

-- SKILLMAN --

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.

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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**Skillman, Abraham**

Abraham Skillman m.  
son of Thomas Skillman &  
bp. 18 April 1704

**Margaret Fine**  
dau. of  
bp.

He lived on the ancestral home of his father and grandfather at Dutch Kills (Maspeth Kills) (now Astoria).

---children of Abraham Skillman & Margaret Fine:

- (poss) **Thomas Skillman**, b. about 1730
- **Hester Skillman**, b. 1732; m. **William Paynter**
- **Elizabeth Skillman**, b. 9 July 1737; d. 7 June 1807; m. **John Morrell**
- **Catharine Skillman**, m. **Isaac Messerole**

---Sources: Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1906, p. 22, and April 1906, p. 91

**Skillman, Benjamin**

Benjamin Skillman m. about 1731  
son of Thomas Skillman &  
Annetje Aten (Van Doesburg)  
b. 1710  
d. 1783

**Margaret Coe**  
dau. of Samuel Coe &  
Margaret Van Zandt  
b. 27 Oct 1713  
d.

He removed to Kingston, NJ (near Princeton).

---children of Benjamin Skillman & Margaret Coe:

- **Samuel Skillman**, b. 1732; m. (2nd cousin) **Magritta Paynter**, dau. of John Paynter & Nancy -?-.
- **Ann Skillman**, b. 1735; d. 3 March 1795; buried Beekman BG, Griggstown, NJ; m. at Dutch Kills, NY, (her cousin), **Benjamin Skillman**, son of Isaac Skillman of Harlingen, Somerset Co., NJ. He was a farmer and inn keeper at Griggstown, NJ.
- **Margaret Skillman**, b. 1737
- **Thomas Skillman**, b. 1739 L.I.; d. before 9 July 1795 when his widow Sally was granted letters of administration at Somerville; m. 1762, (his cousin) **Sally Skillman**, dau. of Jan Skillman & Anne Hull.
- **Elizabeth Skillman**, bp. 4 Oct 1741 Newtown Ref Ch
- **Mary Skillman**, b. 1743
- **Sarah Skillman**, b. 1745
- **Mercy Skillman**, b. 1747

---Sources: Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 3), p. 168, Oct 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 4), p. 278;

### Skillman, Isaac

Isaac Skillman m. -?-  
 son of Thomas Skillman & dau. of  
 Annetje Aten (Van Doesburg)  
 b. 1706 b.

He lived near Harlingen, NJ.

---*children of Isaac Skillman &*

- **Thomas Skillman**, b. 1727
- **Benjamin Skillman**, b. 1729
- **Isaac Skillman** (Rev.), d. 8 June 1799 in 59th yr. He never married.
- **Jacob Skillman**, m. -?-. He settled by 1817 as a pioneer near Cincinnati, OH.

---Sources:

[1] Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, April 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 2), p. 94;

### Skillman, Jacob

Jacob Skillman m. about 1729 **Jannetje Van Alst**  
 son of Thomas Skillman & dau. of Johannes Van Alst &  
 Annetje Aten (Van Doesburg) Aeltje  
 b. 1708 b.  
 d. about 1783 d. before 1783

He removed from Newtown, L.I. to Kingston, NJ (near Princeton), where he built a mill, opened a store, and kept a tavern.

---*children of Jacob Skillman & Jannetje Van Alst:*

- **Jane Skillman**, bp. 31 May 1731 Flatlands Ref Ch<sup>1</sup>
- **John Skillman**, b. 1733
- **Jacob Skillman**, b. 1735; d. 8 Feb 1790 age 55; buried Kingston, NJ; m. about 1767, **Ann -?-**. She d. 27 Jan 1815 age 75; buried Kingston, NJ.
- (poss) **Sarah Skillman**, b. 1738
- **Abraham Skillman**, b. 1740 L.I.; m. 1765, **Anne Johnson**.
- **Leya Skillman** (Leah), bp. 28 March 1742 Newtown Ref Ch (wit: Jacob Skillman & his wife)
- **Thomas Skillman**, b. 1743?; m. (prob) NJ license 7 Nov 1767, **Mary Finney**.
- **Mary Skillman**, b. 1745?; m. 21 July 1766 Philadelphia, **William Fullerton**
- **George Skillman**, b. 1747 L.I.; m. (1) 1782, **Rebecca Gracie/Gracy**. She d. 1784 age 31; buried Old Presbyterian Chyd, Newark, NJ. George Skillman m. (2) **Catharine Packer**. George Skillman was a cooper and farmer, and lived at Post Town (now Plainville), NJ.

---Sources:

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### Skillman, Jan

Jan Skillman m. **Anna Hull**  
 son of Thomas Skillman & dau. of Benjamin Hull &  
 Annetje Aten Sarah Drake  
 b. b. 1710-12  
 d. about 1765 d,

They moved, 1729 or later, to part of a 500-acre tract on the Millstone River below Rocky Hill, Somerset Co., NJ, purchased from John Van Horne & Catherine, his wife, 14 Dec 1729 by Jan's father, Thomas Skillman, for Jan and his brother Isaac.

---*children of Jan Skillman & Anna Hull:*

- **Osie Skillman** (Aaghje or Agatha?), b. 1730; m. **John Doughty/Doty**, son of Samuel Doty & Elizabeth Hull. They lived at Basking Ridge, NJ.<sup>1</sup>

- **Christopher Skillman**, b. 1732; m. about 1758 **Ruth Fitz Randolph**, dau. of Nathaniel Fitz Randolph & Rebecca Mershone
- **Isaac Skillman**. He was mentioned in the will of his mother.
- **Jacob Skillman**, b. about 1736; m. **Massa -?- (Mercy?)**. They lived at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., NJ and later to a German settlement near Alleghany Mts., PA; later among early pioneers of Miami Valley, OH.<sup>1</sup>
- **Sarah Skillman**, b. 1738; m. 1762 (her cousin) **Thomas Skillman**, son of Benjamin Skillman & Margaret Coe.
- **Benjamin Skillman**, b. about 1740; m. and had a son, Benjamin, b. 1773.<sup>1</sup>
- **John Skillman**, b. about 1742; m. 1763, **Catharine Beekman**, dau. of Christopher Beekman & Sarah Cox. He moved, about 1769, to Loudoun Co., VA.<sup>1</sup>

---Sources:

[1] Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1906, p. 22, April 1906, p. 91, and July 1906, p. 170;

### Skillman, John

John Skillman  
son of Jacob Skillman &

m. 15 June 1753

**Nancy Paynter**  
dau. of William Paynter &  
Hester Skillman

b. 15 Feb 1733

b.

They removed from Newtown, L.I., to Kingston, NJ (near Princeton), He was a farmer and tanner.

---*children of John Skillman & Nancy Paynter*: (10 children)

---Sources:

[1] Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 3), p. 173;

### Skillman, John (Jan)

John Skillman  
son of Joseph Skillman &  
Sarah Meserole

m. (1) 17 June 1769

**Debora Conselyea**  
dau. of

b. 19 April 1750

b.

bp. 13 May 1750 Brooklyn Ref Ch  
buried Mr. Olivet

bp.  
buried

m. (2)

**Hannah Van Cott**  
b. 17 June 1768  
d. 9 Oct 1843

He was an Ensign in a Bushwick Company at the Battle of Long Island.<sup>1</sup>

John Skillman inheited the ancestral farm at Bushwick (now heart of Brooklyn), the house on Front St., between Union Ave. and Lorimer St. He was a Justic of the Peace and later Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Kings Co., NY.

---*children of John Skillman & (1) Debora Conselyea*:

- **Sarah Skillman**, b. 3 March 1770; m. -?- **Hazzard**
- **John Skillman**, b. 19 Feb 1773; d.y.
- **Joseph Skillman**, b. 1776; d. young unmarried
- **Jane Skillman**, b. 4 Sep 1779; m. -?- **Van Ranst**
- **Deborah Skillman**, b. 3 Oct 1783; m. **Bernard Bloom**

---*children of John Skillman & (2) Hannah Van Cott*:

- **John Skillman**, b. 1787
- **Eleanor Skillman**, b. 6 March 1798; m. 15 Dec 1828, **Bernard Messerole** of Bushwick

---Sources:

[1] Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 3), p. 168, Oct 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 4), p. 280;

### Skillman, John

John Skillman  
son of

m. 27 Jan 1807  
at Brooklyn, NY  
Flatbush Ref Ch

**Jane Meserole**  
dau. of

---Sources: Flatbush Ref Ch Marriages online at <[http://olivetreenealogy.com/mn/church/flatbush\\_intro.shtml](http://olivetreenealogy.com/mn/church/flatbush_intro.shtml)>

### Skillman, Joseph

Joseph Skillman  
son of Thomas Skillman &  
Annetje Aten Van Doesburg)

m.

**Sarah Meserole**  
dau. of John Meserole &  
Elizabeth Praa  
b. about 1720 Brooklyn, NY  
d.

b. about 1712

d. before 18 April 1772

In his will, he wrote: ...I, Joseph Skillman, of Bushwyck, in Kings County, on Nassau Island, being sick, I leave to my eldest son, Thomas, 20 shillings before any Division. I leave to my wife Sarah the use of all my estate so long as she remains my widow. If she marries she is to have £100, and a bed and my negro Tom, to wait on her during her life. All my underaged chil-

dren are to be brought up and educated out of my estate until 18 years old. "I leave to my son Joseph, after the death of my wife, all those certain tracts or lots of ground in Bushwyck known as No. 8, in the Clearland, and No. 2 in the Woodland; Also the tenth part of the meadow which fell to the share of my wife out of the estate of her mother, Elizabeth Meserole, wife of John Meserole, deceased." And he is to pay £500 as follows: To my wife £50. To my son Thomas £50, and £50 yearly till he has £250. The remaining £200 he is to pay to my executors in yearly payments of £50, to enable them to pay the legacies to my daughters. I leave to my son John all that certain tract of land in Bushwyck whereon I now live, with all thereto belonging, and he is to pay as follows: To my wife £50; To my son Thomas £50, and £50 yearly till he has £250; and £500 to my executors to enable them to pay daughters' legacies. I leave to my daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Albertus Vandewater, Ann, Maria, Sarah, and Mercy, each £100. Rest of estate to all my children. I make my wife Sarah, and my brother-in-law, Jacob Meserole, and my friend, Theodorus Polhemus, executors. Dated October 1, 1767. Witnesses, William Carambos, Peter Vandewater, John Roosevelt. Proved, April 18, 1772, in New York.

---children of Joseph Skillman & Sarah Meserole:

- **Thomas Skillman**, b. 13 March 1736; m. (1) **Janitje Titus**, dau. of Francis Titus & Ida de Bevoise; m. (2) **Jemima Wells**
- (poss) **William Skillman**, b. about 1739?
- **Elizabeth Skillman**, b. 1741; m. 28 May 1762, (her cousin) **Albertus Vandewater**, son of Hendrick Van de Water & Annetje Skillman.<sup>1</sup>
- **Sarah Skillman**, b. 1743; m. (1) 13 Oct 1762, **John Hubbard**; m. (2) 26 March 1773, **Richard Smith**; m. (3) 23 March 1776, **James Brush** of Huntington, L.I., NY.<sup>1</sup>
- **Mercy Skillman**, b. 1745; m. 19 June 1773, **William Conselyea**<sup>1</sup>
- **Joseph Skillman**, b. 1748; d. 27 Aug 1822 age 72; m. (1) -?-; m. (2) 11 May 1774 Episc. Ch, Hempstead, L.I., NY, **Catharine Pratt**. Joseph was a waterman, boatman, and dockbuilder in NYC.
- **John Skillman**, b. 19 April 1750; bp. 13 May 1750 Brooklyn Ref Ch; m. (1) 17 June 1769, **Debora Conselyea**; m. (2) **Hannah Van Cott**.
- **Ann Skillman** (Antje; Anna Maria), bp. 22 Oct 1752 Flatbush Ref Ch; m. 1 Sep 1773, **Benjamin Brush** of Huntington, L.I., NY.<sup>1</sup>

---Sources:

[1] Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, July 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 3), p. 168, Oct 1906 (Vol. 37, No. 4), p. 179;

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**Skillman, Thomas** (Capt.)

Thomas Skillman  
son of

m.

**Sara Petit**

dau. of John Petit &  
Sarah Schofield

d. about 1697

He was the immigrant ancestor, from England, of the Skillman family.

They lived at Newtown, L.I. (Maspeth or Dutch Kills).

Sara Petit m. (2) **Cornelis Breese/Bries**.

---children of Thomas Skillman & Sara Petit:

- **Thomas Skillman**, b. 1671; m. **Annetje Aten**, dau. of Adriaan Hendricksen Aten
- **Elsje Skillman**, b. 1673; m. 1694 **Thomas Aten** (Van Doesburg), son of Adriaan Hendricksz Aten/Van Doesburg & Lysbeth Thomas.
- **Sara Skillman**, b. 1675; m. 1694 **Cornelis Hendricxen**
- **Lijsbet Skillman**, b. 1677; m. **Jan Aten** of Flatbush. They removed to Three Mile Run, NJ (New Brunswick).

---Sources: Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1906, p. 22, and April 1906, p. 91

**Skillman, Thomas**

Thomas Skillman  
son of Thomas Skillman &  
Sara Petit

m.

**Annetje Aten**

dau. of Adriaan Hendrickszen Aten (Van Doesburg) &  
Lysbet Thomas

b. 1671

b.

d. before 4 July 1740

d.

In his will, he wrote: I, Thomas Shillman, of Newtown, in Queens County, being sickly, I leave to my wife Anne, all my estate, real and personal, except my negro man and negro woman, during her widowhood. If she marries, then she shall have £20. I leave to my son John, 10 shillings, "and that for his birth-right." I leave to my sons Abraham and Benjamin, £50 each, and my wagons, ploughs, and harrows. After my wife's decease, all the remainder of my estate is to go to my sons John, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Benjamin, and Joseph. All the rest of my movable estate, after my wife's decease, I leave to my daughters Mary, wife of John Bond, Mercy, wife of John Fine, Anne, wife of Hendrick Vandewater, and to my granddaughter Ann, wife of Jonas Martin. Whereas, my son Jacob has, at his own cost, built a house on my plantation, at Swamp in Newtown, the house is to be valued after my wife's decease, and the value allowed him. And, whereas, I have a deed from John Van Horne and his wife Catharine, for a tract of land at Raritan, in the Jerseys, and my sons John and Jacob have paid part, they are to have it if they pay the rest. I make my sons Abraham, Jacob, and Benjamin, executors. Dated February 23, 1739. Witnesses, Bernardus Van Zandt, John Rapalye, Cornelius Berrien, Jr. Proved, July 4, 1740.

---children of Thomas Skillman & Annetje Aten (Van Doesburg):

- **Pieter Killman** (twin), bp. 4 March 1694 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Elsje Skillman, Elizabeth Bosch); d.y.

- **Elizabeth Killman** (twin), bp. 4 March 1694 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Elsje Skillman, Elizabeth Bosch); m. 1717 **Hendrick Van de Water**.
- **Jan Kilman** (Jan Skillman), bp. 24 June 1696 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Johannes Borger, Francina Stultheer, Wed: V. Jan Wesselszen) (parents: Thoman Kilman, Anna Kilman); d. about 1765 Somerset Co., NJ; m. **Anna Hull**
- **Mary Skillman**, b. 1698; m. **Johannes Bant** (Bond).
- **Mearcy Schilman** (Mercy Skillman), bp. 2 Feb 1701 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Isaac Brockaar [Brokaw], Mercy Van Hove); m. **John Fine** (Fijn), son of (prob) Jan Fin & Antje Jans.
- **Annatje Kilman** (Annatje Skillman), bp. 13 Jan 1703 NYC Ref Ch (wit: Pieter Bant, Catharina Davids) (parents: Thomas Kilman, Annatje Wyt); m. **Hendrick Van de Water**, widower of her sister, Elizabeth.
- **Abram Schilman** (Abraham Skillman), b. 1704; bp. 18 April 1704 Brooklyn Ref Ch (wit: Jan Aten, Sara Brees)
- **Isaac Skillman**, b. 1706; m. -?-
- **Jacob Skillman**, b. 1708
- **Benjamin Skillman**, b. 1710; d. 1783; m. about 1731, **Margaret Coe**, dau. of Samuel Coe & Margaret Van Zandt
- **Joseph Skillman**, b. 1712

---Sources: Skillman, William Jones, "The Skillmans of America and Their Kin" in *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, Jan 1906, p. 22, and April 1906, p. 91; Pelletreau, William S., *Abstracts of Wills on File in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York*, pub. as Collections of the New York Historical Society, (Vol. III, 1730-1744, pub. 1894), p. 299 (will of Thomas Shillman); van der Linde, A.P.G. Jos., *Old First Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn, New York First Book of Records, 1660-1752*, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983