

Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs: Huyck

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The Huyck family came to America in the person of John (Hanse) Huighen (Huygh, Huyck) in company with Peter Minuit, the commander and director of the Dutch West India Company and the real founder of the city of New York. In 1891 Mr. A. A. Vosterman Van Oijen, genealogist and Heraldisch Archief, residing at The Hague, made investigations that gave many facts concerning the Huycks in Holland. They showed that while the family belonged to the burghers, they had occupied positions of trust and honor as far back as the sixteenth century. Copied from the registers of births, baptism, and marriages found there appear the same names that occur in the American family. Among Dutch publications is a well-known romance in two volumes entitled *Ferdinand Huyck*, which has made the name Huyck a familiar one in many homes of that country. The arms of the Huyck family are: "The escutcheon; in argent, a demi-lion of sable. The helmet; a patrician one. The crest; a demi-lion of sable. The mantling; argent and sable."

(I) This record is traced from **Henrie Huyck**, a merchant from Roemond, who in 1616 became a resident of Nymegen, Holland, and took the oath for himself and eleven children, of whom Jan (John) became grootstraet in 1617, while Henrie, the second son, became burgomaster of the town and left a numerous offspring.

(II) **Jan**, son of Henrie Huyck, chieftain of the grootstraet, Nymegen, Holland, April 18, 1617, emigrated from Wesel, a strongly fortified town on the Rhine. Here his youthful days had been spent and he had risen to some prominence, being a deacon or an elder in the church. He took passage on a small Dutch vessel, the "Sea Gull," in company with his brother-in-law, Peter Minuit, who was the first director in the New World of the Dutch West India Company. Jan was the "koopman," storekeeper, for the company. They landed May 4, 1626, after a voyage of four months, on the island of Manhates, now the site of the present city of New York. A small colony composed of thirty houses had been established there, a fort had been staked out and a stone building thatched with reeds erected as a counting house for the use of the company. Here the director and Koopman took up their residence, transacted business and exerted every energy to advance the interests of the company. Not having an ordained minister in the colony, two "Zercken Troosters," comforters of the sick, were appointed who should read the Scripture, the Creed and a sermon on the Sabbath. John (Jan) Huyck was one of the two appointed. The following year a minister having arrived, a church was organized with Peter Minuit and John Huyck, elders, they having been in Holland, one

a deacon, the other an elder. John Huyck was an honorable, intelligent and reliable man, and during his permanent settlement at New Amsterdam has honorable mention. His wife was Lizabeth Peters, who survived him and married (second) July 5, 1657, Dirck Weijerts.

(III) Andries Hanse, son of Jan and Lizabeth (Peters) Huyck, was of New Amsterdam, Kinderhook and Albany. He was the owner of a large estate at Kinderhook, New York, which he obtained by a patent from King James II., dated March 14, 1636, and much of this is still in the possession of a descendant. Andries Hanse and his wife were among the first members of the old Dutch church in Albany, mentioned in 1683, all previous records of this church being lost. He made his will, August 23, 1707. His wife was Cathalin Lammerse Van Valkenburgh, of Kinderhook, who was living in 1705 and is mentioned in his will with ten children:

1. Johannes.
2. Lambert, of further mention.
3. Burger, of Kinderhook, living in 1731; married Mayke Hoes, October 2, 1693.
4. Catie.
5. Jochem, baptized July 29, 1685.
6. Cornelis, baptized March 11, 1688.
7. Anna, baptized December 31, 1693.
8. Andries, baptized December 31, 1693.
9. Maria, born November 11, 1696.
10. Margaret, born January 7, 1700.

(IV) Lambert, son of Andries Hanse and Cathalin Lammerse (Van Valkenburgh) Huyck, was born (circa) 1674-75. He, together with his brother Burger and others, applied for and obtained in 1731 a patent for over six thousand acres situated at Kinderhook, New York. He seems to have been a man of stirring business faculty as well as a devout Christian. He was deacon of the original Dutch Reformed church at Kinderhook, in 1722 and 1723, probably serving many years. He married, August 28, 1707, Annalie Ratcliff (Radcliff), of Albany, New York, born January 10, 1686, daughter of Jan Radcliff and his wife Rachel Lambertse Jochense Van Valkenburgh. Children:

1. Andries L., baptized February 27, 1709, of further mention.
2. Rachel, baptized March 11, 1711.
3. Cathryna, baptized September 27, 1713.
4. Sara, baptized March 4, 1721.
5. Rykert, born February 8, 1724.

(V) Andries L., son of Lambert and Annalie (Radcliff) Huyck, was born at Albany and baptized February 27, 1709. He was an elder of the Dutch Reformed church at Kinderhook from 1761 to 1770, being re-elected several times. He married Maria Clouw, born at Kinderhook and baptized at Athens, Greene county, New York, November 15, 1708, daughter of Jurian and Maria Jans Clouw. Children:

1. Johannes (John A.), of further mention.
2. Annatje, baptized February 6, 1742.
3. Bara, baptized February 8, 1744.

(VI) John A. (Johannes), son of Andries L. and Maria (Clouw) Huyck, was baptized June 27, 1730, died prior to 1797. He was a man of property and influence as shown by legal documents. He was a member and an official of the Kinderhook church for a number of years, after which he and his wife were among the original members of the early Dutch church of Schodack, which church is now located at Meuteskill, New York. He married Fitje (Sophia) Van Derkarr, March 8, 1762, at Claverack, New York. She was born January 12, 1732, baptized at the Lutheran church at Athens, New York, daughter of Solomon and Helena Van Derkarr. Children:

1. Solomon, of further mention.
2. Andries J.

(VII) Solomon, son of John A. and Fitje (Sophia) (Van Derkarr) Huyck, was born at Schodack, New York, September 1, 1770, baptized at the old Dutch Reformed church, September 22, 1770, died at his home in Westerlo, Albany county, New York, June 15, 1848. His boyhood was passed during the exciting revolutionary period, and in 1811 he was commissioned captain of militia by Governor Tompkins, governor of New York, serving in the regiment commanded by Colonel John T. Van Dalfsew. He married, July 10, 1791, at Kinderhook, Mary McClure, born December 7, 1771, died in the town of Westerlo, Albany county, New York, September 16, 1851. Children:

1. Daniel, born January 18, 1793, died July 30, 1852.
2. Sophia, born 1794, died May 14, 1878.
3. John S., of further mention.
4. Elizabeth, born September 30, 1807, died February 16, 1882.
5. Catherine, born May 5, 1810, died October 12, 1884.
6. Charity, born 1811, died April 11, 1886.
7. James William, born May 16, 1816, died at Dormansville, October 12, 1868; married, February 27, 1850, Elizabeth Graverd Dorman, born May 28, 1830, died December 10, 1861.
8. Mary, born 1817, died March 16, 1819.
9. Jane, died May 22, 1886.

(VIII) John S., son of Solomon and Mary (McClure) Huyck, was born in Westerlo, Albany county, New York, January 26, 1800, died at Rensselaerville, Albany county, New York, October 25, 1872. His pastor, Rev. John Gordon, wrote of him, "All who have been in any way interested in our village during the last half century will remember his kind face, his ready smile, his warm sympathy, and his activity in every good work. He came to the village in early manhood and has ever since been so identified with its interests, that all must feel his loss. He was always most active in educational matters, one of the supporters of the Academy in its most prosperous days. Many of our citizens are indebted to him in a measure for that education that enabled them to succeed in life and always to be found boldly on the side of morality. His

influence in the community cannot be too highly estimated. A constant attendant at the Presbyterian Church, he felt a deep interest in its welfare." John S. Huyck married, April 2, 1834, Isabella Conkling, born July 9, 1809, died at Brooklyn, New York, April 11, 1874, daughter of Daniel Conkling, of Rensselaerville, New York. She was a woman of high standing and of a generous nature (see [Conkling VI](#)). Children:

1. Francis Conkling, of further mention.
2. Mary Elizabeth, born July 8, 1840; married, June 11, 1863, Jerome B. Moore, of Rensselaerville, born in that village, April 28, 1830, died October 17, 1891, son of Judge Apollos Moore. In the early fifties he went to California with his friend, Dr. Harvey Hyde Wickes, settled in Nevada City, that state, where for ten years they carried on a successful drug business. In 1864 he located in Syracuse, New York, where he engaged in the wholesale drug business. He was a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church of that city, and a Republican in politics. "A true man and without guile, all who knew him were his friends." Children:
 1. Frank Huyck Moore, died at the age of four years;
 2. John Stanley Moore, born January 16, 1870;
 3. Ernest Conkling Moore, born January 4, 1873.
3. Albert, died in infancy.

(IX) Francis Conkling, son of John S. and Isabella (Conkling) Huyck, was born at Rensselaerville, New York, July 10, 1838, died in Albany, New York, July 4, 1907. He was educated in the Rensselaerville and Canandaigua academies, and during his long and busy life was a woollen manufacturer. In 1872 he became a member of the firm of H. Waterbury & Company, manufacturers of papermakers' felts with plant at Rensselaerville. This firm continued until 1880, when Mr. Huyck withdrew and in association with C. E. Argersinger established a plant at Kenwood for the manufacture of the same class of goods as made in the Rensselaerville plant. Their mill was destroyed by fire in 1894 and never rebuilt. Mr. Huyck in association with his sons formed the firm of F. C. Huyck & Sons and built a new mill at Rensselaer, continuing there the manufacture of papermakers' felts. He remained in active business until his death, leaving to the care of his sons the business with which he had been so long connected. Although his home was in Albany, he continued to make Rensselaerville his summer home, and took the liveliest interest in the prosperity of this village. One of his benefactions was the gift of a public hall and a library to his native village. He was a man of great public spirit, liberal and broad-minded and of strictest integrity in all his dealings with others. He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Rensselaerville, the [Holland Society](#) of New York, and of the Albany Chamber of Commerce. His clubs were the Lotos and Republican, of New York City, and the Country and Fort Orange of Albany. He married, June 28, 1865, Emily Harriet Niles, born at Rensselaerville, New York, January 10, 1845, daughter of Hon. John and Mary (Cook) Niles (see [Niles III](#)). Children, all born in Rensselaerville except the youngest:

1. Edmund Niles, of further mention.
2. Elizabeth Moore, born January 24, 1869; married Lewis A. Eldridge; children: Lewis, William, Harry, Francis H., Bessie, Edward and Roswell.
3. John Niles, of further mention.
4. Francis Conkling, of further mention.

5. Amy Conkling, born January 15, 1879, died August 6, 1881.
6. Emily Niles, born January 13, 1882, at Albany.

(X) Edmund Niles, eldest son of Francis Conkling and Emily H. (Niles) Huyck, was born May 17, 1866. He was educated at Rensselaerville Academy; prepared for college at Albany Boys' Academy; entered Williams College, whence he was graduated, class of 1888. After completing his college course he at once associated with his father in business, the firm being F. C. Huyck & Sons. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Albany. His clubs are the Country, Fort Orange and University of Albany. He married, 1891, at Albany, Jessie E., daughter of William M. Van Antwerp, of Albany.

(X) John Niles, second son of Francis Conkling and Emily H. (Niles) Huyck, was born June 1, 1871. He was educated at the Albany Boys' Academy, and was graduated from Williams College, class of 1893. After completing his education, he was admitted to the firm of F. C. Huyck & Sons, of which he is still a member. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Albany, and of the Country, Fort Orange, and University clubs of Albany. He married, December 9, 1896, at Saratoga, Annie, daughter of David Ritchie. Children, adopted,

1. John Francis, born September 7, 1899;
2. Eleanor, born September 22, 1901.

(X) Francis Conkling (2), third son of Francis Conkling (1) and Emily H. (Niles) Huyck, was born in Rensselaerville, New York, November 15, 1874. He was educated at Albany Boys' Academy, Holbrook Military Academy, Ossining, New York, and at Williams College. He was admitted to the firm of F. C. Huyck & Sons. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. His clubs are the Country, Fort Orange and University of Albany. He married, in New York City, Laura Van Ness, daughter of Daniel Talmage. Child, Katherine, born September 1, 1903.

(The Conkling Line)

Isabella Conkling, wife of John S. Huyck, was of the sixth generation from Annanias Conklin (Conkeline), an early settler on Long Island, New York.

(I) Annanias Conklin and his brother are mentioned in Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary* as being early settlers of Salem, Massachusetts. Annanias was made a freeman at Salem, May 18, 1642. This meant that he was of lawful age and a member of the church, none others being allowed to vote or hold office. He had three children baptized at Salem. In 1650 he removed to East Hampton, Long Island, his brother John going farther down the island, settling at Southold, where he died. An old gravestone reads: "Here lieth Captain John Conkelyne, born in Nottinghamshire, England, and died at Southold, Long Island, April 6, 1794, aged 64 years." This establishes the English home of the family, although Annanias the elder may have been born in some other part of England. Annanias had children mentioned in East Hampton and Salem records: Lewis, Jacob, Elizabeth, all baptized at Salem. Those mentioned at East Hampton are

1. Jeremiah, the ancestor of Roscoe Conkling, United States senator from New York, married Mary, daughter of Lion Gardiner;

2. Cornelius;
3. Benjamin;
4. a daughter, wife of George Miller; and
5. Hester, who was six and one-half years old when her father died in November, 1657.

(II) Benjamin, son of Annanias Conkling, died in 1709. He married Hannah Mulford. Children: John, Eliakim, Benjamin (2), Annanias.

(III) Annanias (2), son of Benjamin and Hannah (Mulford) Conklin, married Hannah _____. Children:

1. Bethiah, baptized January 1, 1701; married Joseph Hicks.
2. Henry, of further mention.
3. Nathan, baptized January 27, 1705-06; married Phoebe Parsons.
4. Annanias (3), baptized August 15, 1708; married Mary Miller.
5. Samuel, baptized February 27, 1711; married Clemens Parsons.
6. Lemuel, baptized April 5, 1713.
7. Benjamin, baptized December 11, 1715; married Sarah Parsons.
8. Hannah, twin of Benjamin, married Isaac Barnes.
9. Daniel, baptized February 16, 1718.
10. Josiah, baptized July 23, 1721.

New York Wills, vol. 13, page 568, mentions all these children except Samuel. Will was probated August 26, 1740, son Nathan, executor.

(IV) Henry, son of Annanias (2) and Hannah Conklin, was baptized February 22, 1702. He married, November 5, 1724, Mary Jones. (The old family Bible at Rensselaerville, New York, contains her name). Children:

1. Henry, baptized November 28, 1725.
2. Jediah, baptized September 24, 1727.
3. Jane, baptized December 6, 1730.
4. Edward, baptized August 27, 1732.
5. Mary, baptized December 22, 1734.
6. Daniel, of further mention.
7. Lucretia, baptized May 6, 1739.
8. Elizabeth, baptized July 11, 1742.
9. Hannah, born November 11, 1744.

(V) Daniel, son of Henry and Mary (Jones) Conkling, was baptized at East Hampton, Long Island, April 24, 1737, died at Rensselaerville, New York, September 25, 1816. Revolutionary war records at Washington show that he served as a private in Captain Edward Dunscomb's company of the Fourth New York regiment, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Wissenfels; also designated as Captain William Jackson's company, same regiment; also as Captain Benjamin Marvin's company, First New York regiment. His name also appears on the rolls, November 21 to September 5, 1777, and on the following rolls to December, 1780, with remarks: "Appointed Corporal December 1, 1778", New York State revolutionary archives state that he was made ensign, September 13, 1775, of Fourth Company, Second Battalion, Suffolk county militia. Daniel settled in Rensselaerville, New York, where he died. He married (first) Abigail Parsons. Children:

1. Daniel (2), of further mention.
2. Josiah. born 1770, died May 8, 1835.
3. Mary, married Daniel Dayton.
4. Henry, settled at Johnstown, New York.
5. Abigail. He married (second) Hannah Hutchinson. Children.
6. Samuel, born September 5, 1789, died November 10, 1818.
7. John T., born at East Hampton, April 2, 1792, died at Rensselaerville, October 10, 1875; married Tirza Stone, born in Colerain, Massachusetts.
8. Clarissa, born June 14, 1795, died December 9, 1821; married Thomas Lloyd.

(VI) Daniel (2), son of Daniel (1) and Abigail (Parsons) Conklin, was born at East Hampton, Long Island, July 19, 1765, died at Rensselaerville, New York, January 27, 1833, He married, February 16, 1791, Isabella Lusk, born February 19, 1771, died April 18, 1846, daughter of Thomas Lusk, of Stockbridge. Children:

1. Juliana, born May 6, 1792; married Henry Stone.
2. Daniel (3), born January 9, 1794, died January 15, 1871; married Harriet Hubbell, of Bennington, Vermont.
3. Thomas L., born October 9, 1796, died June 1, 1852; married Frances M. Hackley.
4. George, died in infancy.
5. Herod, born April 28, 1800, died March 18, 1847; married Wealthy Hubbs.
6. George C., died in infancy.
7. Guidon, born September 1, 1803, died May 8, 1874; married Caroline Tremaine.
8. David, born January 7, 1806, died December 26, 1881; married (first) Almira A. Watson; (second) Caroline A. Clark.
9. Albert, born January 11, 1808, died December 3, 1878; married (first) Harriet Hills, (second) Amelia Mills, (third), Sarah Ann Palmer.
10. Isabella, born July 9, 1809, died April 11, 1874; married John S. Huyck (see Huyck VIII).

11. Abigail, born March 25, 1811, died July 13, 1876; married William F. Bulkley.
12. Elizabeth, born November 11, 1812, died January 21, 1833.
13. Margaret, died in infancy.

(The Niles Line)

(I) Emily H. (Niles) Huyck descends from the Niles family of Rhode Island. The first of her ancestry to settle in New York state was Nathaniel Niles, born in Rhode Island, died in Otsego county, New York, aged eighty-eight years. He continued his residence in New England until after his marriage and the birth of several children, when he removed to Dutchess county, New York, where he was a farmer. He lived in Dutchess county until his children were grown and settled in homes of their own. When he grew old in years he went to Otsego county, New York, with his son Nathaniel (2). When eighty years of age he made the trip from Otsego county to Coeymans, Albany county, coming the entire distance of eighty miles on horseback to visit his son Henry. He married Martha ————. Nathaniel was a member of the Society of Friends and the Bible which contains the family records has the name entered in their form. He was born 25, 2 mo., 1728; died 2, 2 mo., 1816. Martha, his wife, born 24, 2 mo., 1729; died 12, 1 mo., 1820. Children:

1. William, born 14, 12 mo., 1753;
2. Freeloove, born 25, 5 mo., 1755;
3. Abigail, born 14, 1 mo., 1757;
4. Elizabeth, born 24, 5 mo., 1759;
5. Henry, of further mention;
6. Jane, born 15, 5 mo., 1763;
7. Nathaniel, born 16, 8 mo., 1765.

Jane married Willet Casey in Dutchess county. Being Quakers, they were much molested for their peculiar beliefs and leaving Dutchess county removed to Canada, locating at Adolphustown on the bay of Quinte, where they became wealthy and influential, living both to a good old age and founding a family. Nathaniel (2) lived for a short time at Coeymans, Albany county, New York, then settled in Otsego county, New York, where he purchased land and lived the remainder of his days. He died after 1832. He married and had children:

1. Jane, born 15, 12 mo., 1788;
2. Hannah, born 27, 12 mo., 1789;
3. William, born 21, 6 mo., 1791;
4. Freeloove, born 8, 9 mo., 1792;
5. Gulielma, born 25, 1 mo., 1794;
6. Lydia, born 24, 11 mo., 1795;
7. Alpha, born 16, 4 mo., 1799;
8. Mary, born 30, 8 mo., 1803;

9. Martha, born 8, 6 mo., 1805;
10. Hanson, born 21, 4 mo., 1807;
11. Abigail, born 26, 9 mo., 1808.

(II) Henry, son of Nathaniel and Martha Niles, was born probably in Rhode Island, 20th day, 5th month, 1761. The inscription on his tombstone in Coeymans burying ground reads: "In memory of Henry Nile who died December 18, 1812, aged 51 years, 8 months and 1 day." He removed to Otsego county with his father, but did not long remain there. He lived in Dutchess county until after his marriage, then settled in the town of Coeymans, Albany county, New York, where he died. He married Hannah Hicks, a cousin of Elias Hicks, founder of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends. Her gravestone in Coeymans reads: "In memory of Hannah Niles who died January 22, 1827, aged 61 years, 5 months, and 29 days." Children:

1. Henry, a farmer, lived and died in Coeymans where he married and had Henry (2), Annie, married Noble H. Johnson.
2. Nathaniel (3), a farmer, lived in Coeymans, died in Albany, New York, aged eighty-five years. His only son John died comparatively a young man, leaving Nathaniel (4) and John, the former a lawyer of Albany.
3. Samuel, a farmer, moved in early life to Rensselaerville, Albany county, New York, where he lived and died on the same farm at the great age of ninety-five years. He had seven daughters, who all married well-to-do farmers and had homes near or within a few miles of the old homestead. His sons Henry and Luther both had farms near by.
4. William, removed to Canada, where he sat as a member of the Dominion parliament. He was a miller and a farmer, living near a small hamlet called Nilestown. His children were Henry, Stephen, Nancy and Martha.
5. Sarah, died at the advanced age of ninety-two years. She married a farmer of Coeymans, Peter Van Alstyne; removed with an only son and two daughters to Palmyra, New York, where her grandson, Pliny Sexton, is a wealthy banker.
6. Stephen, removed to Canada, was twice married and had children: Elizabeth, Catherine, William F., Nathaniel, Stephen P., Jane Ann, Letty, Miriam, Matilda and Sarah.
7. Martha, married Reuben Stanton, of Greene county, New York; removed to Ionia, Michigan, where she died very old. Children: Reuben, Hamilton, George and Rufus.
8. Hannah, married Jacob Tompkins, a farmer of Rensselaerville, Albany county, New York, where she died at age of ninety years. Her children were all farmers or wives of farmers.
9. Lydia, married Abram Searles, a farmer; removed with a large family to Wellington, Prince Edward's District, Canada, where she died very old. All her children were farmers except Niles, who came to the States at age of eighteen; studied law at Cherry Valley, New York; went to California in 1849; settled in Nevada City, California, where he became a leading mining lawyer and one of the most prominent jurists in the state. He was district judge, state senator and one of the commissioners of the supreme court of California and later was elected chief justice. With the exception of the last mentioned son of Lydia Searles, the men of this family have all been farmers in good circumstances.
10. John, of further mention.

The first two generations mentioned were members of the Society of Friends, but later generations have departed from that faith.

(III) Hon. John Niles, son of Henry and Hannah (Hicks) Niles, was born in Coeymans, Albany county, New York, but removed early in life to Rensselaerville, where for a few years he followed the occupation of a tanner. He was well educated and studied law, and was admitted to the Albany county bar. He was supervisor many years, and later county judge. He was often employed to settle difficulties between landlords and tenants on the Van Rensselaer estate and transacted other legal business. After his admission to the bar, he confined himself entirely to the law, practicing in the various courts of New York. He was an able lawyer, of a high order of intelligence and a character beyond reproach. His great influence in the county was always exerted for good and never to promote selfish purposes. He died in 1872, aged seventy-five years. He married Mary (Polly) Cook. Children:

1. Laura F., died young.
2. Cornelia D., married (first) William W. Allen, (second) Alvin Devereux, of Deposit, New York, whom she survives, a resident of Albany.
3. Mary C., married Chief Justice Niles Searles, of San Francisco, California.
4. Addison C., a graduate of Williams College, class of 1852, studied law with Increase Summer, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and Judge Rufus King, of Catskill, New York; settled in Nevada City, California, and became judge of the supreme court, later removing to San Francisco. His only son, Addison Niles, is an artist in New York City.
5. J. Hamilton.
6. Charles M.
7. Henrietta, died young.
8. Emily Harriet, married Francis Conkling Huyck, whom she survives, a resident of Albany, New York (see Huyck IX).

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