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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

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### Gerret Dircksen Croesen of Brooklyn, New York

When I began researching the origins of my then earliest known Krusen ancestor, Richard Krusen of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York, I discovered an all too common "three brothers came to America" story. Ignoring this tale, I have found ample evidence to establish that Richard was actually a descendant of a Dutch immigrant to New Netherlands, Garret Dircksen Croesen of Brooklyn, New York.

There are innumerable variations of the name Croesen including Krusen, Kroesen, Kruzen, Kruser, Crusen, etc. many of which were used by or applied to the same family, or even the same individual. English and Dutch versions of the same given name were often used interchangeably by the same individual. Richard Krusen of Greenwood was known primarily as Derrick in New Jersey.

I am indebted to M. Marie Metzgar and Warren D. Cruise for the bulk of the information provided below on the first five generations of the family. Warren is the author of an excellent compilation, *The Croesen Families of America* ([hereinafter *CFA*], Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., [1998]). Marie was a major contributor to Warren's genealogy; direct correspondence with her is cited as *Metzgar* below. The following chapter is designed as a supplement to *CFA*; please refer to that source for a comprehensive biographical history of the early generations. I am also grateful to Jim Roberts for some important contributions to this line of research.

1. GARRET<sup>1</sup> DIRCKSEN CROESEN married NEELTJE<sup>2</sup> JANS, daughter of Jan<sup>1</sup> Pietersen van Husum and Eljse \_\_\_.

Children:

2.
  - ii. DERRICK<sup>2</sup>, m. ELIZABETH CREGIER.
  - iii. ELSJE, m. WILLIAM KLAASZ.
  - iv. HENDRICK, m. CORNELIA CORSEN.
  - v. CATHARINE, m. NICHOLAS BAKKER.
  - vi. ANNETJE, m. CHRISTIAN CORSEN.

2. DERRICK<sup>2</sup> KROESEN married ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> CREGIER (*Francis<sup>2</sup>, Martin<sup>1</sup>*), daughter of Francis<sup>2</sup> and Walburg (De Sille) Cregier.

Children:

- i. GARRET<sup>3</sup>, m. ARIENTJE NEVIUS.
3. ii. FRANCIS, m. ELIZABETH VAN DER GRIFT.
- iii. NEELTJE, m. CASEL VAN HASTEN.
- iv. NICHOLAS, m. MARY ROWLAND.
- v. JAN, m. (1) BRECHJE BERGEN; m. (2) CATRINA CORNELL.
- vi. CATHARINE, m. (1) BENJAMIN JONES; m. (2) HENRY LOTT.
- vii. DERRICK, m. CORNELIA BERGEN.
- viii. HENRY, m. (1) ELSJE BERGEN; m. (2) ANN WILLIAMSON.

3. FRANCIS<sup>3</sup> KROESEN married ELIZABETH VAN DER GRIFT (*Leonard<sup>2</sup>, Jacob<sup>1</sup> Leendertsen*), daughter of Leonard<sup>2</sup> and Christina "Styntje" (Elsworth) Van der Grift.

Children:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup>, m. JOHANNAS SLECHT.
4. ii. DERRICK, m. (1) MARIA VLIET.
- iii. LEONARD, m. ELIZABETH \_\_\_.
- iv. JACOB, m. ANN \_\_\_.
- v. FRANCIS, m. JANNETJE ROMEYN.
- vi. ABRAHAM.
- vii. BENJAMIN.
- viii. JOHANNUS.
- ix. GARRET.
- x. *child.*

4. DERRICK<sup>4</sup> KROESEN (*Francis<sup>3</sup>, Derrick<sup>2</sup>, Garret<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; he was baptized at the Abington Presbyterian Church, Abington, Montgomery County, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 5 February 1718 by the church's founding pastor, Reverend Malachi Jones (*CFA*). He may have died at Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania in 1804 (*Metzgar*). His will was made 18 February 1789 but not proved until 2 November 1805 (*Pennsylvania Vital Records* [hereinafter *PVR*], 1:26, *CFA*). Derrick was first married on 10 April 1739 to MARIA<sup>4</sup> VLIET (*Jan<sup>3</sup> Jansen Van der Vliet, Jan<sup>2</sup> Dircksen, Dirck<sup>1</sup> Jansen*), born in Somerset County, New Jersey about 1715, died before 16 February 1758, daughter of Jan<sup>3</sup> Jansen "John" and Margaret "Geertje" (Brinson) Van der Vliet (Ruby Bell Arnold, *The Krusen (Croesen) Family History* as prepared for *Ancestral Lines of Members of Lycoming Chapter, DAR; Williamsport, Pennsylvania*; hereinafter *Arnold*).

Anno 1739. On 31 March registered under witness of Folkert Van Noordstrand, on 10 April, after three announcements were married, Dirk Kroesen,

young man, born in Bucks county, with Maria Vliet, young daughter, born on the Raritans (*PVR*: 1:261, *CFA*).

Derrick was married second at Churchville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania on 16 February 1758 by license to MARIA<sup>4</sup> (VAN HORN) BENNETT (*Abram*<sup>3</sup>, *Barent*<sup>2</sup>, *Christian*<sup>1</sup>): "Derrick Kroesen Widower, and Maria Bennet, Widow" (*PVR*: 1:265, *CFA*). Mary Van Horn was first married on 17 October 1745 to ISAAC BENNETT JR., baptized Freehold-Middletown, NJ Dutch Church 14 April 1717. Isaac, in turn, was first married to Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Kroesen (*Nicholas*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>) who bore him a son, Nicasies [Nicholas], who was named after Elizabeth's father. Maria was the daughter of Abram<sup>3</sup> and Mary ([Dungan]) Van Horn; daughter "Mary Kreusen" is identified in Abram's will (Northampton, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, made 7 Feb 1770, #1419; ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/bucks/wills/abvhorn01.txt).

When Dirck Croesen married the second time so soon after the death of his first wife, the children resented it and when, after his death, they found he had left all his property to the [second] wife and her children, they changed the spelling of their name to Crusen and this particular line has spelled it that way down through the years. (*Arnold*, citing Mrs. Hinman's notes)

*Derrick* is simply a variant of *Derek* which actually comes from a Low German form of *Theodoric*, which was introduced to Britain during the Middle Ages by Flemish settlers connected with the cloth trades. The Flemish and Dutch form of *Derek* usually appears as *Dirk* (Patricia Hanks and Flavia Hodges, *A Concise Dictionary of First Names*, Oxford University Press [1992]). However, it appears that *Derrick* was often incorrectly re-anglicized as the more familiar *Richard*. In corrections to an article on the Elsworth family of New York City, which names some of the children of Francis<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Van der Grift) Kroesen, *Derrick*<sup>4</sup> appears as *Richard* in the record of baptisms (*New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, [Oct 1933], 411).

A Derrick Kroesen (various spellings) appears in the tax records of Bucks County, Pennsylvania at Southampton in 1742, 1762, and 1778; at Bensalem in 1754; and at Northampton in 1761 and 1764 (*Bucks County Tax Records 1693-1778*).

Children by Maria Vliet (*Metzgar*, *Arnold*), birth order uncertain, ordered as they appear in Derrick's will; all but Elizabeth designated as children of Maria (Van Horn) Bennett in *CFA*, surname *Krewson*, *Krusen*, etc.:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup>, bapt. Bucks Co., PA 25 May 1740; dau. of "Dirk Kroesen and Mallie Van Vliet" (*PVR*: 1:197, *CFA*); named after paternal grandmother; m. CHRISTIAN CORSEN (*Metzgar*, *CFA*).
- ii. JOHN, bapt., probably in Bucks Co., PA, in 1742 (*Metzgar*); however, by some sources, he was born in 1752 (*CFA*); d. Turbet Township, Northumberland Co., PA between 23 Aug 1796 when he made his will and 17 Oct 1796 when his will was proved; m. JANNTJE "JANE" CORSEN (*Metzgar*); ancestors of Warren D. Cruise. Whether born in 1742 or 1752, his birth occurred well in advance of 1758 clearly indicating that he was the son of

Maria Vliet, rather than of Maria (Van Horn) Bennett. Assuming John was born in 1742, and given that he was the first son named in his father's will, he was probably the eldest son. This is consistent with Dutch naming practices; John was named after his maternal, rather than his paternal, grandfather, Jan<sup>2</sup> Jansen "John" Van der Vliet, because Jan Jansen had already died about 1737.

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  - iii. FRANCIS<sup>5</sup>; named after his paternal grandfather.
  - iv. MARGARET, named after her maternal grandmother, m. \_\_\_ BLACK (*Metzgar*).
  - v. JACOB, b. 1754; m. ELSJE VAN SANT (*Metzgar*).
  - vi. ISAAC, b. ca. 1754-1756; d. Ross Co., OH; possibly m. CATHARINE STAATS (*Metzgar*) but it appears more likely that he m. (1) \_\_\_ HENDERSON, dau. of James Henderson of Hunterdon Co., NJ whose 1792 will identifies a grandson named James Krusen; m. (2) Ohio Co., WV 1792 Viola Fulton; m. (3) Ohio Co., WV 1799 Elizabeth Hamer; probably the Isaac Krusen who appears on the tax lists for Alexandria Township, Hunterdon Co., NJ in 1789 and 1790; moved to Ohio Co., WV; estate administered by David Henderson who was probably identical with the son of James Henderson by that name. (Jim Roberts, correspondence, 10 Dec 2000)

Children by Maria (Van Horn) Bennett (*Metzgar, CFA*):

- vii. NICHOLAS, bapt. Neshaminy (Churchville), Bucks Co., PA 28 Jan 1759 (*Metzgar*); mother named as Maria Van Horn (*PVR*: 1:252, *CFA*); perhaps named in honor of Mary's stepson, Nicasies Bennett, who probably died young.
- viii. DERRICK, bapt. Neshaminy (Churchville), Bucks Co., PA 14 Dec 1760 (*Metzgar*); mother named as Maria Van Horn (*PVR*: 1:252, *CFA*).

5. FRANCIS<sup>5</sup> KRUSEN (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>) was born, probably in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, probably between 1742 and 1752. He died in Mansfield Township, (then Sussex, since 1825) Warren County, New Jersey between 7 and 13 January 1819. The name of Francis' first wife and the probable mother of his children is unknown. However, Francis was probably first married in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey between 1773 and 1778; she died before 20 February 1815 (*Sussex County Deeds*, E2:360). Francis may have married first JANE \_\_\_ (see Jim Robert's comments further below).

If Francis and his first wife followed Dutch traditions rigidly in naming their children, he may have first married ELIZABETH \_\_\_ and she may have been the daughter of couple named Jasper and Joanna.

Francis' son, Derrick/Richard<sup>6</sup> Krusen, and his wife, Jane (Garrison) Krusen, named their first daughter Mary and their second daughter Sarah. If Jane (Garrison) Krusen was the daughter of John and Mary (Barbar) Garrison, as theorized further below, it follows that Derrick/Richard<sup>6</sup>'s mother may have been named Sarah. Thus Francis may have first married SARAH \_\_\_. If so, she died, probably after September 1800, when the Krusens named their daughter *Mary*; if she had predeceased Mary (Barbar) Garrison, then the Krusens would have named their eldest daughter

*Sarah*. However, Derrick/Richard and Jane did not follow Dutch naming pattern strictly; their fifth son (instead of their third), Richard, was finally named in honor of his father.

In any case, Francis was married second before 20 February 1815 to MARY \_\_ (Sussex County Deeds, E2:360); she died after 13 January 1819. From the wording of Francis' will, it is obvious that Mary was not the mother of his children. Contrary to many sources, Mary (\_\_) Krusen was *not* Mary Blackledge or Mary Davis; this issue is discussed in detail further below.

Francis' paternal grandparents, Francis<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Van der Grift) Kroesen, had eight sons. According to Dutch naming practices, each of these eight sons should have named their eldest son *Francis* to honor Francis<sup>3</sup>. The name, *Francis*, had been introduced into the Kroesen family to honor Francis<sup>3</sup>' maternal grandfather, Francis<sup>2</sup> Cregier (*Martin*<sup>1</sup>). Early in my research efforts, I discovered an existing theory that Derrick/Richard<sup>6</sup> Krusen and Jasper Crusan, both of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York were the sons of a Francis Krusen who died in New Jersey in 1819. I then sought to determine which grandson of Francis<sup>3</sup> was their father. The potential existed for eight grandsons of Francis<sup>3</sup> Kroesen named in his honor. To date, the actual existence of any grandsons so named has been established for only three men, sons of Derrick<sup>4</sup>, Leonard<sup>4</sup>, and Francis<sup>4</sup>.

Francis, father of Derrick/Richard and Jasper, died in 1819. Therefore, Francis<sup>5</sup> Kroesen (*Leonard*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>) can be ruled out; he died before 5 January 1804, when Leonard<sup>4</sup> made his will (*Bucks County, Pennsylvania Wills*, 7:171, *CFA*). On similar evidence, Francis<sup>5</sup> Kroesen (*Francis*<sup>4-3</sup>) can also be eliminated as a candidate; he did not die until 1844 (*Metzgar*). By process of elimination, using the known facts, the logical conclusion is that Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>) was the father of Derrick/Richard and Jasper. After making this determination, I learned that Ruby Bell Arnold had arrived at the same conclusion long before me.

This conclusion is also strongly supported, once again, by examining naming patterns. Francis named his eldest son Derrick/Richard, his second son Jasper, and his third son John. In Dutch families, the eldest son was traditionally named after the paternal grandfather; the second son was named after the maternal grandfather; and the third son was named after the father. However, if the maternal grandfather predeceased the paternal grandfather, the order would be reversed, as was the case with the sons of Derrick<sup>4</sup>. Also, the naming pattern was sometimes altered to honor a paternal or maternal relative that had died. Unfortunately, I do not have a death date for John<sup>5</sup> Krusen (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>). However, we do know John<sup>5</sup> lived and died in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania but not appear in the 1790 census. It seems probable that John, son of Francis, born in 1784, was named after his deceased uncle, John<sup>5</sup>.

Francis' sons, Derrick/Richard, Jasper and John all settled in Greenwood, Steuben County, New York. Following the deaths of Derrick/Richard and Jasper, John moved on to Licking County, Ohio. Descendants of Francis' brother, John, had also settled in Licking County, Ohio. If I have correctly identified Francis as Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>) then it follows that John moved to be near some of his close kin after his brothers died. This additional information provides strong support for the conclusion that Francis was the son of Derrick<sup>4</sup>.

The confusion created by the existence of at least three first cousins all named Francis Krusen has led to errors that remain widely accepted. This situation is exacerbated by the fact that at least two of the cousins both married women with the first name of *Mary*.

Mary Blackledge married a Francis Krusen at Neshaminy (Churchville), Bucks County, Pennsylvania (*Metzgar*) on 26 October 1770 (*Pennsylvania Marriages*); he is frequently, but

incorrectly, identified as Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>). Also, it is often stated that Mary Davis married a Francis Krusen; he is generally designated as Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Leonard*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>). However, Mary Blackledge and Mary Davis were actually the same woman; Mary (Blackledge) (Krewson) Davis was first married to Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Leonard*<sup>4</sup>). This conclusion is drawn from an examination of her will.

In the will of "Mary Krewson or Davis" of Southampton (*Bucks County, Pennsylvania Abstracts of Willis, Liber 10, page 338*), she is identified as the daughter of John Blackledge. Mary Blackledge was first married to Francis Krewson; he died; and she then married \_\_\_ Davis. This document, dated 7 July 1824, describes Mary as "advanced in years"; her will was proved later that same year on 7 December. Mary (Blackledge) (Krewson) Davis had sons named John Blackledge Krewson, Francis Krewson, and Leonard Krewson. Her daughters were named as Esther Krewson, Elizabeth Krewson, Rachel Hibbs, Mary Aurhton, and Bridget States. Based on her son's names, it is clear that Mary Blackledge married Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Leonard*<sup>4</sup>); the origins of the Mary (\_\_\_) Krusen, second wife of Francis<sup>5</sup> (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>) remain unknown.

The names of her children and the will of her father confirm that Mary (Blackledge) (Krewson) Davis was born Mary<sup>3</sup> Blackledge (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), daughter of John<sup>2</sup> and Bridget (Grimes) Blackledge. In John<sup>2</sup> Blackledge's will (dated 11 March 1775; #107; probated 1784; inventory filed 31 May 1785), his grandson, John Blackledge Krewson, is given money to be paid when he becomes 21 years old. John Blackledge also bequeathed land in Manor of Moreland, just outside of Philadelphia, to his daughter Mary.

Returning to the biography of our current subject, Francis<sup>5</sup> Krusen (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>), we learn that he he settled in Bethlhem, Hunterdon County, New Jersey by 1777 as evidenced by the following record of his service in the American Revolution:

It is certified, that the records of this office [Adjutant General, Trenton, New Jersey] show that Francis Kruser—Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County—served as an Ensign, Captain F. Lock's Second Regiment, Hunterdon County Militia, May 10, 1777; Lieutenant, Captain Albert Opdycke's Company, Second Regiment, Hunterdon County Militia, June 1778; Captain, vice Opdycke, September 4, 1780; at battle of Monmouth, June 28, 1778—during the Revolutionary War (*Arnold*).

Francis Kruser is also documented as a Captain from Hunterdon County, New Jersey (William S. Stryker, *Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War* [Trenton, NJ: Wm. T. Nicholson & Co., Printers; 1872]).

One wonders what would have prompted Francis to migrate from Bucks County, Pennsylvania to Hunterdon County, New Jersey. The answer probably lies in *Bucks County, Pennsylvania Criminal Records: 1697-1786*. In File #2783, dated 28 September 1773, we find: "Recognizance Catherine De Gray of Northampton Township testify versus Francis Kroesen for fornication and bastardy of an illegitimate child." The most likely match for this record is Francis<sup>5</sup> Krusen (*Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>). This event may have caused him to relocate and increases the probability that his first wife was from Hunterdon County, New Jersey rather than Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Sharon Ann Kasa offered the following comments on this event:

Catherine Gray, dau. of Peter Gray married... widower John Trisler...  
About 1772-1773, Peter Gray was born in Northampton, Bucks Co., PA. I have never managed to find his birth parents and now I wonder if they are possibly Francis Kroesen and Catherine Gray (14 Feb 2002).

In "New Jersey Rateables, 1778-1780" (Kenn Stryker-Rodda, *Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey* [Vol. 47, No. 3; Sep 1972]; Kenn is a descendant of the Stryker family of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York), Francis is listed "Frances Cruser" with 130 acres in Bethlehem Township, 2 horses, 6 horned cattle, 4 hogs as of June 1778. He was exempt from paying taxes, probably because of his military leadership role. By September 1780, "Francis Cruser" had only 50 acres, 3 hogs, and 4 horned cattle; perhaps his service in the militia had negative impact on both his finances and his farming. In other tax lists he appears as "Francis Crusen" in 1785, "Frances Krusom" in 1786, and "Frances Kruson" in 1789. Perhaps he left Hunterdon County in 1790 for he was not listed among the Hunterdon County taxpayers that year *Hunterdon County New Jersey Taxpayers 1778-1797*.

A "Francis Cruser" is listed in the 1790 census for Northumberland County, Pennsylvania between Thomas Phillips and Joseph Huffe. From other records, we know that Francis sometimes spelled his name *Kruser* which would be a synonym for *Cruser*. Unfortunately, the census records were not returned by township for Northumberland County in 1790 which encompassed most of north central Pennsylvania at that time. Francis' brother, John, resided in Turbet Township, Northumberland County. However, John did not die until 1796 and he is *not* listed in the 1790 census. In 1800, "Mrs. Cruser" is listed as a head of household in Turbet. Also, the details in the census record pertaining to "Francis Cruser" do not match well with his family group. In 1790, the household of "Francis Cruser" included just one male age 16 or older; four free white females including three who were under age 16; and one slave. While Francis certainly had at least three daughters under the age of 16 in 1790, he had several sons as well. If "Francis Cruser" of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania is the same Francis who settled in Mansfield Township, (then Sussex, now) Warren County by the end of 1796 or sooner, then some of his children must have remained in New Jersey with other family members, perhaps to maintain Francis' own home and farm. It seems more reasonable to conclude that "Francis Cruser" of Northumberland County belongs to another branch of the Croesen family tree.

Francis died in Mansfield Township, (then Sussex, now) Warren County, New Jersey. He probably settled there by 8 Dec 1796, when "Francis Kruser" and Frederick Miller made the inventory of Michael Neigh Sr. of Mansfield Township (File 706S, *New Jersey Colonial Documents: Calendar of Wills—1796-1800*, 263). Apparently, it was common for the "Jersey Dutch" to change the final *n* in a surname to an *r* (*Arnold*).

On 20 February 1815, Francis Krusen and Mary his wife of Mansfield Township deeded 43 acres to Derrick Krusen also of Mansfield for \$500, as witnessed by Joseph Thane and Elizabeth McIntire. This property was bordered by that of John Titsworth, Abraham Titsworth, John Woolever, and Robert Ramsey (*Sussex County Deeds*: E2:360).

"Francis Kruser" made his own will on 7 January 1819; it was recorded 20 July 1820 (*Liber B of Wills, folios 52, 53*).

In the name of God Amen. I Francis Kruser of the township of Mansfield  
County of Sussex & State of New Jersey, being weak in body of sound mind &

memory for which blessing I most devoutly thank my god, do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following, first it is my will & I do order that all my debts & funeral expenses be duly paid & satisfied, as soon as conveniently can be after my decease, I give & bequeath unto Joanna Petty wife of Aaron Petty my daughter, & unto Derrick Kruser, Jasphe Kruser & John Kruser my sons & to my other daughters Mary Hornbecker, Elizabeth Kruser & Margaret Kruser & my granddaughter Jimime McIntire & my wife Mary Kruser to them their heirs and assigns forever all my property both real & personal share & share alike except the share which is to go to my wife, which if she accept it is to be in lieu of her dower, & if anything remains of her share at my decease, it is my will that it be equally divided among my children & grand child above named to share & share alike. It is my will & I do here by order and direct my executors hereafter named to sell at publick or private sale all my real property lands tenements & herediements of every description for the best price they can get for the same within one year after my decease, and the monies arising from the sale, the be equally divided share & share alike among all my children above named my wife, & granddaughter Jemima also to have an equal share with the rest, my will is that if my wife Mary will not accept her equal share with my other children named in lieu of her dower and release her right of dower to my heirs in order that the landed property may bring a good price, then in that case my will is that the share so as aforesaid willed to her, cease from her, & that she shall receive no part of it, but that her part shall be equally divided amongst my children & grand child before named. The reason that I will the sale of my landed property is because I considered it would be better & more to the advantage of my children & grandchild to have their share in cash or money than in lots of ground. I will & order my executors hereafter named to put out the money or share coming to my grandchild Jemima McIntire to interest & secure the same by bond & mortgage until she attains the age of twenty one years, the interest to be paid to her annually for schooling & clothing, & when she attains the age of twenty one years, she is then to receive the whole unless she should die before she attains the age of twenty one years, & without having an heir or heirs, and in such case the money to be divided amongst my children or the survivors of them share & share alike. Lastly I doe hereby appoint my friends Jacob Taylor Esquire & Joseph Karr executors of this my last will & testament & guardians to my grandchild unto she chooses a guardian.

Elizabeth Martin, Henry Hankinson, and John Garrison witnessed Francis' mark on the document. Perhaps John Garrison was the father of Francis' daughter-in-law, Jane (Garrison) Krusen; Derrick/Richard and Jane (Garrison) Krusen named their eldest son John. "Francis Krusen" was referred to as deceased in the inventory of his goods, dated 13 January 1819 (*Liber C of Inventories, folio 287*).

On 4 December 1819, Jacob Taylor and Joseph Kerr, executors of Francis' estate, along with John Krusen "did expose at public vendue or outcry... at the late dwelling house of Francis Krusen dec<sup>d</sup> a certain farm or plantation... [in] Mansfield." John Krusen bought the 216-acre



property with a bid of \$2,216. It was bordered by John Vanness, Martin and Sutton. The deed was witnessed by Joseph Coryell and Aaron Petty (*Sussex County Deeds*, P2:315).

On 17 December 1819, Derick Krusen of Tioga, Tioga County, New York sold his 34 acre share of Francis' farm to his brother-in-law, "Peter Hornbaker" of Independence Township for \$497; this lot was "a part of the farm of Francis Krusen decease." (*Sussex County Deeds*, P2:51).

On 8 April 1820 John Krusen and his wife, Jane, distributed 34.2 acres shares of Francis' farm to Margaret Krusen, Jasper Krusen of Mansfield, and Aaron Petty of Independence Township in separate deeds executed at a sale price of \$369.36 each (*Sussex County Deeds*, P2:305).

Also on 8 April 1820 John Krusen and Jane of Mansfield sold 81.33 acres in Mansfield Township to Peter Hornbaker of Independence Township "excepting therefrom during the natural life of mary kruser widow and relick of Francis Kruser late of Mansfield dec<sup>d</sup> a part of said lot that was laid off by Adam Runkle and Francis Nixon for part of her right of dower." This lot was also "a part of the farm of Francis Krusen." Joseph Coryell and Aaron Petty witnessed this transaction (*Sussex County Deeds*, P2:278). Was this Adam Runkle identical with Adam Dawson Runkle, grandson of Jane (Foster) (Barbar) (Dawson) Van Buskirk?

Jim Roberts (hereinafter *Roberts*) provided the following summary on Francis via correspondence (11 May 1999):

First, Francis Krusen (#245 in the Croesen book). By the way, I listed two wives for Francis, (1) Jane, and (2) Mary (the one mentioned in the will). I can't say right off what made me make his first wife Jane. (I hope I didn't confuse her with his son Derrick's wife Jane Garrison!) At any rate, the wording of the will made me think that Mary was a second wife. Here's what I said about Francis: "Francis Kroesen was taxed in Bethlehem twp., Hunterdon Co. NJ in 1778, 1780, 1785, 1786, and 1789, so it quite possible that his first wife was from that area. This is probably the Francis Cruser who appears in the 1790 Census of PA in Northumberland Co. He later moved to Warren Co. NJ (it was part of Sussex Co. at the time) where he lived many years, and died probably in January of 1820. Francis made his will in Mansfield twp., Sussex Co. NJ, on 7 January 1819; it was proved 20 Jan 1820... He names his wife as Mary Krusen, who was probably a second wife and not the mother of (all) the children, for after his property was to be sold, she was to receive an equal share with the children and the grandchild; if she would not accept this share, then she was not to receive any part of it, and her share was to be equally divided among the others.

Children, birth order uncertain, ordered as they appear in Francis' will, surname *Krusen*, *Crusen*, etc.;

- i. JOANNA, m. 15 Jan 1797 AARON PETTY (*Marriage Book A*, Sussex County Court House, Newtown, NJ); perhaps she was named after her otherwise unknown maternal grandmother; otherwise known as *Yeahannah* (*Roberts*).

6. ii. DERRICK/RICHARD<sup>6</sup> KRUSEN, b. Washington, Warren Co., NJ 17 May 1779; named after his paternal grandfather; m. JANE GARRISON.
- iii. JASPER CRUSEN, b. [NJ] 2 Oct 1782; d. [Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY] 20 Sep 1835; m. 2 June 1803 NANCY ENGLE, b. 30 June 1780, d. 4 Sep 1828 (*Bible Records of Bernidine (Crusen) Waldorf*); resided in Independence Township, Warren Co., NJ in 1830; perhaps he was named after his otherwise unknown maternal grandfather.
- Children, surname *Crusen*: 1. *Jane*, b. 28 Oct 1805; d. 20 Sep 1852. 2. *John*, b. Aug 1807; d. 15 March 1851. 3. *Mary*, b. 30 June 1810; d. Aug 1832. 4. *Francis K.*, b. NJ 6 Feb 1804; d. 20 Sep 1893; m. Catherine Groundyke, b. NJ ca. 1810; settled in Greenwood, NY after 1830; two of their sons, Abram and Andrew Jackson "Jackson," resided as farm laborers with my great-great-great-grandparents, Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth "Betsey" (Burluson) Streeter, in 1855 and 1860 respectively.
- iv. JOHN, b. NJ 24 April 1784; d. Eaton Co., MI 29 March 1856; m. Sussex Co., NJ 22 Feb 1806 JANE MCINTIRE (*Marriage Book A*, Sussex County Court House, Newtown, NJ), b. NJ 28 March 1788, d. Eaton Co., MI 14 April 1871; both bur. West Carmel Cemetery, Eaton Co., MI; resided in Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY in 1830 and 1840; resided in Washington Township, Licking Co., OH in 1850. Following John's death, Jane resided with her son, Enoch, in Carmel Township, Eaton Co., MI in 1860 and with her son, Isaac, in Carmel in 1870. (Darlene E. Hamilton, *Krusen Family: Descendants of John and Jane Krusen (Crusen) and Allied Petry Family: Descendants of Andrew Petry/Petre and Ann Kelly* [Kirkland, WA, April 1987], manuscript; hereinafter *Hamilton*).
- Children, surname *Krusen* (will of John Krusen, written in Licking Co., OH 26 July 1852, probated in Eaton Co., MI 6 May 1856, cited by *Hamilton*): 1. *Mary Ann*, b. [NJ] ca. 1808; m. \_\_\_ Foot. 2. *Catharine*, b. [NJ] 2 Oct 1810; d. Eaton Co., MI 28 Sep 1895; m. [NY] ca. 1829 Joseph Frace/Frase, b. [NY] 25 Nov 1804, d. Eaton Co., MI 18 Nov 1863; both bur. West Carmel Cemetery, Eaton Co., MI; resided in Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY in 1830; resided in Urbana Township, Steuben Co., NY in 1840; resided in McKean Township, Licking Co., OH in 1850. 3. *Isaac*, b. NJ 27 Jan 1813; d. Eaton Co., MI 29 May 1893; m. ca. 1843 *Mary* \_\_\_, b. VA 16 March 1816, d. Eaton Co., MI 12 Nov 1905; both bur. West Carmel Cemetery, Eaton Co., MI; resided in Washington Township, Licking Co., OH in 1850 and 1860; resided in Carmel Township, Eaton Co., MI in 1870 and 1880; Mary appears alone in Carmel in 1900. 4. *Jane V.*, m. \_\_\_ Atkins. 5. *John*, b. NJ ca. 1822; m. ca 1843 Eunice \_\_\_, b. OH ca. 1824/25; resided in Washington Township, Licking Co., OH in 1850; resided in Carmel Township, Eaton Co., MI in 1860; resided in Big Prairie Township, Newaygo Co., MI in 1870 and 1880; direct ancestors of Darlene E. Hamilton. 6. *Francis*, b. NY ca. 1828. 7. *Enoch*, b. NY 14 Aug 1830; d. Eaton Co., MI 5 Feb 1914; m. MI ca. 1862 Amanda Maria \_\_\_, b. MI 8 Dec 1841; d. Eaton Co., MI 30 Sep 1926; both bur. West

Carmel Cemetery, Eaton Co., MI; resided in Washington Township, Licking Co., OH in 1850; resided in Carmel Township, Eaton Co., MI in 1860, 1870, 1880, and 1900.

- v. MARY, b. 6 May 1785 (*Roberts*); d. 11 March 1850; m. Sussex Co., NJ 4 May 1803 PETER HORNBAKER (*Marriage Book A*, Sussex County Court House, Newtown, NJ); named after paternal grandmother; resided Jackson Valley, NJ; 7 sons and 7 daughters, 13 of which grew to adulthood, and 12 reared families (Snell, *History of Sussex & Warren Counties*, 720); resided Washington Township, Warren Co., NJ in 1850.

Children, surname *Hornbaker*: 1. *Samuel*, b. ca. 1806. 2. *Francis K.*, 19 March 1808; d. 15 Feb 1899; m. 24 Dec 1829 Mary Jane<sup>4</sup> Bowlby (*Robert*<sup>3</sup>, *John*<sup>2-1</sup>), b. Sussex Co., NJ 15 May 1807, d. 21 May 1893, dau. of Robert<sup>3</sup> and Jane (Adams) Bowlby of Sussex Co., NJ. 3. *Andrew Jackson*, b. 19 May 1816; d. 6 Jan 1894. 4. *Catherine*, b. 20 Nov 1818. 5. *Emeline*, b. ca. 1829. 6. *Peter W.*, b. ca. 1830. 7. *Elijah*, b. ca. 1832. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

- vi. ELISABETH/ELIZA; m. 22 Feb 1807 THOMAS MCINTIRE; "*Eliza Cruiser*" m. "*Thomas McEntire*" (*Marriage Book A*, Sussex County Court House, Newtown, NJ); perhaps she was named after her otherwise unknown mother.

- vii. MARGARET, m. 29 June 1822 JOHN G. PERRY (*Marriage Book A*, Sussex County Court House, Newtown, NJ).

In April 1834, John G. Perry and his wife Margaret of Mansfield Township deeded 34.05 acres to Andrew Miller of Mansfield for \$600; this was the property that had been deeded to "Margaret Krusen now wife of John G. Perry" by her brother John in 1820. (*Warren County Deeds*, 12:42)

I originally assumed that Francis' granddaughter, Jemima McIntire was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth/Eliza (Krusen) McIntire. However, it appears that McIntire was Jemima's married name. On 26 May 1818, a deed was executed between Jemima McIntire, widow of John McIntire, late of Greenwich Township, Warren County, New Jersey and John and Jane (McIntire) Krusen; the property lay along the Easton—Morris Turnpike. Thus it is unclear what Jemima's maiden name was.

6. DERRICK/RICHARD<sup>6</sup> KRUSEN (*Francis*<sup>5</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Washington, (then Sussex, since 1825) Warren County, New Jersey on 17 May 1779; he died in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York on 24 September 1846. Derrick/Richard was married in Washington, New Jersey on 8 January 1800 to JANE<sup>[4]</sup> GARRISON ([*John*<sup>3-2-1</sup>]): "*Married Wenesday [sic], the 8th January 1800, Mr. Derrick Cruzen to Miss Jane Garrison both of Mansfield, Montsy Reading*" (*Marriage Book A*, 26, Sussex County Court House, Newtown, New Jersey); Montgomery Reading later served as the Sussex County Judge in 1809 (*Snell*). Jane was born, perhaps in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, in 1781; she died in the Town of Greenwood, New York on 10 June 1851. Both are buried in the Krusen Cemetery, Krusen's Corners, West Greenwood Hill, Town of Greenwood, New York. Jane was

probably the daughter of John<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Barbar) Garrison of Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

It is virtually certain that Jane was the daughter of a John Garrison. On 13 August 1803, John Garrison "Senor" and John Garrison "Junor" witnessed a deed in which "Derick Kruser of Mansfield and Jane his wife" sold land to John Johnson of Independence Township. On 13 January 1816, John Garrison witnessed a land purchase by Derrick Krusen in Independence Township (*Sussex County Deeds*, G2:176). On 2 November 1818, John Garrison Jr. witnessed a land sale by Derrick Krusen (*Sussex County Deeds*, K4). Recall that a John Garrison witnessed the will of Derrick/Richard's father, Francis<sup>5</sup> Krusen in 1819.

Recall also that Derrick/Richard's father, Francis resided in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County from the time of the Revolutionary War until 1790. No doubt, Derrick/Richard spent his younger years in Bethlehem; perhaps he became acquainted with his future wife there. Based on associations between Jane (Garrison) Krusen and John Garrison Sr. and Jr. and connections to Bethlehem Township, it is not unreasonable to speculate that Jane was the daughter of John Jr. and Mary (Barbar) Garrison:

#287; Jno & Jno Garison, Jr & Sen, both of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Hunterdon... [bound to]... Wm Livingston, Governor... 500 pounds... 29 March 1780. ... contract of marriage between John Garison... and Mary Barbar... [w] Robert McShane signatures of the bondsmen: John Garrison Jr, John Garrison (<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nj/marriage/njmarg06.txt>)

Mary (Barbar) Garrison may have been Mary, the daughter of Mathias and Jane (Foster) Barbar, that was born in 1755 (*Van Buskirk Bible*). Mathias Barbar, innkeeper, died in Hardwick, Sussex County, New Jersey before 5 September 1764 (*New Jersey Documents—Calendar of Wills*); Jane married second Joseph Dawson and third, on 30 January 1772, Daniel Van Buskirk of Bucks County, Pennsylvania and Bethlehem Township. John Garrison Jr. and Mary Barbar wed in 1780. Born in 1781, it would have been in keeping with tradition that Jane (Garrison) Krusen, as the couple's eldest daughter, was named after her maternal grandmother, Jane (Foster) (Barbar) (Dawson) Van Buskirk.

In *Hunterdon County New Jersey Taxpayers 1778-1797*, in Bethlehem Township are listed "John Garison" in 1778; "John Garrison" in 1780; "John Garison Sr.," "John Garison Jr.," and "George Garison" in 1785; "John Garreson," "John Garreson Jr.," "George Garreson," and "Jeams Garreson" in 1789; "John Garreson" and "George Garreson" in 1790. A George Garrison died in Bethlehem Township on 22 February 1856 leaving eleven children including sons named John, Sutphin, Samuel, and Joseph.

On 19 December 1802, Derrick Krusen of Mansfield Township and Jane sold four acres to James Egboard, a Tanner, for \$24 that they had just purchased from Joseph Tinsdall on 13 December 1802 (*Sussex County Deeds*, K1).

On 20 May 1805, Derrick Kruser of Mansfield and Jane his wife sold two lots in Mansfield Township to John A. Johnson of Independence Township for \$280 "Spanish Dollars." A 0.75 acre plot adjoined George Hardy and the Van Nest line; the other plot was seven acres of woods. Isaac Jewel and Joshua Smith witnessed the transaction. Jane was illiterate; she signed with her mark. (*Sussex County Deeds*, K2)

Jane (Garrison) Krusen may have been the granddaughter of Jane (Foster) (Barbar) (Dawson) Van Buskirk as theorized above. Mathias Barbar and Nathaniel Foster were both customers of John Peter Nizer in German Valley [now Long Valley], Morris County, New Jersey (Theodore F. Chambers, *The Early Germans of New Jersey: Their History, Churches and Genealogies* [Dover, NJ: Dover Printing Co. [1895]). Based on the German Valley connection and the fact that Mathias and Jane (Foster) Barbar named children Nathaniel and Mary, Jane may have been the daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (\_\_\_) Foster. Jemima Foster, daughter of Nathaniel Foster, married Tunis Johnson shortly after 18 August 1752 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Was the Krusen's 1805 deed grantee, John A. Johnson, a descendant of Tunis and Jemima (Foster) Johnson and a kinsman of Jane (Garrison) Krusen?

Derrick/Richard Krusen served in the War of 1812:

It is certified, that the records of this office [Adjutant General, Trenton, New Jersey] show that Derrick Krusen (also shown as Krusin)—enrolled as a Private, Captain Alexander Reading's Company of Infantry, (Sussex County), Second Regiment, New Jersey Detailed Militia, September 8, 1814, honorably discharged, December 5, 1814—War with Great Britain, 1812-1815 (*Arnold*).

The following is excerpted from *New Jersey Colonial Documents: Calendar of Wills—1810-1813* (34-35); this will supports the conclusion that Richard Krusen was also known as Derrick Krusen. Derrick/Richard witnessed this will along with his brother-in-law, Aaron Petty; Daniel Vliet was probably a kinsman of his paternal grandmother, Maria (Vliet) Kroesen.

1812, Oct. 17. Biles [Boels], John, of Independence Twsp., Sussex Co.; will of. Wife, Sarah, in addition to her right of dower... and \$45 to be used in raising and educating my youngest child, Sarah Decow Biles. Oldest son, George Biles... Residue of my estate to three youngest sons and my daughter, i.e., Abraham, John, Samuel, and Sarah... Executor—friend, Daniel Vliet, Esq. Witnesses—Joseph Coryell, Aaron Petty, Derick Krusen. Proved Feb. 19, 1813.

1813, Feb. 18. Inventory, \$260.69; made by Amos Hogeland, Joseph Coriell. Includes... notes of Cornelius Gulick, Vincent Johnson, William Wiggins. File 1341 S.

Another Krusen-Biles connection occurred on 8 October 1829 when John Krusen married Jane Biles in Warren County, New Jersey.

On 20 February 1815, Derrick was still of Mansfield Township, Sussex County, New Jersey when his father deeded 43 acres to him (*Sussex County Deeds*, E2:360).

On 13 January 1816, Benejah Justin and Sarah of Independence Township sold 20 acres in Independence Township to Derrick Krusen of Mansfield Township for \$560. This transaction was witnessed by George Thompson and John Garrison (*Sussex County Deeds*, G2:176).

On 21 May 1816, Derick Krusen and Jane of Independence Township sold 38.75 acres and 32 perches of land in Mansfield Township to John Vanness of Mansfield Township for \$620. This must have been all or most of the 43 acre property that Derick had bought from his father in 1815; the neighbors were cited again as John Titsworth, Abraham Titsworth, John Woolever and Robert Ramsey. George Vannesst was a witness to this deal (*Sussex County Deeds*, K3).

Around 1817, they moved to New York State along with other families from northwestern New Jersey. On 2 November 1818, Derrick Krusen of New York State, late of Independence Township, Benejah Justin and Sarah of Independence Township and John Justin of Franklin Township, sold 45 acres in Independence Township to Andrus Rose of Newton for \$120. John Garrison Jr. and William Little Jr. witnessed this transaction. This property bordered that of Thomas Fleming and Aaron Buskirk; it was the "same lot conveyed to John Linn Esq./Sheriff to Rose, executor of property of Benejah [Prinston] at the suit of Matthias Williamson." (*Sussex County Deeds*, K4)

Notice that Derrick/Richard and Jane (Garrison) Krusen owned property that bordered that of an Aaron Buskirk. Jane (Garrison) Krusen may have been the granddaughter of Jane (Foster) (Barbar) (Dawson) Van Buskirk as theorized above; the elder Jane's step-children included Aaron Van Buskirk (1763-1825). Is Aaron Buskirk identical with or a descendant of Aaron Van Buskirk?

Notice also Derrick/Richard and Jane (Garrison) Krusen's associations with Benejah and Sarah (\_\_\_) Justin. Was there some link of kinship between these couples? The Justin or Gustin family, like the Barbars and Fosters, had roots in Morris County, New Jersey.

On 17 December 1819, Derick Krusen of Tioga, Tioga County, New York sold his 34 acre share of Francis' farm to his brother-in-law, "Peter Hornbaker" of Independence Township for \$497; this lot was "a part of the farm of Francis Krusen decease" (*Sussex County Deeds*, P2:51). Derrick/Richard and Jane made their last move to Greenwood, Steuben County, New York directly from Tompkins County, New York:

Richard and Jennie Kruzen also came from N.J. to Newfield [Tompkins County, New York], thence to Greenwood in pioneer times, (Harlo Hakes, *Landmarks of Steuben County* [hereinafter *Hakes*], [Syracuse, NY: D. Mason & Co., 1896], 54).

Richard Krusen came from Dryden [Tompkins County, New York] in 1825, and opened the cross-roads, four miles west of [Levi] Davis' store, towards Andover [Allegany County, New York], where he kept a tavern until the country had become well settled, and railroads changed the routes of travel. Acting as a sub-agent for the land office at Bath [Steuben County, New York], he did much towards attracting a good class of settlers from his native country (W. Woodford Clayton, *History of Steuben County, New York* [hereinafter *Clayton*], [Philadelphia, PA: Lewis, Peck & Co., 1879]).

Sixty-two years ago my father, William McGraw, moved from the town of Dryden, Tompkins County, to Greenwood, with a family of eight children...

We had now about four miles to travel before our journey ended, and in the evening arrived at Richard Krusen's who then kept tavern and was land agent. We stopped with him over night and the next morning we arrived at my uncle's, Joshua R. Goldsmith, who came out the fall before...

We had no roads, no schoolhouses, no mills, no meeting houses, and were about on a footing with the red man, but we had a will, and where there is a will there is a way. We went to work laying out and making roads, so new comers

could get in. The next thing was to build a school house where we could send the children to school. We built what then went by the name the Krusen school house, of logs, with fireplace and chimney in one end, and furnished it with rude benches. (Dennis McGraw, "Pioneer Life in Greenwood," *Canistota Times* [July-September 1888])

Richard's tavern was known as the Krusen Inn. As theorized above, Jane (Garrison) Krusen may have been granddaughter of Mathias Barbar and the step-granddaughter of Daniel Van Buskirk, both of whom were innkeepers. There were no known innkeepers in Derrick/Richard Krusen's background—did Jane (Garrison) Krusen work in the "Public House" operated by Daniel and Jane (Foster) (Barbar) (Dawson) Van Buskirk in Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey as late as 1796 and perhaps beyond?

Richard was elected commissioner of highways on 6 March 1827 (*Clayton*). The Krusen Inn later became a residence but remained in the family until it burned early in the twentieth century. Krusen's Corners was at the intersection of Ridge Road and the Lane School Road on West Greenwood Hill; an historical marker documented the site of the Krusen Inn for many years but was removed in the 1990s during a construction project.

Derrick/Richard's brothers, Jasper Krusen and John Krusen, also settled in Greenwood, Steuben County, New York. By 1850, John had moved on to Licking County, Ohio. Descendants of Jasper and Richard, Bernidine (Krusen) Waldorf and Marium (Krusen) (Spencer) Margeson, knew that they were related despite the difference in the spelling of their maiden names, but they did not know how exactly. The fact that both Richard and Jasper named sons *Francis* suggested that they were the sons, Derrick and Jasper, named in the 1819 will of Francis<sup>5</sup> Krusen cited above. *A Short History of Slocum, etc.* (Charles Elihu Slocum, 419) indicates that Jasper Krusen's son, Francis Krusen, was still residing in Warren County, New Jersey in 1830.

On 18 August 1846, Derrick/Richard made his will shortly before his death on 24 September. It was sworn to and recorded on 14 December 1846, as witnessed by Martin Stryker and Daniel A. Scribner.

#### Last Will and Testament of Richard Krusen

I, Richard Krusen, considering the uncertainty of Life being mortal and of sound mind and memory do make and attest this last Will and Testament in the Matter and Form following that is to say. First I give and bequeath to my wife Jane, one third of my property. Item 2, I will and bequeath to Abraham Goldsmith my son-in-law one dollar. Item 3, to my son-in-law John Bess, I bequeath one dollar. Item 4, to my son-in-law Alvin Mead one dollar. Item 5, to my son-in-law Aaron Murray, seventy dollars. Item 6, to my son-in-law William Pease, twenty dollars. Item 7, to my son William Krusen, seventy dollars. Item 8, to my sons John, Francis, Joseph and Richard Krusen, I will and bequeath all my real estate and property to the four sons by paying the above sums and paying my just debts. I wish them to pay the above sums in two years from the reading of the Will and further I appoint my sons John and Joseph, Sole Executors of my will hereby revoking all former wills by me made and witnessed set by my hand and seal this

18th day of August in the Year of Our Lord Eight Hundred and Forty Six.  
(*Steuben County, New York Probate Records, A-6098*)

In the inventory of Richard's belongings, the most valuable item was a buggy valued at \$47.50; it accounted for almost one-third of his worldly possessions. It is evident from the quantities of hay, oats, potatoes, and buckwheat listed that Richard was actively farming up to his death. In addition to the usual assortment of household and farm items, Richard also owned an umbrella, a clock, a buffalo robe and a French bedstead.

Children, first seven born in New Jersey, remainder born in Tompkins County, New York, surname *Krusen*:

- i. MARY<sup>7</sup> "POLLY", b. NJ Sep 1800; d. Utica, Licking Co., OH; bur. Utica, OH; m. Greenwood, NY JOHN BESS, b. Jacksonville, Seneca Co., NY 17 July 1798, d. Willing, Allegany Co., NY 16 July 1888, son of James and Margaret (Richey) Bess. Margaret was the dau. of the compiler's direct ancestors, Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (\_\_\_) Richey; see *John Richey of Asbury, New Jersey* for more information. Was Mary Krusen named after maternal grandmother Mary (Barbar) Garrison?

Children, surname *Bess*, b. Greenwood, NY: 1. *Daniel*, b. 1829; m. Sophia E. Fosbury. 2. *Jane M.*, b. 1832. 3. *Richard Krusen*, b. 3 Oct 1835; d. Eldred, McKean Co., PA 15 March 1911; bur. 18 March 1911; m. 11 Feb 1854 Elizabeth Baughman, b. OH Sep 1837, d. Eldred, PA 28 Aug 1913, bur. 31 Aug 1913, dau. of Christian and Susanah (Baughman) Baughman; both bur. Oakhill Cemetery, Eldred, PA; six children. 4. *Susan Carr*, b. 1839.

- ii. JOHN, b. 8 Nov 1804; d. Stannards Corners, Allegany Co., NY 15 Feb 1880; bur. Stannards Cemetery, Allegany Co., NY; m. Greenwood, NY 12 July 1825 PRUDENCE MEAD, b. Greenwood, NY 29 Nov 1804, d. 15 July 1887, probably the dau. of Enos and Prudence (Anderson) Mead. (*Arnold*); resided in Greenwood in 1850. John was probably named after his maternal grandfather, John Garrison.

Children, b. Greenwood, NY; surname *Krusen*: 1. *Margaret*, b. 16 June 1826; d. Sterling Run, Cameron Co., PA 23 March 1898; m. William Arnold. 2. *Loretta J.*, b. 27 July 1828; d. 19 Sep 1900. 3. *Francis H.*, b. 10 June 1830; d. Sep 1895; m. (1) \_\_\_ \_\_\_; m. (2) Lydia Dunbar. 4. *Matilda*, b. 13 Feb 1833; d. Dec 1900; m. \_\_\_ Fox. 5. *Edward*, b. 28 Jan 1835; d. July 1852. 6. *Isaac A.*, b. 18 March 1837; d. 12 July 1900; m. (1) Delilah Wilcox; m. (2) Christie Skinner; served in the Civil War. 7. *Louisa*, b. 22 Aug 1839; d. Jan 1894; m. \_\_\_ Burrows. 8. *Cordelia*, b. 18 Feb 1842; m. Norman Chapman. 9. *Joseph*, b. 18 Sep 1844; d. New Orleans, LA 5 Feb 1864; served in the Civil War.

- iii. SARAH "SALLY" ANN, b. 1 Nov 1806; d. 1880; bur. Mead Cemetery, Greenwood, NY; m. ALVIN MEAD. Was Sarah named after her unknown paternal grandmother?



- Children, surname *Mead*: 1. *W.F.*, b. Greenwood, NY 1 Nov 1814 [sic, 1824?]. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. (*Hakes*).
7. iv. FRANCIS, b. NJ 1808; named after his paternal grandfather, Francis Krusen; m. CHARITY RICHEY.
- v. SUSAN, b. March 1811; m. AARON MURRAY, m. (2) Susan Leoni. They moved to Jackson Co., MI.
- vi. MARGARET "Peggy Ann," b. April 1813; m. WILLIAM PEASE. They moved to MI.
- vii. JOSEPH, b. Sep 1815; bur. Andover, Allegany Co., NY; m. ARMADILLA \_\_\_.
- viii. HANNAH H., b. at Newfield 1817; m. ABRAHAM GOLDSMITH. They moved to MI.
- ix. WILLIAM, b. Sep 1819; d. 1902; bur. Krusen Cemetery, Westfield, PA; m. SARAH \_\_\_, b. ca. 1818; resided in Greenwood, NY in 1850.
- Children, surname *Krusen* or *Cruzan* (1850 Federal Census, Greenwood, NY): 1. *Roxana*, b. ca. 1842. 2. *Mary*, b. ca. 1849.
- x. RICHARD H., b. March 1822; m. (1) MARY PEASE; m. (2) SARAH LEWIS.

7. FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> KRUSEN (*Derrick/Richard*<sup>6</sup>, *Francis*<sup>5</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>) was born in [Washington, (then Sussex, now) Warren County] New Jersey in 1808 and died in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York in 1858. He married CHARITY<sup>4</sup> RICHEY (*Daniel*<sup>3-2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>) who was born in Seneca County, New York in 1813 and died in Greenwood, New York on 24 September 1889; she was the daughter of Daniel<sup>3</sup> Jr. and Mary (Updike) Richey. They are buried in the Krusen Cemetery, Krusen's Corners, West Greenwood Hill, Town of Greenwood, New York.

During the dry time when we could not get our grinding [of wheat] done here [Greenwood] we had to go to Belmont, Allegany Co. [New York]. At that time where Wellsville now is was a dense pine forest and only one log cabin. There was but one wagon track and some places the wagon wheels would go in up to the hub. Being out of bread Francis Krusen and I started each with a load of grain to Belmont, then called Phillipsburg. Arriving there we found the mill damn had just given out, and we could get no grinding until repaired. So they told us if we would help repair the dam they would board us and keep our teams. Saturday we got our grist, having left home Monday morning. Saturday night we arrived home. We had each taken a small grist for our neighbors and we staid so long that some of them had to live on boiled millet, that we used to raise [in] those days. To illustrate there came a woman to our house that lived in a back settlement with two small children and told mother she had eaten nothing in two weeks but nettle greens and nursed two children. One child weaned but she let it nurse with the baby to keep it from starving. Think of this you that have every thing that heart could wish and be thankful that these old pioneers felled the trees, made the roads, built the school houses and made the rough ways smooth and drove the Redmen out, conquered the wild beast and made things ready for you. (Dennis McGraw, "Pioneer Life in Greenwood," *Canistota Times* [July-September 1888])

In 1833, Francis and Charity resided on Williamson Road on West Greenwood Hill not far from Krusen's Corners. This farm is currently owned by the McCormick family; it is the first farm that one finds on the west side of Williamson Road south of its intersection with Route 417. Its location was deduced from the obituary of their daughter, Mary Jane (Krusen) Brundage: "*Mrs. Brundage was one of the pioneers of the town of Greenwood, having been born on the farm now [1916] owned by Freeman S. Rogers...*"

In the 1850 Federal Census of Greenwood the household of Francis and Charity was documented under the name of "Franklin Cruzan." The value of this farmer's real and personal estate was recorded as \$540. Francis' brothers, William and John, were immediate neighbors.

From the 1860 Federal Census "Daniel Krusan" was identified as the head of the household in which Charity was residing. As the eldest son, it is logical that Daniel assumed that role on his father's farm following Francis' death in 1858.

In 1873, in the *Atlas of Steuben County*, a residence for "Mrs. C. Krusen" is illustrated on the south side of the Lane School Road, just east of Krusen's Corners. It should be noted that the Krusen Inn is not shown. In 1880, Charity Krusen shared her household with her son, Albert.

Died: KRUSEN—In Greenwood, NY, Sept 24th, 1889 of dysentery, Charity, wife of Francis Krusen, deceased, in the 77th year of her age. She left six children. A kind neighbor, a loving mother, and an earnest christian, she will be greatly missed. (*Allegany County Reporter* [Wellsville, New York], 3 Oct 1889)

The children of Francis' and Charity's son Daniel took turns hosting an annual Krusen reunion. The first annual reunion of the Krusen family was held at Fred Bassett's on Bennetts Creek on 14 July 1914. The second Krusen reunion was held at Frank Krusen's in Jasper, New York on 26 June 1915. George Krusen hosted the third Krusen reunion in Greenwood, New York on 24 June 1916. The fourth Krusen reunion was held at Daniel Krusen's in Jasper, New York in June 1916 [*sic*]. Fred Krusen hosted the fifth reunion in Greenwood, New York in June 1917.

Children, born in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York:

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  - ii. MARY JANE<sup>8</sup>, b. 19 Feb 1833; d. at the home of her daughter, Jessie (Brundage) Groff, on Railroad Street in Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 19 Oct 1916; m. 9 May 1858 ISRAEL MORRIS BRUNDAGE (*Benjamin S., Solomon, [Benjamin], ..., John*<sup>1</sup>), b. Bath, Steuben Co., NY 6 March 1826, d. Greenwood, NY 1 Jan 1871, son of Benjamin S. and Charity (Lanning) Brundage; both bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, NY; my direct ancestors; see *John Brundish of Wethersfield, Connecticut* for more information.
  - iii. DANIEL, b. 10 Jan 1836; d. 29 Nov 1906; m. 28 Dec 1861 MARIAM WARFIELD, b. 7 Aug 1842, d. 13 Feb 1908.
    - Children, surname *Krusen*, b. Greenwood, NY: 1. *Velma C.*, b. 26 June 1862; d. 22 Dec 1935; m. 16 Jan 1881 Fred L. Bassett, b. 21 Aug 1855, d. 3 Jan 1930; three children. 2. *Frank*, b. 25 Oct 1867; d. 7 May 1934; m. (1) 22 Feb 1891 Jessie Davis, b. 17 Dec 1866, 24 Aug 1894; m.

- (2) 1896 Mary Hulbert, b. 22 Feb 1871, d. 20 April 1902; m. (3) 1 April 1906 Cora Gunn, b. 1 May 1886, d. 24 Dec 1918; m. (4) 23 Jan 1928 Vinnie (Walrath) Williams, b. 15 April 1885, d. 5 Aug 1977; no children. 3. *George H.*, b. 17 Dec 1869; d. 3 March 1938; m. 18 Dec 1892 Cora Edgett, b. 10 Nov 1872, d. 25 May 1945; two children. 4. *Daniel M.*, b. 10 July 1875; d. 1 May 1938; m. 18 Dec 1909 Clara Alvord, b. 6 Jan 1881, d. 12 Oct 1968; two daughters. 5. *Fred*, b. 2 May 1882; d. 8 April 1962; m. Jasper, Steuben Co., NY 21 Oct 1909 Nellie Banks, b. 10 Jan 1889, d. 26 Feb 1955, dau. of William H. Jr. and Abigail (Dennis) Banks; five children.
- iv. CATHERINE L., b. 1839; d. 1909; m. DAVID O. ROGERS; bur. Whitesville, Allegany Co., NY.  
Children, surname *Rogers*: 1. *Norman*, b. 1876. 2. *Hattie*, b. 1879; d. 1881. 3. *Francis*. 4. *Lida*; m. \_\_\_ Rogers; perhaps identical with Lodina \_\_\_ who married John Rogers, son of John Rogers; resided in Allegany Co., NY in 1888 (Land Records of Bureau Co., IL; 98: 179). 5. *Eva*, m. \_\_\_ Segar.
- v. HARRIET, b. 1841; m. Al<sup>8</sup> MINER (*Aiden*<sup>7</sup>, *Allen*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan Ransford*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Manassah*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY 15 Feb 1842, d. 11 Nov 1902, son of the compiler's direct ancestors, Aiden<sup>7</sup> and Susan A. (Smith) Miner; see *Thomas Miner of Stonington, Connecticut* for more information.
- vi. SARAH ANN, b. 1846; d. Greenwood, NY 1920; bur. Greenwood Rural Cemetery, Greenwood, NY; m. ALFRED BESS, b. Greenwood, NY 1837, d. Greenwood, NY 1920, son of William and Elizabeth (Carr) Bess, grandson of James and Margaret (Richey) Bess; great-grandson of the compiler's direct ancestors, Daniel<sup>2</sup> and Juda/Jude "Jerush" (\_\_\_) Richey. See *John Richey of Mansfield, New Jersey* for more information. In 1860, Sarah Ann Krusen, age 14, was residing as domestic in the household of Israel Morris and Mary Jane (Krusen) Brundage.  
Children, surname *Bess*, b. Greenwood, NY: 1. *Frances "Frankie,"* b. 1867; d. 1950; m. Uzal Van Fleet, b. Jasper, NY 23 Nov 1852, d. 1895, physician, surgeon, and druggist, resided on Main St., Rexville, NY in 1891 (*Directory of Steuben Co., NY*); bur. Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, NY. 2. *Minnie*, b. Charles French. 3. *Myrtle*, b. 1876; d. Corning, NY 1941; m. Greenwood, NY 21 Feb 1892 Edwin Horace Ferris, b. 1872, d. Hornell, NY 1935, son of David and Ruth (Foster) Ferris. 4. *William*, b. 1873; d. Greenwood, NY 1929; m. Mahala Covert, b. MI 1872, d. 1857, both bur. Greenwood Rural Cemetery, Greenwood, NY; five children. 5. *Fred*, b. 1879; d. 1958.
- vii. ALBERT, b. 1854/6; d. 1917; m. FRANCIS BARKER; bur. Ulysses, Potter Co., PA; resided with his mother in 1880.  
Children, surname *Krusen*: 1. *Marion*, b. 1895; m. \_\_\_ Rigby. 2. *Maude*, b. 1898. 3. *Raymond*, b. 1900.

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