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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 evolvement 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.

As with any compiled genealogical record, researchers should regard this information as leads and clues, and should verify all data with independent research.

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

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**Root, Ashbel**

Ashbel Root m. **Elizabeth**

*---children of Ashbel Root & Elizabeth*

• **Jane Root**, b. 11 Aug 1803; d. 7 March 1878; m. 8 Aug 1826, **Jacob Jeremiah Lansing**, son of Jeremiah Lansing & Helena Wendell.

---Sources: Talcott, S. V., *Genealogical Notes of New York and New England Families*, Albany, 1883, p. 163, online Oct 1999 version at Cornell University MOA (Making of America) site: <http://moa.cit.cornell.edu/dienst/moabrowse.fly/MOA-JOURNALS2:TALC-0006/3/1:TIF2GIF:100>;

**Root,**

They were listed in the 1850 Federal Census, New York, Orange Co., Cornwall, p. 71, enumerated 21 Oct 1850, Dwelling

**Root, Jan**

Jan Root m. **Crestena**

*---children of Jan Root & Crestena*

• **Maragrietje Root**, bp. 19 June 1731 Tarrytown Ref Ch (wit: Josoph Hiscock, Maragrietje his wife)

---Sources: Cole, David, *First Record Book of the "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow"...The First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, NY, 1901*

**Root, Jerwin** (Jurrien; Jeruman) (Roots)

Jerwin/Jurrien Root m. about 1684

son of

**Willmet -?-**

(widow of **Derrick Albertson**)

d. before 23 May 1697

Jerwin (Jurrian) Root(e)s (Ruts) was of Madnan's Neck (now Great Neck), L.I., NY. He was mentioned occasionally in the Hempstead Town Records as he held several town offices. In 1695 he was mentioned ("Jurrian Roots of Cow Neck") when he bought land at Musketo Cove. (Cow Neck is now Port Washington.)

Jeurison Roots and his wife Willmott sold land at Madnan's Neck, Hempstead, Queens Co., NY 6 Aug 1696 to Sarah Daniell, of Madnans Neck, widow of Thomas Daniell (Queens Co., B1, p. 309). He signed "Vriem Rotes" and his wife signed "Willmott Roetes."<sup>1</sup>

In his will dated 6 July 1696, probated 23 May 1697, **Jerwin Rootes** left a life estate to wife Willmet, including the house & lands I bought of Nicholas Simkins of Muscoto Cove, with remainder to my son Peter Rootes. Son Peter when of age also to have my clothes, three dozen plaite buttons, a sealed ring, a silver hat band, and one pair of plaite breeches buttons. To my daus. Dorothy Snethen & Phebe Rootes furniture, gold rings with stones, spoons, etc. To my wife's dau. Elizabeth Coles pewter plates, gold ring, etc. To my wife's three sons Derrick, William, & Garret, & two sons-in-law Samuel Coles & Nicholas Snethen each a Holland neck cloth. The negroes to my wife. Wife sole Exx. Overseers: Thos Hicks & Thos. Barker. Wits: John Cornwell, Sr., Thos. Hicks, Jr. & Tho. Barker. (Queens Co. Wills)

*---children of Jerwin Rootes & Willmet ---:*

• **Dorothy Rootes**, m. **Nicholas Snethen**, son of Claes Snethen (Snedden) & Marie -?-. He d. 1715.

• **Phebe Rootes**, m. (?poss.?) **Benjamin Coles**, son of Daniel Coles & Mahalshabaz Gorton.

• **Peter Rootes**, m. **Mary -?-. Peter was under age at the time of his father's will.**

\*Munsell's American Ancestry gives Willmet's first husband's name as *Albert Albertson*.

---Sources:

[1] Gritman, Charles T., *Historical Miscellany*, New York, 1920, Vol. 2, p. 573 (online at HeritageQuest); "Abstracts of Early Wills of Queens County, New York" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1934, p. 247; Sources: Munsell's American Ancestry, Vol. IX, 1894, p. 73; Hoff, Henry B., "The Albertson Family of Oyster Bay, L.I." in *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record* (Oct 1978) reprinted in Genealogies of Long Island Families, 1987, Vol. I, p. 1; Bunker, Mary Powell, Long Island Genealogies...being Descendants of Thomas Powell of Bethpage, L. I., 1688, 1895; Eardeley, William Applebie, Records in the office of the county clerk at Jamaica, Long Island, New York : 1680-1781 : wills and administrations, guardians, and inventories, Brooklyn, N.Y.: unknown, 1918 (online at HeritageQuest through Godfrey Library), p. 60 (will of Jerwin Rootes/Rootes)

### **Root, Richard**

Richard Root

m.

**Margery**

He was of Fairfield, CT.

His widow, Margery, m. (2) by 1653, **Michael Try**, widower of -?- Phillips. He came to Windsor, CT by 1640, where his first wife died 1646; soon after sold his property there and rem. to Fairfield, where he d. in 1677. His first name was often spelled Mihil.

---Sources: Jacobus, Donald Lines. *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield vol.1*. The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, Connecticut. 1930, p. 617

### **Unplaced Root Women:**

**Jerusha Root**, m. 8 Aug 1826 **Jacob Jeremiah Lansing**, son of Jeremiah Lansing & Helena Wendell, and widower of Julia

Ann Alexander. --Talcott, S. V., Genealogical Notes of New York and New England Families, Albany, 1883, p. 144, online Oct 1999 version at Cornell University

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