*---children of Abraham Gesner & Harriet Webster:*

• **Abraham Herbert Gesner**, b. 1832; d. 1895; m. 1859 **Helen Catlin Dickinson**.

---Sources: Virkus, Frederick A., *Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, 1925, Vol. I, p. 126

**Gesner, Abraham**

Abraham Gesner  
son of John Henry Gesner &  
Annatje Onderdonk

b. 26 Jan 1797 Nyack, NY  
bp.

m. 22 Dec 1822  
Kakiat Ref Ch  
(he of Nyack; she of  
Kakiat)

**Willempie Onderdonk** (Wilhelmina)  
dau. of Cornelius Onderdonk &  
Annetje Blauvelt

b. 25 Nov 1805 (25 May 1804<sup>2</sup>) NY State  
bp. 16 Dec 1804 Kakiat<sup>2</sup>

d. 4 Aug 1874 Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY<sup>3</sup>

d. 6 Feb 1888 South Nyack, Rockland Co., NY<sup>3</sup>

Abraham Gesner, 52, ship carpenter, and Wilmina, 44, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Living with them were: Isaac Gesner, 19; Harriett Fenton, 26; and Robert [Q., or L.?] [Fenton], 3.

They were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY (Nyack P.O.). He was listed as a ship carpenter.

They were listed in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Orangetown, Nyack P.O., p. 66, enumerated 25 June 1870, Dwelling 431, Family 572 (all b. NY) -- Gesner, Abraham, 73, Ship Carpenter; [Gesner], Wilhelmina, 64; Fenton, Harriet, 46, Keeping House, value real estate \$6000; [Fenton], Robert, 23, Printer. Listed just after them was the family headed by John N. (age 44) & Caroline (age 34) Gesner.

*---children of Abraham Gesner & Willempie Onderdonk:* (mother of 3 children, according to 1865 Census)

• **Harriet Howell Gesner** (Harriet Newell Gesner<sup>1,3</sup>), b. 12 Nov 1823; bp. 23 Feb 1824 Kakiat Ref Ch (in the "parents" column is "Williampy Onderdonk, w. of Abraham Gisner, who did not stand."; m. 13 May 1841, **James L. Fenton**<sup>3</sup>. She and her supposed son, Robert E. Fenton (but no husband) were listed in the 1860 census living with her parents. She and her son (b. Westchester Co.) were living with her parents in 1865, when she was listed as a mother of 3 children, and as widowed.

• **Anna M. Gesner**, b. 16 May 1825 Nyack, NY; d.y.

• **John Newton Gesner**, b. 31 Oct 1826 Nyack, NY; d. 1 March 1898 Nanuet, Rockland Co., NY; m. **Caroline Wilkins**

• **Isaac Onderdonk Gesner**, b. Nyack, NY. He lived in Ohio and Florida.

---Sources:

[1] Moos, Dorothy, *The Blauvelt Family Genealogy*, Revised Edition, Vol. II, 1994, p. 59;

[2] Kolenut, Ethel Knight, *The Ackerson/Eckerson Family in America* (1994), p. 103;

[3] Onderdonk, Elmer, with revisions by Andrew Onderdonk, *Genealogy of the Onderdonk family in America*, 1910, p. 120-123;

*Baptisms at the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead, Rockland County, NY*, aka Brick Church, aka Kakiat Ref Ch, 1774-1898 in undated George H. Budke Collection, transcribed May 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper; Marriage Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead, New York 1774-1898, also known as "Kakiat" and presently referred to as "Brick Church" online at <<http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/>> 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 180, family 215 (family of Abraham Gesner); 1860 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, P.O. Nyack, taken June 1860, Dwelling 282, Family 362; 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Orangetown, Southern half of Election District 2, taken June 1865, Family 156

**Gesner, Abraham Herbert**

Abraham Herbert Gesner  
son of Abraham Gesner &  
Harriet Webster

b. 1832  
d. 1895

m. 1859

**Helen Catlin Dickinson**

dau. of

b. 1832  
d. 1868

He was an Episcopal minister.

*---children of Abraham Herbert Gesner & Helen Catlin Dickinson:*

• **Landon Gesner**, b. 1861; d. 1861.

• **Richmond Herbert Gesner**, b. 26 April 1862 Kingston, NY; m. 12 June 1890 **Virginia Brett**, dau. of Bernard B. Brett of Albany, NY.

• **Anthon Temple Gesner**, b. 20 July 1865 Le Roy, NY; m. 14 June 1893 **Blanche Louise Pininger**.

---Sources: Virkus, Frederick A., *Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy*, 1925, Vol. I, p. 126

**Gesner, Anthon Temple**

Anthon Temple Gesner  
son of Abraham Herbert Gesner &  
Helen Catlin Dickinson

b. 20 July 1865 Le Roy, NY

m. 14 June 1893

**Blanche Louise Pininger**

dau. of William Pininger

b. 16 Sep 1872 Crippenham, Wiltshire, Eng.

He was an Episcopal clergyman, They lived in Waterbury, CT.

He wrote *The Gesner Family of New York and Nova Scotia*, which was published at Middletown, CT: Pelton & King, 1912.

*---children of Anthon Temple Gesner & Blanche Louise Pininger:*

• **Helen Sargent Gesner**, b. 1895 St. Paul, MN; m. 1918 Rev. **Joseph Noyes Barnett**.

- **Dorothy Dickinson Gesner**, b. 11 June 1897 Grand Forks, ND; m. 1921 **Paul A. Shepardson**.
- **Conrad Herbert Gesner**, b. 30 Aug 1901 Detroit, MN
- **Harriet Davis Gesner**, b. 5 April 1907 Faribault, MN.

---Sources: Virkus, Frederick A., Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, 1925, Vol. I, p. 126

### Gesner, Conrad

Conrad Gesner m. -?-  
b. about 1683 b.

Conrad Gesner, 26, husbandman & vinedresser, his wife, and two sons aged 2 and 1/2 were on the List of Palatines who came to England in June 1709.

---Sources: "Lists of Germans From the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709" (Public Record Office, London, Lists of poor Palatines who arrived at St. Cathrin's June 11, 1709, taken at St. Catherine's and Deptford June 15) in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1910, p. 10

### Guessner, Cornelius

Cornelius Guessner m. -?-

---*children of Cornelius Guessner &*

- **Elizabeth Guessner/Gesner**, b. 1790; d. 1851; m. 1808 Sugar Loaf St., NYC Dutch Ref Ch (before Aug 1810 Madison Avenue Ref Ch, NYC), **Garret Volk**, son of Henry Volk & Maria Outwater. They lived at Wells, in Montgomery Co., NY and at Stockbridge, MA.

---Sources: New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at genealogy.com; Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, Records of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church in the City of New York, Vol. 2, p. 4 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library);

### Gesner, Cornelius

Cornelius Gesner m. 15 May 1786 **Catharine Concklin** (Catrina)  
son of (prob) John Henry Gesner & Tappan Ref Ch dau. of (poss?) Jacob Concklin &  
Femmetje Brouwer Elizabeth  
b. 1 Feb 1761 b.  
bp. 8 Mar 1761 Tappan Ref Ch bp.

In the Tappan Ref Ch record of their marriage, they were both of Rockland.

---*children of Cornelius Gesner & Catharine Concklin:*

- **Elizabeth Gisner**, bp. 9 Nov 1796 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Concklin, Elizabeth Concklin)
- Sources: "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographics Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953); Cole, David, History of Rockland County, New York, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation

### Guessner, Daniel

Daniel Guessner m. 22 March 1813 **Susannah Fowler**  
son of John Guessner & Madison Ave. Ref Ch, dau. of Joseph Fowler &  
NYC

---Sources: Vosburgh, Royden Woodward, Records of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church in the City of New York, Vol. 2, p. 11 (online at New York Genealogical & Biographical Society e-Library)

### Gesner, David

David Gesner m. 1809 **Elizabeth Corwin**  
son of John H. Gesner & dau. of  
Antye Onderdonk  
b. 19 June 1787 Nyack, NY b. 5 Aug 1790  
d. 9 Sep 1832 d. 5 July 1872  
buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, NY

---*children of David Gesner & Elizabeth Corwin:*

- **Sarah Matilda Gesner**, b. 11 May 1823 Nyack, NY; d. 1892 Nyack, NY; m. 7 June 1845 Nyack, NY, **Harmon Snedeker**.
- **John Gilbert Gesner**, b. 1826; d. 1901; m. 1855 **Elizabeth E. Witsil**. She was b. 1836; d. 1905.

---Sources: Natalie (Neill) Mather Ancestor Table in the Newsletter of the Rockland County Genealogical Society, Feb 1995; Barber, Gertrude A., Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y. (typescript), New York, 1934, p. 120 (online at HeritageQuest)

### Gesner, George M.

George M. Gesner m. **Mary**  
son of (prob) William H. Gesner & dau. of  
Mary Ann Mann  
b. about 1818 NY b. about 1822 NY

George M. Gesner, 32, baker, and Mary, 28, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Living with them were: George A. Gesner, 7; Charles W. Gesner, 5; Robert M. Gesner, 3; and Francis F. Gesner (male), 10/12. Also living with them in the same dwelling were the family of William H. and Mary Ann Gesner (prob. his parents).

---children of George M. Gesner & Mary

- **George A. Gesner**, b. about 1843 NY
- **Charles W. Gesner**, b. about 1845 NY
- **Robert M. Gesner**, b. about 1847 NY
- **Francis F. Gesner**, b. about 1849 NY

---Sources: 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 258, family 313 (family of George M. Gesner)

**Gesner, Edmund/Edwin** (n. before 1848, Elizabeth -?-) See; Gesner, James E.

**Gesner, Henry**

Henry Gesner  
son of John Henry Gesner &  
Annatje Onderdonk  
b. 2 Feb 1785  
d. 6 May 1851

m. 16 Jan 1806  
Tappan Ref Ch  
(she as "Laukky Townsend")  
"both of Tappan"

**Rachel Townsend**

dau. of  
b. 2 June 1786  
d. 18 May 1878  
buried Oak Hill Cem, Nyack

buried Oak Hill Cem, Nyack, Rockland Co., NY

He was a shipbuilder at Nyack, and built many vessels, including the first Nyack steamboat, the *Orange*. He was the first to build centre-boards in vessels.

Henry Gesner, 66, farmer, and Rachel Gesner, 64, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Listed with them were: Phebe Graham, 39; Peter Bush, 39 [or 59?], laborer; and Robert Shaw, 65, laborer (b. VA).

---children of Henry Gesner & Rachel Townsend:

- **Philip Dubey Gisner**, b. 22 Feb 1807; bp. 19 July 1807 Tappan (wit: Philip Dubey, Marthy Holstead); m. **Mary -?-**.
- (poss) **Jane Gesner**, b. 5 Nov 1813; d. 29 April 1888; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY;  
m. **Aaron L. Christie**
- (poss?) **Henry Gesner**, b. 7 April 1824; d. 27 May 1890; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY;  
m. **Christina Clark**

- (prob) **John N. Gesner**, b. 31 Oct 1826 Nyack, NY; d. 1 March 1898; m. **Caroline Wilkins**

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur C. M., Baptism Record of the Tappan Reformed Church, Tappan, Rockland County, NY, 1694-1899, Kinship, 1998; Krell, Peter, So That All May Be Remembered, Vol. I, Clarkstown, p. 205; 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 774, family 847 (family of Henry Gesner); "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953); Historical record to the close of the nineteenth century of Rockland County, New York, Nyack, N.Y., Van Deusen & Joyce. (online at Ancestry.com), Biographical section, p. 12; Barber, Gertrude A., Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y., New York, 1934 (typescript), p. 95 (online at HeritageQuest)

**Gesner, Henry**

Henry Gesner  
son of (poss) Henry Gesner &  
Rachel Townsend  
b. 7 April 1824 Rockland Co., NY  
d. 27 May 1890, age 66.1.20  
buried Oak Hill Cem., Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY

m.

**Christina Clark**

dau. of  
b. 1 Nov 1824 Rockland Co., NY (11 Jan 1834)  
d. 1 June 1896, age 72.4.21  
buried Oak Hill Cem., Clarkstown, NY

They were listed in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County. He kept a shoe finding store and was a landowner.

---children of Henry Gesner & Christina Clark: (she was mother of 9 children by 1865)

- **Peter Gesner**, b. about 1849 Rockland Co., NY
- **Rachel Gesner**, b. (poss) 21 Dec 1849 Rockland Co., NY; d. (prob) 21 Jan 1898; buried (prob) Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY; m. (prob) **Thomas Hines**
- **Henry Gesner**, b. about 1858 Rockland Co., NY
- **Willie Gesner**, b. about 1861 Rockland Co., NY
- **Whitney Gesner** (son), b. about 7 Dec 1863 Rockland Co., NY; d. 18 June 1873, age 9.6.11; buried Oak Hill Cem., Clarkstown [Nyack], Rockland Co., NY.

---Sources: 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Orangetown, Southern half of Election District 2, taken June 1865, Family 41; Krell, Peter, So That All May Be Remembered, Vol. I Clarkstown, Rockland County [NY], published 1989 by Clarkstown Bicentennial Commission (Oak Hill Cemetery, Clarkstown, NY), p. 204-205; Barber, Gertrude A., Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y., New York, 1934 (typescript), p. 95 (online at HeritageQuest)

**Gesner, Henry W.**

Henry W. Gesner  
b. about 1837 Rockland Co., NY

m.

**Cornelia**

b. about 1839 Rockland Co., NY

They were listed (just the two of them) in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Clarkstown, Rockland County. He was a schoolteacher and landowner.

---Sources: 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, 1st Election District, Clarkstown, taken June 1865, Dwelling 245, Family 258

**Gesner, Isaac**

Isaac Gesner

m.

**Johanna LaForge** (LaForge; Lavidsjer)

son of John Henry Gesner & Femmetje Brouwer  
 b. 15 May 1754  
 bp. 16 June 1754 Tappan Ref Ch

dau. of  
 b.  
 bp.

He was a tailor and in 1791 was living in the West Ward, NYC.

---children of Isaac Gesner & Johanna LaForge:

- **John Gisner**, b. 28 July 1775; bp. 17 Sep 1775 Tappan Irreg. Ch (wit: Jan Gisner, Femmitje Brouwanser)
- **Femmetje Gisner**, bp. 20 Sep 1783 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Nicolaus Gisner & Femmetje Gisner)

---Sources: Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation; "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New York [City]" (Baptisms), in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1899, p. 90

**Gesner, Isaac** (Gasnor)

Isaac Gesner  
 son of m. about April 1788  
 NYC Ref Ch

**Deborah Taylor**  
 dau. of

---Sources: Marriages from 1639 to 1801 in the Reformed Dutch Church, New Amsterdam-New York City, 1940 (Vol. IX of Collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society), reprinted 1997 by Heritage Books

**Gesner, Jacob**

Jacob Gesner m.  
 son of John Henry Gesner & Femmetje Brouwer  
 b. 23 Dec 1751  
 bp. 19 Jan 1752 Tappan Ref Ch

**Anne Briggs**  
 dau. of

b.  
 bp.

He became a Capt. in the English Army.

---children of Jacob Gesner & Anne Briggs:

- **Jan Gisner**, b. 16 Jan 1776; bp. 16 June 1776 Tappan Irreg. Ch (wit: Jan Gisner, Femmetje Brouwer)
- **Jacob Gisner**, b. 20 Jan 1776; bp. 16 June 1776 Tappan Irreg Ch (wit: Jacob Conklin, Elisabeth Gisner) (the birth dates for Jan and Jacob are given exactly as they appear in the bp. record, with the year 1776 for both!)

---Sources: Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation

**Gesner, Jacob**

Jacob Gesner m. 15 Oct 1831  
 son of Nicholas Gesner & Gracy Post  
 b. April 1806 (ts)<sup>1</sup> Rockland Co., NY  
 bp.  
 d. Aug 1884 (ts)<sup>1</sup>  
 buried Maple Grove Cem., Montebello, Rockland Co., NY<sup>1</sup>  
 m. (2) 20 May 1867  
 Newark, Essex Co., NJ

**Elizabeth Cooper**  
 dau. of Lucas/Luykas Cooper & Catlyntje/Tyne Kuyper  
 b. 18 March 1807 (15 June 1807 ts<sup>1</sup>)  
 bp. 3 May 1807 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch  
 d. 25 Nov 1864<sup>1</sup>  
 buried Maple Grove Cem., Montebello, NY<sup>1</sup>  
**Henrietta Clark**  
 dau. of James H. Clark &  
 b. 7 Dec 1839 NJ

He was listed in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Ramapo, Rockland County. He was widowed and a Baptist Clergyman.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New Jersey, Hudson Co., Jersey City, Ward 5, p. 106, enumerated 27 Aug 1870, Family 826 -- Gesner, Jacob, 63, House Carpenter, value personal estate \$150, b. NY; [Gesner], Henrietta, 34, b. NJ; [Gesner], Elmer, 5/12, b. Jan, b. NJ; [Gesner], Nicholas, 22, House Carpenter, b. NY.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, Pennsylvania, Luzerne Co., Lehman, District 86, p. 14, enumerated 19 June 1880, Dwelling 121, Family 131 -- Gesner, Jacob, 75, Minister of Gospel, b. NY, his father b. NJ, his mother b. PA; [Gesner], Henriette, 40, Wife, Keeping House, b. NJ, her parents b. NJ; [Gesner], Elmer, 10, Son, Single, At home, b. NJ, his father b. NY, his mother b. NJ.

---children of Jacob Gesner & (1) Elizabeth Cooper:

- **Sarah Ann Gesner**, b. 30 Sep 1842; d. 13 Oct 1896; buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Montebello, Rockland Co., NY<sup>1</sup>.

She was poss. listed in the 1880 Federal Census, Nyack, Rockland Co., NY, as a boarder, age 36, in the home of Thomas (age 72, b. England) & Eliza (age 68, b. England) Austin.

- **Amanda Gesner**, b. about 1847 NJ; m. (poss?) 30 Dec 1866, **John D. Conklin**
- **Nicholas Gesner**, b. 30 Dec 1847 NJ; m. (poss) **Margaret J. Ganley**; m. **Mary Perry** [marriage order uncertain]

---children of Jacob Gesner & (2) Henriette

- **Elmer Gesner**, b. 13 Jan 1870 NJ; m. (prob) (prob. before 1895), **Viola F. -?** (Frances Viola -?-). She was b. about 1873 PA.

---Sources:

[1] Tombstone Inscriptions and photos posted online at <<http://www.findagrave.com>> (Maple Grove Cemetery, Montebello, Rockland Co., NY: Jacob Gesner, Elizabeth Cooper, his wife, and Sarah A. Gesner, all sharing a stone; tombstone photo posted online); Gilman, Winthrop S., *Local History*, notebook/scrapbook reproduced 1997 by the Palisades [NY] Free Library, and the Palisades Historical Committee, p. 145; Cooper genealogy by James C. Cooper, River Edge, NJ [1889?] copied at Palisades, NY Public Library by Art Hillier, Winter Haven, FL <[Art1ev2@aol.com](mailto:Art1ev2@aol.com)>; 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Ramapo, 2nd Election District, taken June 1865, Family 239; Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com;



**Gisner, James P.**

James P. Gisner  
son of

---Sources: New York #2, 1740s-1880s Marriage Index online at genealogy.com

m. 19 May 1830  
Mariner's Ch, NYC

**Priscilla Williams**

dau. of

**Gesner, James E.** (Edmund; Edwin)

James E. Gesner

b. about 1824 Rockland Co., NY

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Clarkstown, p. 68, enumerated 21 Sep 1850, Dwelling 544, Family 594 (all b. NY) -- James E. Gesner, 26, Shoemaker; Elizabeth [Gesner], 26; Arena [Gesner], 2; Tunis D. Seaman, 15, Shoemaker; Catherine Abrams, 15.

They were listed in the 1860 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Clarkstown, Nyack P.O., p. 79, enumerated 14 July 1860, Dwelling 1817, Family 2050 (all b. NY) -- Edwin Gesner, 37, Shoemaker, value real estate \$1400, value personal estate \$100; Elizabeth [Gesner], 26; Irene [Gesner], 11; Forrest [Gesner], 9; Mary A. [Gesner], 4.

They were listed in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Clarkstown, Rockland County. He was a shoemaker and landowner; she was a tailoress.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Clarkstown, Nyack P.O., p. 9, enumerated 2 August 1870, Dwelling 69, Family 68 (all b. NY) -- Gesner, Edmund, 46, Boot & Shoe Maker, value real estate \$2000; [Gesner], Elizabeth, 49, Keeping House; [Gesner], Edwin F., 19, Works in Pail? Factory; [Gesner], Mary, 14. Listed living in the same dwelling, Family 69 (both b. NY) -- Colsey, Francis D., 26, Cabinet Maker; [Colsey], Irene, 22, Keeping House.

---children of *James E. Gesner & Elizabeth*

• **Irene Gesner**, b. about 1848 NY; m. (prob) **Francis D. Colsey**

• **Edwin Forrest Gesner**, b. about 1852 Rockland Co., NY

• **Mary A. Gesner**, b. about 1854 Rockland Co., NY

---Sources: 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, 1st Election District, Clarkstown, taken June 1865, Dwelling 260, Family 305

**Gesner, Johan Hendrick**

Johan Hendrick Gesner  
son of Matheus Gessinger &

b. 1681

d. 1745 (1748<sup>1</sup>)

Johan Hendrick Gesner was a millwright. A Palatine, he and his wife came from the Rhenish Palatinate on the ship *Lyon* in 1710.

Heinrich Gessner, a millright from Westchester County, NY, bought 56 acres in what is today Old Tappan from Johannes DeVries on 16 April 1725 (recorded in Orange County, NY). The description of the property includes the 56 acres "and all that dwelling house and grist mill lately erected thereon." Gesner operated the mill until his death in 1748.<sup>1</sup>

Johann Henrich Gessinger and his wife Anna Elisabeth (along with Johann Marcus Koning) wit. bp. on Pentecost, 1716 NYCLuthCh ("in our church at N.Y.") of Johann Henrich, b. 5 Nov 1715 at Yonckers Fall, child of Reinhard Haus and wife Anna Elisabeth.

In his will, dated 30 Oct 1745, probated 16 July 1748, he wrote: ...October 30, 1745, I, Hendrick Gesener, of Tappan, in Orange Country, being sick. My executors are to sell personal property to pay debts. I leave to my wife Elizabeth all my estate for life, but in case she should be willing that my real estate should be sold, then from the proceeds my son John is to have £150, and the rest is to remain in my wife's hands for her support. After her decease I leave to my son John all real and personal estate remaining, except 1 negro woman, which I give to my daughter Geritty, wife of Jacob Valentine, and my son John is to pay her £100. I discharge several bonds which I have against Jacob Valentine. I make my wife Elizabeth, and my trusty friends, Isaac Blauvelt and Johannes Ferdon, executors. Witnesses, Johannes Waldron, Gerritt Eckerson, Johannes Vlierboom. Proved, July 16, 1748.

---children of *Johan Hendrick Gesner & Anna Elisabeth Schmidt*:

• **Anna Margaetha Gesinger** (Anna Margaret Gesner; Grietje Gesner), b. 28 Jan 1709; m. (before 1741) **Jacob Valentine**.

• **John Henry Gesner**, b. 25 May 1724; m. 1744 **Femmetje Brouwer**

• (poss) **Elizabeth Gesner**, m. **Wilhelmus Ferdon**

\*Heinrich Schmidt was citizen-administrator and landlord at Ritter St. Georg.

---Sources:

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**Gesner, John Henry** (Jan) (Gissinger)

John Henry Gesner  
son of Johan Hendrick Gesner

& Elizabeth Ann Smith

b. 25 May 1724

bp.

m. 1744

(banns 5th Sun. after  
Easter and 2 other ch. days)

NYC Lutheran Ch

(banns at Hackensack)

**Femmetje Brouwer** (Famiche)

dau. of Adolph Brouwer &

Jannetje Ferdon

b. 1722 (ts)

bp. 1 Dec 1723 Hackensack Ref Ch

d. 6 (or 8) July 1811 age 87.1.11 (8) ("young people of Tappan") d. 10 Feb 1788  
 buried Gesner Burying Gr, Northvale, Bergen Co., NJ buried Gesner Burying Gr., Northvale, NJ  
 John Henry Gesner established the Gesner Burying Ground, in what is now Northvale, Bergen County, NJ, probably when his wife Famiche Brower died in 1788. He sold it to his son-in-law Jacob Concklin in 1796 and it was used for burials for both families until 1852.

On 3 August 1796 (recorded 30 December 1805, Bergen Co. X:30) John Gesner of Harrington Township, yeoman, conveyed to Nicholas Gesner of Orange Township, County of Orange, State of New York, for £100, 1 rod, 6 perches, at a place commonly called Rockland, part of which [is] in Harrington Township in the County of Bergen, and part in Orange Township in the the County of Orange, State of New York. Signed by John Gesner. No witnesses listed.<sup>1</sup>

On 30 August 1796 (recorded 30 December 1805, Bergen Co. X:22) John Gesner of Harrington Township, yeoman, conveyed to Nicholas Gesner of Orange Township, County of Orange, State of New York, for £300 and other good considerations, 31 acres, 1 rod, 6 perches at the place commonly called Rockland in Harrington Township, beginning at corner lot no. 1 adjoining land of Jacob Concklin. Signed by John Gesner. Witnessed by Peter Maba, Petrus Haring.<sup>1</sup>

John Gisner of Harrington, Bergen Co., N.J., in his will dated May 7, 1810, probated Jul. 11, 1811. Mentioned Sons, John, Nicholas, Henry, and Abraham; Children of my son Isaac; Children if my son Cornelius; Dau. Famica wife of Peter Woolsey; Dau. Elizabeth wife of Jacob Concklen; Son-in-law, Peter Woolse; "My blood beads shall be left in the possession of my daughter Elizabeth for the use of such of my children as may stand in need of them" (In the inventory, the 13 blood beads are valued at 6 shillings). Sole Executor: Jacob Outwater.

---children of *John Henry Gesner & Femmetje Brouwer*:

- **Elizabeth Gisner**, b. 6 Dec 1745; bp. 29 Dec 1745 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Isaac Blauvelt, Elisabeth his wife); d. 8 Aug 1825; m. **Jacob Concklin**
- **Femmetje Gisner** (Famiche), b. 28 Jan 1748; bp. 21 Feb 1748 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Willim Ferdon, Elisabeth his wife); apparently d.y.
- **John Henderick Gisner**, b. 24 Sep 1749; bp. 3 Dec 1749 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Jan Ferdon and Brichye his wife, in the name of Henry Ludlow and Mary his wife); d. 10 June 1833 aged 83.8.16; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY; m. 18 Sep 1771 **Antye Onderdonk**
- **Jacob Gisner**, b. 23 Dec 1751; bp. 19 Jan 1752 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Willim Ferdon, Elisabeth his wife); m. **Anne Briggs**. He became a Capt. in the English Army.
- **Isaac Gisner**, b. 15 May 1754; bp. 16 June 1754 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Isaac Brouwer, Rachel Brouwer); m. **Johanna LaForgie** (Levidger). He was a tailor and in 1791 was living in the West Ward, NYC.
- **Hendrick Gisner** (twin), b. 10 Nov 1756; bp. 12 Dec 1756 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Bell, Maria Ryken); m. (1) **Sarah Pineo**, dau. of David Pineo; m. (2) **Elizabeth Sampson**. He was a Loyalist during the Revolution; later settled at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He had 12 children, one of whom was Abraham Gesner, M.D., b. 1797; d. 1864; m. Harriet Webster.
- **Abraham Gisner** (twin), b. 10 Nov 1756; bp. 12 Dec 1756 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Petrus Haring, Elisabeth Ryken); m. **Elizabeth Steadman**
- **Cornelis Gisner**, b. 1 Feb 1761; bp. 8 March 1761 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Concklin, Hester his wife); d. 7 Sep 1790 age 29 yrs.; buried Gesner Burying Ground, Northvale, Bergen Co., NJ; m. **Catharine Concklin**
- **Nicklaes Gisner** (Nicholas), b. 10 Dec 1765; bp. 26 Jan 1766 Tappan Ref Ch (wit: Elisabet Gisner wife of Jacob Concklin jun'r); d. 1858; m. **Gracey Post**
- **Femmetje Cissinnor** (Famicha, ts), b. 31 March 1768; bp. 8 May 1768 So. Schraalenburgh Ref Ch (wit: John Pirdon; Broske, his wife); d. 9 Feb 1821 age 63.10.9; buried Gesner Burying Ground, Northvale, Bergen Co., NJ; m. 1 June 1789 Tappan Ref Ch, **Peter Willse** (Wilsey; Woolsey)

---Sources:

[1] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell; Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation; Haagensen, Alice Munro, "The Nicholas Gesner Diary" in *South of the Mountains*, April-June 1990, p. 3; Haagensen, Alice Munro, *Palisades & Snedens Landing*, p. 219; South Schraalenburgh Baptisms; Some Early Records of the Lutheran Church, New York, p. 21; Totten, John Reynolds, "Verdon Family Notes" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1933, p. 125; Gesner, Anthon Temple, *The Gesner Family of New York and Nova Scotia*, Middletown, CT: Pelton & King, 1912; Gilman, Winthrop S., *Local History*, notebook/scrapbook reproduced 1997 by the Palisades [NY] Free Library, and the Palisades Historical Committee, p. 29; Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Bidke No. 149, will of John Gisner); Ackerman, Herbert S., and Arthur J. Goff, *Thirty Seven Cemeteries*, 1946 (reprinted by Bergen Historic Books) (Gesner Burying Ground, Gowdy Farm, Northvale, Bergen Co., NJ), p. 42; Barber, Gertrude A., *Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y.*, New York, 1934 (typescript), p. 95 (online at HeritageQuest)

**Gesner, Johan** (John; Gessenaar; John Gottlieb Gassner))

Johan Gesner  
 son of  
 b. 1738  
 d. 1822

m. 14 March 1760  
 NYC Ref Ch

**Aaltje Lamberson** (Lam; Lammerts)

dau. of  
 b.  
 d.

Jan Gessenaar and Aaltje Lammerts, z.h.v., wit bp. 10 June 1761 NYC Ref Ch, of Jan, son of Adriaan Janssen and Maria Lammerts.

---children of *Johan Gesner & Aaltje Lamberson*:

- **John Godfrey Gassner**, b. 1764; d. 1803; m. **Sophia Reinhart**
- **Peter Gesner**, b. 5 Oct 1767; bp. 11 Oct 1767 NYC Luth Ch (wit: Mr. Heyer, Regine Gesner)
- **Johan David Gesner**, b. 28 Feb 1770; bp. 4 March 1770 NYC Luth Ch (wit: Tobias Bishop and wife; Carl Fried. Lindeman)
- **Maria Cath. Gesner**, b. 14 Jan, bp. 25 Jan 1772 NYC Luth Ch (wit: Christian Schultz and Maria; Catharina Brunn, wife of Andrea Brunn)

---Sources: "Baptisms in the Lutheran Church, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1971, p. 27; July 1971, p. 136, 139; [Baptisms in the Re-](#)

formed Dutch Church, New York [City], 1902 (Collections of the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society, Vol. III); Genealogical record, Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York, 1905, p. 37, online at <<http://historical.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/cul.nys/docviewer?did=nys059&view=50&frames=0&seq=5>>

**Gesner, Jan** (John Hendrick) (Gissenir)

Jan Gesner  
son of John Henry Gesner  
& Femmetje Brouwer  
b. 24 Sep 1749  
bp. 3 Dec 1749 Tappan Ref Ch  
d. 10 June 1833 age 83.8.-, Nyack, NY  
buried Oak Hill Cem, Nyack, Rockland Co., NY

m.  
(license 18 Sep 1771)

**Antye Onderdonk** (Anne)  
dau. of Andries Onderdonk &  
Sarah Remsen  
b. 30 Nov 1751  
bp.  
d. 9 July 1828  
buried Oak Hill Cem, Nyack, NY

John Gisner of Nyack, in his will dated Apr. 10, 1833, probated Jul. 29, 1833. Weak in body, mentioned Sons, Henry and Abraham; Children of my son, David, deceased; Daus. Phebe, Elizabeth, Jane - wife of Everet C. Wandell, and Anne; Grand-dau. Ellen, the dau. of my dau. Mary, deceased; Grand-daus., Maria and Anne, the daughters of my dau. Sally; Grandsons, brothers, John H. and James P. Gisner. Executors: John Perry, son of James Perry, deceased, and son, Henry.

---children of Jan Gesner & Antye Onderdonk:

- **John Gissenir** (John Henry Gesner), b. 22 Sep 1772 Nyack, NY; bp. 25 Oct 1772 Tappan Ref Ch (no wit); m. **Rachel Palmer**
- **Antje Gissener** (Anna), b. 12 Aug 1774 Nyack, NY; bp. 21 Aug 1774 Clarkstown Ref Ch (no wit); m. 19 Oct 1793 Sleepy Hollow (Westchester Co., NY) **Joshua Brush**, son of Joshua Brush & -? (poss. a Knapp or a Mead) of Orange/Rockland County, NY<sup>1</sup>.
- **Andreis Gessener** (Andries), b. 23 Sep 1776; bp. 10 Nov 1776 Schraalenburgh Ref Ch (no wit) (no mother's name given in bp. record); d.y.
- **Phoebe Gesner**, m. **John Sneden**
- **Sarai Gisner** (Sarah), b. (prob) 4 Oct 1781; bp. 20 Oct 1781 NYC Ref Ch (wit: John & Maria Ryke); d. 2 Dec 1827; buried Tappan, Rockland Co., NY; m. 21 Aug 1808 **Jacobus Lent** (James), son of Peter Lent & Maria DeClark.
- **Henry Gesner**, b. 3 Feb 1785 Nova Scotia; d. 6 May 1851; m. **Rachel Townsend**
- **Elizabeth Gesner**, b. 1790 Halifax, Nova Scotia; d. 16 Oct 1868; m. 4 Dec 1814 Tappan Ref Ch, **Sylvester Hayford**.
- **David Gesner**, b. 19 June 1787 Nyack, NY; m. 1809 **Elizabeth Corwin** (Elizabeth Coron). She was b. 1790; d. 1873.
- **Mary Gesner**, b. about 9 Oct 1792 (1891<sup>1</sup>); d. 16 April 1828 aged 36.6.-; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY; m. **Elijah Appleby**. He was b. about 1793; d. 29 June 1857 aged 64.5.7; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY. He m. (2) (prob) **Elsie -?**. She was b. about 1805; d. 18 April 1883 aged 77.9.24; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY.
- **Abraham Gesner**, b. 26 Jan 1797 Nyack, NY; m. **Wilmina Onderdonk**
- **Jane Gesner**, b. 20 Jan 1800 Nyack, NY; d. 13 April 1849; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY; m. April 1823 Tappan Ref Ch, **Evert G. Wandell/Wendell** of Troy, NY (she of Nyack, NY).

---Sources:

[1] Mann, Conklin, "Thomas and Richard Brush of Huntington, Long Island" originally pub in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record* beginning July 1935, reprinted in *Genealogies of Long Island Families*, 1987, Vol. I, p. 250;  
Cole, David, *History of Rockland County, New York*, 1884 (reprinted 1986), appendix includes early Baptisms of the Tappan Ref Ch, the Clarkstown Ref Ch, and the Tappan Irregular congregation; Krell, Peter, *So That All May Be Remembered*, Vol. I, Clarkstown, p. 204, 205, 255; "Records of the Reformed Church in New York [City]" (Baptisms, in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1899, p. 86; *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of ...Schraalenburgh [Bergen Co., NJ]*, 1891, (Collections of the Holland Society of New York, Vol. I, Part II); Alfred Lozier Brown, *The Gesners and Their Kin* (at Bergen County Historical Society Library); "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953); Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Budke No. 385, will of John Gisner); Barber, Gertrude A., *Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y.*, New York, 1934 (typescript), p. 95, 119 (online at HeritageQuest); Onderdonk, Elmer, with revisions by Andrew Onderdonk, *Genealogy of the Onderdonk family in America*, 1910, p. 62-63

**Gesner, John** (Gissner)

John Gesner  
m.

**Mary**

---children of John Gesner & Mary

- **Regina Elizabeth Gissner**, b. 17 Jan, bp. 9 Feb 1783 NYC Luth Ch (wit: John Dash; Elizabeth Brasier)

---Sources: "Baptisms in the Lutheran Church, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Oct 1972, p. 220

**Gesner, Johannes George** (Junr.; John Godfrey Gassner)

Johannes George Gesner  
son of John Gottlieb Gassner &  
Aeltje Lammertse  
b. 1764  
d. 1803

m. 23 Feb 1789  
NYC Luth Ch  
(wits: Mr. John Gesner,  
Peter Gesner)

**Sophia Reinhard**  
dau. of George Reinhard, Esq.  
(of New Germantown)  
b. 1771  
d. 1817

---children of John Godfrey Gassner & Sophia Reinhard:

- **Peter Gassner**, b. 1793; d. 1859; m. **Martha Feltus**

---Sources: "Lutheran Church Marriages in New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Apr 1990, p. 94; Genealogical record, Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York, 1905, p. 37, online at <<http://historical.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/cul.nys/docviewer?did=nys059&view=50&frames=0&seq=5>>

**Gesner, John** (John Gisner Jr.; John Henry Gesner)

John Gesner  
m. 4 Feb 1798

**Rachel Palmer**



son of Jan Gesner & Antye Onderdonk  
 b. 22 Sep 1772  
 bp. 25 Oct 1772 Tappan Ref Ch  
 d. before 13 Sep 1810

Tappan Ref Ch  
 (he of Tappan; she of Clarkstown)

dau. of  
 b.  
 bp.  
 d.

Rachel Gisner, widow of the decedent, was granted Letters of Administration on the Estate of John Gisner, yeoman, of Orangetown, Sep. 13, 1810.

---Sources: "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953); Wills & Estates in Rockland County to the End of the Year 1850, NY, Budke Collection BC-68, Compiled by George H. Budke, 1921, transcribed 2003 by Bruce E. Hopper (Budke No. 697, Estate of John Gisner)

**Gasner, John**

John Gasner  
 son of

m. 2 June 1818  
 NYC Ref Ch

**Catharine Wandell**  
 dau. of

---Sources: "Marriages in the Reformed Dutch Church, New York City" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Vol. 71, No. 3, July 1940, p. 300

**Gesner, John** (John Gisner)

John Gesner  
 son of

m. 24 July 1819  
 Tappan Ref Ch  
 "both of Yonkers"

**Catherine Westerfield**  
 dau. of

---Sources: "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953)

**Gesner, John G.**

John G. Gesner  
 b. Jan [June?] 1826 NY

m.

**Elizabeth E.**  
 b. March 1837 NY

He was probably listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Orangetown, p. 25, enumerated 3 August 1850, Dwelling 184, Family 219 (all b. NY) -- Elizabeth Whitman, 59; Elizaq Ann Abrams, 37; William C.? [Abrams], 18, Cordwainer; Mary E. [Abrams], 13; Isaac M., 12; John G. Gesner, 23, Fireman St. Boat.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Kings Co., Brooklyn, District 226, p. 13, enumerated 4 June 1880, 270? Ninth St., Dwelling 97, Family 100 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY except as noted) -- Gesner, John G., 53, Steam Engineer; [Gesner], Elizabeth E., 42, Wife, Keeping House; [Gesner], Clarence W., 23, Son, Single, Student-Theology; [Gesner], Ida, 20, Daughter, Single, b. CT; [Gesner], Adelaide, 15, Daughter, Single.

They were listed in the 1900 Federal Census, New York, Orange Co., Chester, District 2, p. 34-35, enumerated 21 & 22 June 1900, Dwelling 335, Family 349 -- Witsil, Mary L., Head, b. Aug 1846, age 53, Single, b. NJ, her father b. DE, her mother b. NJ; Gesner, John G., Boarder, b. Jan [June?] 1826, age 74, married 49? yrs., b. NY, his parents b. NY, Marine Engineer; ; Gesner, Elizabeth E., Boarder, b. March 1837, age 63, married 49 yrs., mother of 3 children, 3 children then living, b. NY, her father b. DE, her mother b. NY.

---children of John G. Gesner & Elizabeth E.

- **Clarence W. Gesner**, b. about 1857 NY
- **Ida Gesner**, b. about 1860 CT
- **Adelaide Gesner**, b. about 1865 NY

**Gesner, John N.** (John Newton Gesner)

John N. Gesner  
 son of (prob) Henry Gesner & Rachel Townsend  
 b. about 1826 Rockland Co., NY  
 d. 1 March 1898 Nanuet, Rockland Co., NY  
 buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY

m.

**Caroline Wilkins**  
 dau. of  
 b. about 1836 Rockland Co., NY  
 d. 1913  
 buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, NY

They were listed in the 1860 Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY (Nyack P.O.). He was listed as a machinist.

They were listed in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County. His occupation was steam fitting.

They were listed in the 1870 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Orangetown, Nyack P.O., p. 66-67, enumerated 25 June 1870, Dwelling 432, Family 573 (all b. NY) -- Gesner, John N., 44, Steam Fitter, value real estate \$6000; [Gesner, Caroline, 34, Keeping House; Gesner, Emma, 18, Works on Shoes; [Gesner], Harriet, 12; [Gesner], Isaac, 10; [Gesner], Minnie, 9; [Gesner], Nellie, 6; [Gesner], Josephine, 4; [Gesner], Florence, 2. They were listed just after the family headed by Abraham (age 73) & Wilhelmina (age 64) Gesner.

They were listed in the 1880 Federal Census, New York, Rockland Co., Clarkstown, District 50, p. 11, enumerated 17 & 18 June 1880, Dwelling 128, Family 135 (all b. NY, all their parents b. NY) -- Gesner, John, 54, Farmer; [Gesner], Caroline, 46, Wife, Keeping House; [Gesner], Isaac, 20, Son, Single, at home; [Gesner], Minnie, 18, Daughter, Single, at home; [Gesner], Nellie, 16, Daughter, Single, at home; [Gesner], Josephine, 14, Daughter, Single, at school; Gesner, Clarence, 11, Son, Single, at school; Taylor, Carrie, 5, Boarder, at home.

---children of John N. Gesner & Caroline Wilkins:

- **Emma Louisa Gesner**, b. about 1853 Rockland Co., NY
- **Harriet Letitia Gesner** (Hattie Gesner), b. 13 Feb 1858 Rockland Co., NY
- **Isaac Gesner**, b. 25 Dec 1859 Rockland Co., NY; d. 1937 Nyack, NY; m. -?-
- **Minnie Estelle Gesner**, b. 6 Dec 1861 Rockland Co., NY
- **Nellie Hart Gesner**, b. 8 Jan 1864 Rockland Co., NY; d. 26 Jan 1909
- **Josephine Whiting Gesner**, b. 1 Nov 1865 NY
- **Florence Gesner**, b. 16 Sep 1868 NY

---Sources: 1860 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, P.O. Nyack, taken June 1860, Dwelling 283, Family 363; 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Orangetown, Southern half of Election District 2, taken June 1865, Family 157; Barber, Gertrude A., *Gravestone inscriptions of the Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, N.Y.*, (typescript), New York.: 1934, p. 38 (online at HeritageQuest); Family Tree posted online at Ancestry.com;

**Gesner, Nicholas**

Nicholas Gesner  
son of John Henry Gesner  
& Femmetje Brouwer  
b. 10 Dec 1765  
bp. 26 Jan 1766 Tappan Ref Ch  
d. 20 May 1858, aged 92.5/10  
buried Palisades Cemetery, Palisades, Rockland Co., NY

This is the Nicholas Gesner who kept diaries, some of which were preserved and are now at the Palisades, NY Library (copies at NY Public Library; also microfilmed).

Nicholas Gesner was a boat builder in his youth and later was a farmer and sometime surveyor, school teacher, and lawyer. During the War of 1812 he eventually rose to the rank of Colonel.

Nicholas Gesner, 84, was listed as head of the household in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Living with him was the family of Jonathan Lawrence.

On 3 August 1796 (recorded 30 December 1805, Bergen Co. X:30) John Gesner of Harington Township, yeoman, conveyed to Nicholas Gesner of Orange Township, County of Orange, State of New York, for £100, 1 rod, 6 perches, at a place commonly called Rockland, part of which [is] in Harington Township in the County of Bergen, and part in Orange Township in the County of Orange, State of New York. Signed by John Gesner. No witnesses listed.<sup>1</sup>

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On 5 November 1805 (recorded 30 December 1805, Bergen Co. X:20) Thomas Ludlow of the City of New York, merchant, and Mary, his wife, conveyed to Nicholas Gesner, for £420, 6 shillings, 3 pence, 13-3/4 acres, 10 rods, being lot no. 23, part of the estate of Henry Ludlow formerly of the City of New York, merchant. Bounded N by division line between New Jersey and New York; E by lot no. 22; S by lot no. 25; W by land formerly sold by Henry Ludlow, deceased. Signed by Thos. Ludlow, Mary Ludlow. Witnessed by Thomas Chapman Junr., Daniel Van Reipen.<sup>1</sup>

---children of Nicholas Gesner & Gracy Post:

- **William Herbert Gesner**, b. abt. 1791 Rockland Co., NY; m. **Mary Ann Mann**.
- **Nicholas Gesner**, b. 6 Feb 1794; d. 14 July 1829, aged 35-5-8; buried Palisades Cemetery, Palisades, Rockland Co., NY
- **Sarah Gesner** (Sally), b. 1796; d. 1854; m. **Jonathan Lawrence**, son of Jonathan Lawrence, Jr.
- **Jacob Gesner** (Rev), b. 1801; m. 15 Oct 1831 **Elizabeth Cooper**

---Sources:

[1] Bergen County, NJ Deeds, at Bergen Co., Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs, Hackensack, NJ, abstracted by Patricia A. Wardell; Haagensen, Alice Munro, "The Nicholas Gesner Diary" in *South of the Mountains*, April-June 1990, p. 3; M. Montgomery Maze, *Tombstone Inscriptions, Old Palisades Cemetery, Palisades, NY* (Rock. Co. Hist. Soc.); 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 257, family 312 (family of Nicholas Gesner)

**Gesner, Peter**

Peter Gesner  
son of Joh. Gesner  
m. 22 Jan 1789  
NYC Luth Ch

Witnesses to their m. were John Gesner, Joh. Gesner, Geor Haas.

---Sources: "Lutheran Church Marriages in New York City" in *NYG&B Record*, Apr 1990, p. 93

**Elisabet Haas**

dau. of

**Gassner, Peter**

Peter Gassner  
son of John Godfrey Gassner &  
Sophia Reinhard  
b. 1793  
d. 1859  
m.

**Martha Feltus**

dau. of

b. 1803

d. 1856

---children of Peter Gassner & Martha Feltus:

- **Martha Caroline Gassner**, b. 1827; d. 1894; m. **Charles Augustus Coe**

---Sources: *Genealogical record, Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York*, 1905, p. 37, online at <http://historical.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/cul.nys/docviewer?did=nys059&view=50&frames=0&seq=5>

**Gesner, Philip Dubey**

Philip D. Gesner  
son of Henry Gesner &  
Rachel Townsend  
b. 22 Feb 1807 Rockland County, NY  
bp. 19 July 1807 Tappan Ref Ch

m. 17 May 1834  
Clarkstown Ref Ch, by  
Rev Alexander Warner

**Mary Perry**

dau. of  
b. about 1804-1806 Rockland Co., NY  
bp.

Philip D. Gesner, 45, Ship Carpenter, and Mary, 46, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Listed with them were: Henry Gesner, 15; and Eliza Smith, 39.

They lived in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY in June 1860 and June 1865. He was a ship carpenter.

*---children of Philip Gesner & Mary* (she was the mother of 6 children in 1865)

- **Henry T. Gesner**, b. about 1834 Rockland Co., NY. He was listed as a carpenter in the 1860 census. In 1865 he and his (prob) wife, Elizabeth, 30, and their prob. son, John Gesner, 6, were listed living with his parents.

---Sources: 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 144, family 170 (family of Philip D. Gesner); 1860 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, P.O. Nyack, taken 1 June 1860, Dwelling 108, Family 148; 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Orangetown, Northern half of Election District 2, taken June 1865, Dwelling 188, Family 226; Tappan Baptisms; Clarkstown Ref Ch Marriages 1831-1865 online at <<http://www.dutchdoorgenealogy.com/>>

**Gesner, Sylvester**

Sylvester Gesner  
son of  
b. 5 Nov 1815 Rockland Co., NY  
bp.  
d. 19 Feb 1891

m.

**Eleanor Lydecker** (Ellen)

dau. of Albert Lydecker &  
b. 22 July 1816 Rockland Co., NY  
bp. 11 Aug 1816 Clarkstown Ref Ch  
d. 23 Jan 1890 (1896 per Barber)  
buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, NY

buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY

Sylvester Gesner, 34, Ship Carpenter, and Ellen, 33, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Living with them were:

They were living in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY at the time of the 1860 Census. He was a ship carpenter.

They were listed in the 1865 New York State Census, living in Clarkstown, Rockland County. Sylvester was listed as a farmer and landowner

*---children of Sylvester Gesner & Eleanor Lydecker:*

- **Henry W. Gesner**, b. about 1837 NY
- **Margaretta Gesner**, b. about 1838 Rockland Co., NY; d. 1917; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, Rockland Co., NY; m. **Isaac B. Requa**. He was b. 1831; d. 1904; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, NY.
- **Oscar Gesner** (Rev.), b. about 1841 Rockland Co., NY; m. 19 Oct 1865 by Rev. N. E. Smith, D.D., **Lucy Brush** (Caroline Brush<sup>1</sup>). At the time of their marriage, he was of Rocky Hill, NJ; she was of Nyack, NY. He was a clergyman in 1865, living with his parents.
- **Agnes Maxwell Gesner**, b. about 1843 Rockland Co., NY; bp. 21 May 1843 Nyack Ref Ch.
- **Sylvester Gesner**, b. 1 Oct 1844 Rockland Co, NY; bp. 1 May 1845 Nyack Ref Ch.
- **Albert Lydecker Gesner**, b. 19 June 1848; bp. 29 Oct 1848 Nyack Ref Ch.; prob. d.y. (not listed in 1850 and 1860 census); prob. buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY (no dates)
- **Eleanor Gesner**, b. Feb 1851 Rockland Co., NY; bp. 25 May 1851 Nyack Ref. Ch.
- **Willard Worster Gesner**, b. 30 Apr 1856 Rockland Co., NY; m. **Ellen F. -?-**.
- **William W. Gesner**, bp. 8 Apr 1859 Nyack Ref Ch.; poss d.y. (not listed in 1860 or 1865 census).
- **Anna Gesner**, b. about 1859 Rockland Co., NY
- **Alfred Gesner**, b. about 1860 Rockland Co., NY
- **Albert Oland Gesner**, b. 31 July 1860; bp. 11 Apr 1861 Nyack Ref Ch.

---Sources: 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 89, family 105 (family of Sylvester Gesner); 1860 [NY State? Federal?] Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, P.O. Nyack, taken 1 June 1860, Dwelling 1, Family 1; 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, 1st Election District, Clarkstown, taken June 1865, Family 283; Moos, Dorothy, *The Blauvelt Family Genealogy*, Revised Edition, Vol. II, 1994, p. 185; Krell, Peter, *So That All May Be Remembered*, Vol. I Clarkstown, Rockland County [NY], published 1989 by Clarkstown Bicentennial Commission (Oak Hill Cemetery, Clarkstown, NY), p. 205; Sawyer, Ray C., *New Jersey Marriages, as published in the Christian Intelligencer of the Reformed Dutch Church from 1830 to 1871*, Vols. 1 & 2, pub. 1932-1933 (reprinted 1998 in one vol., by Bergen Historic Books)

**Gesner, Willard Worster**

Willard Worster Gesner  
son of Sylvester Gesner &  
Eleanor Lydecker  
b. 30 Apr 1856 Rockland Co., NY

m.

**Ellen F. Remson** (Remsen)

dau. of  
b. March 1857 NY

Willard W. Gesner, 49, machinist, and Ellen F. Gesner were listed in the 1905 New Jersey State Census, living in the Borough of Closter, Bergen County, NJ. Listed with them were: Clarence R. Gesner, 25, stone carver; Elisabeth R. Gesner, 20; Edith Mary Gesner, 18; and Anna R. Gesner, 15.

*---children of Willard Worster Gesner & Ellen F. Remsen:*

- **Clarence R. Gesner**, b. Jan 1880 NJ
- (prob) **Raymond Gesner**, b. 3 April 1882; bp. 11 Sep 1882 Clarkstown Ref Ch (no wit) (no mother named in bp. record)
- **Elizabeth R. Gesner**, b. 27 July 1884 NY; bp. 6 June 1885 Clarkstown Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Edith May Gesner** (Edith Mary), b. May 1887 NJ; bp. 2 June 1889 Clarkstown Ref Ch (no wit)
- **Anna R. Gesner**, b. Oct 1889 NY

---Sources: Kelly, Arthur C. M., Baptism Record of the Clarkstown Reformed Church, West Nyack, Rockland County, NY 1749-1899, Kinship 1998; 1905 New Jersey State Census, Bergen County, Borough of Closter, taken June 1905, dwelling 89, family 102 (family of Willard W. Gesner)

**Gesner, William Herbert**

William H. Gesner  
son of Nicholas Gesner &  
Gracy Post  
b. abt. 1789-1791 Rockland Co.  
bp.  
d. 4 Feb 1866, aged 77yrs, 6 mos.  
buried Palisades Cemetery, Palisades, Rockland Co., NY

**Mary Ann Mann**  
dau. of George Mann &  
Helen(a) Allward  
b. 17 Dec 1798 Rockland Co.  
bp. 1 Jan 1799 Tappan Ref Ch  
d. 22 Nov 1883, aged 85  
Palisades Cemetery, Palisades, NY

William H. Gesner, 60, Peddler, and Mary Ann, 51, were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, living in the same dwelling with the family of George M. Gesner, in Orangetown, Rockland County, NY. Listed with them were: David S. Gesner, 23, farmer; Herbert Gesner, 17; and Matilda Gesner, 18.

Mary Ann is listed in the 1865 State census as mother of 14 children.

---children of William H. Gesner & Mary Ann Mann:

- **Amelia Helen Gesner**, b. 11 April 1815; d. 12 April 1901; buried (poss?) St. James Anglican Cemetery, Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., Nova Scotia; m. 15 Jan 1831 Tappan Ref Ch, **David A. Haring**, son of Abraham David Haring & Tietje Ferdon
- (prob) **George M. Gesner**, b. about 1818 NY; m. **Mary** -?-
- **Sidney Gesner**, b. abt. 1827 Rockland Co., NY
- **David S. Gesner**, b. about 1827 NY State. He was a carpenter, listed living with his parents in 1860 Census.
- **Matilda Gesner**, b. about 1832 NY
- **Herbert Gesner**, b. about 1833 NY State. He was a blacksmith, listed living with his parents in 1860 Census.
- **Elizabeth Gesner**, b. abt. 1843 Rockland Co., NY

---Sources: "Betrothals and Marriages of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Rockland County, NY" in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, serialized, beginning in issue Vol. LXXXIV, No. 3 (July 1953); 1850 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, taken July-Aug 1850, dwelling 258, family 314 (family of William H. Gesner); 1860 Federal Census, New York, Rockland County, Orangetown, P.O. Nyack, taken June 1860, Dwelling ?, Family 968; 1865 NY State Census, Rockland Co., Town Orangetown, 1st E.D., family 9; M. Montgomery Maze, Tombsone Inscriptions, Old Palisades Cemetery, Palisades, NY (Rockland Co. Hist. Soc.)

**Gesner, William N.**

William N. Gesner  
son of  
m. 9 Dec 1840  
NYC

**Margaret T. Paton**  
dau. of George Paton &  
Mary McLean  
b. 7 Aug 1824

b. 19 Feb 1817 (then Rockland) now Palisades, Rockland Co., NY

William N. Gesner, from age 15-18 worked in a bakery. He then went to Tappantown and worked at the carpenter's trade. He helped to tear down the Old Church and build the new one, and also an addition to the old parsonage for Dominic Cole. He then went to New York to work in a ship yard and helped to build the steamboat *Warren*, by Jonathan Lawrence. He worked in all principal shipyards in and about New York until 1844. He moved from New York to Fair Haven, CT on 28 Oct 1844 and there commenced ship building under the firm name of Gesner & Baldwin. He built about 140 vessels of various sizes and classes: sail, steam, and motor from one to 2,500 tons.

---children of William N. Gesner & Margaret T. Paton:

- **G. P. Gesner** (son)

---Sources: Gilman, Winthrop S., Local History, notebook/scrapbook reproduced 1997 by the Palisades [NY] Free Library, and the Palisades Historical Committee, p. 23

**Gesner, William**

William Gesner  
b. about 1826 Germany<sup>1</sup>  
m.

**Mary**  
b. about 1828 Germany<sup>1</sup>

They were listed in the 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Orangetown, where he was a miller, and listed as an alien.

---children of William Gesner & Mary (she was mother of 6 children by 1865)

- **Emma Gesner**, b. about 1856 Kings Co., NY
- **[Reuben?] Gesner**, b. about 1858 New York Co., NY
- **John William Gesner**, b. about 1861 Rockland Co., NY
- **Anna Gesner**, b. about May 1863 Rockland Co., NY

---Sources:

[1] 1865 New York State Census, Rockland County, Orangetown, 3rd Election District, taken June 1865, Family 79

**Unplaced Gesner Women:**

**Anna Gesner**, b. 6 Dec 1808; d. 17 April 1858; buried Oak Hill Cem., Nyack, NY; m. **John C. Perry**

**Elizabeth Gesner**, b. 1790; d. 1851; m. **Garrett Volk** (Folk)

**Grietje Gesner**, m. (before 1741) **Jacob Valentine**

**Maria Gesner** (Polly), m. 5 Oct 1791 NYC Luth Ch, **John Mildeberger** (Mildenberger). Wits: Oliver Mildeberger, John

Gesner, John Gesner, jun. "Lutheran Church Marriages in NYC" in *NYG&B Record*, Oct 1990, p. 229 A Thomas Mildeberger, 54, house agent, and his wife Caroline, 52, were listed living with heir family in Orangetown, Rockland Co., NY (Nyack P.O.) at the time



of the June 1860 Census (Family 391).