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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.

Jacob Leendertsen Van der Grift of Newton, Long Island

The compiler's Van der Grift lineage is summarized in *The Croesen Families of America; Volume I: Croesen Families in the 1600s* by Warren D. Cruise ([Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc.], [1998]; hereinafter *Croesen*). Detailed information on the generation of Leendert[2] Jacobsen Van der Grift was extracted from an invaluable article on the family of his wife, Christina (Elsworth) Van der Grift, that appeared in *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, "The Elsworth Family of New York City, with the Related Families of Rommen-Romme-van Langstraat and Roome" by Howard S.F. Randolph (Vol. 64 [April 1933]; hereinafter *Elsworth*). Even more important to the compiler's lineage is a lengthy follow-up on the family in "Additions and Corrections to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record" ([October 1933]; hereinafter *Corrections*).

1. JACOB[1] LEENDERTSEN VAN DER GRIFT (*Leendert*[A], *Evert*[B], *Anthonius*[C]), son of Leendert[A] Evertz Van der Grift and Maritje Pouwelsd, born Amsterdam, Holland, Netherlands about 1610-12; died Newton, Queens County, Long Island, New York about 1687; married in the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam on 19 July 1648 to REBECCA[2] FREDERICKS, born [Amsterdam], Holland, Netherlands 15 August 1628, died, probably in Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania after 1710, daughter of Frederick[1] Lubbertsen and Styntje Jans.

Jacob arrived in New Amsterdam about 1644. He and his brother, Captain Paulus Leendertsen Van der Grift, were in the service of the West India Company by then. Paulus was the captain of the *Neptune* and later the *Swol*. After residing at Manhattan for many years, Paulus sold his property about 1674 and he returned to the Netherlands.

From the records of the New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church:

> On 1 March 1643, Rebecca Lubberts witnessed the baptism of Dievertje, daughter of Pieter Corneliszen.
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> On 28 January 1646, Rebecca Lubberts witnessed the baptism of Annetje, daughter of Jan Pieterszen Vanhusen and Eljse, along with Jochem Pieterszen and Annetje Thomas.
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> On 29 March 1648, Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grift witnessed the baptism of Anthony, son of Pieter Anthony.

On 25 May 1648, Jacob Leendertszen Van der grist and Rebecca Fredericks witnessed the baptism of Grietie, daughter of Cors Pieterszen.

On 2 May 1649, Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredericks witnessed the baptism of Grietie, daughter of Paulus Leendertszen, along with Frederick Lubbertszen, Govert Loockermans and Christyntie Capoens.

On 3 March 1652, Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredericks witnessed the baptism of Hermanus, son of Borger Joriszen and Engeltje Mans, along with Cornelis Janszen Clopper and Eljse Hendricks.

On 27 April 1653, Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredericks witnessed the baptism of Marritie, daughter of Paulus Leendertszen Van der Grift.

On 27 June 1655, Jacob Van der Grist and Rebecca Van der Grist witnessed the baptism of Johannes, son of Paulus Leendertszen and Jannetje Gerrits.

On 19 June 1658, Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca Fredricx witnessed the baptism of Johannes, son of Paulus Leendertszen Van der Grist.

On 19 December 1660, Rebecca Fredericks witnessed the baptism of Christoffel, son of Caspar Steynmetsen and Jannetie, along with Gerrit Gerritszen.

On 20 September 1679, Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredricx witnessed the baptism of their grandson Jacob, son of Leendert Van der Grist and Styntie Eduards [Christina Elsworth].

On 13 January 1680, Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredericx witnessed the baptism of their grandson Abraham, son of Cornelis Jacobszen Schipper and Christina Jacobs.

On 31 May 1683, Jacob Leendertsz Van der Grist and Rebecca Fredricx witnessed the baptism of Jacobs, son of Daniel Jacobsz de Haert and Christina Van der Grist.

On 8 March 1685, Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca Fredricx witnessed the baptism of Wilhelmina, daughter of Daniel Veenvos and Christina Van der Grist, along with Cornelia Veenvos.

On 26 July 1685, Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca Fredricx witnessed the baptism of Rebecca, daughter of Nicolaes Van der Grist.

On 11 September 1687, Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca Van der Grist witnessed the baptism of Rebecca, daughter of Daniel Veenvos and Christina Van der Grist.

Jacob and Rebecca owned considerable land on Long Island and are last recorded as residents of Newtown, Long Island. Following Jacob's death, Rebecca moved to Bensalem Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania about 1697. (*Croesen*, 245)

Children:

i. MARITJE, bapt. New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church, NY 29 Aug 1649; d. Staten Island, NY before Sep 1698; m. 11 March 1666 CAPT. CORNELIUS CORSEN, bapt. Reformed Dutch Church, Manhattan, NY 23 April 1645, d. between 9 Dec 1692 and 7 Dec 1693, son of Cors Pietersen and Tryntje Hendrickse (*Croesen*, 469); Tryntje Hendrickse was first

married to my direct ancestor, Frederick[1] Lubbertsen; see *Frederick Lubbertsen of New Amsterdam* for more information.

Children, surname *Corsen* (*Croesen*, 469): 1. *Catherina*, m. John Pietersen Staats, b. 1652, d. 1737, son of Pieter Jansen Staats and Antie Janse Van Dyck; resided on Staten Island. 2. *Jacob*, b. ca. 1675. 3. *Christian*, b. 1676; d. between 9 July 1762 and 7 Jan 1766; m. ca. 1702 Annetje Kroesen (*Garret*[1]), b. 16 Sep 1677; bapt. Reformed Dutch Church, Brooklyn, NY 9 Dec 1677, dau. of the compiler's direct ancestors, Garret[1] Dircksen Croesen and Neeltje Jans; see *Garret Dircksen Croesen of Brooklyn, New York* for more information. 4. *Cornelia*, b. 24 July 1681; bapt. Reformed Dutch Church, Brooklyn, NY 13 Aug 1681; m. Hendrick[2] Kroesen (*Garret*[1]), b. ca. 1665; d. ca. 1760; bur. Staten Island, son of the compiler's direct ancestors, Garret[1] Dircksen Croesen and Neeltje Jans; see *Garret Dircksen Croesen of Brooklyn, New York* for more information. 5. *Benjamin*, b. 1686, m. Blandina Viele. 6. *Daniel*, bapt. 28 Nov 1690; d. young.

ii. CHRISTINA, bapt. 26 Feb 1651; m. as "j.d." (unmarried woman) (1) CORNELIS JACOBSZEN SCHIPPER "wedr. van Neeltje Jans van Grast in Holl.", m. (1) Neeltje Jans (Samuel Purple, *RDC New Amsterdam/New York Marriages 1639-1801* [hereinafter *Purple*], 44); m. (2) Midwout 14 March 1681 DANIEL VEENVOS, "op Midwout Daniel Veenvos, j.m. van Buuren in Gelderlt. en Christina Vander Grist wede van Corn. Jacobszen" (*Purple*, 48), d. between 29 April 1695 when he wrote his will and 21 Aug 1695 when it was proved (*Abstracts of Wills, Vol. I 1665-1707*, 257). Christina removed to Bensalem Township, Bucks Co., PA with the rest of the family in 1710 and purchased land adjoining her brother.

Children, surname *Schipper*: 1. *Abraham*, bapt. 13 Jan 1680, sponsors Jacob Leendertszen, Rebecca Fredricx.

Children, surname *Veenvos* (*NYRDC*): 2. *Jacobus Danielsz*, bapt. 31 May 1683 (*NYRDC)*.3. *Wilhelmina*, bapt. 8 March 1685. 4. *Rebecca*, bapt. 11 Sep 1687. 5. *Rebecca*, bapt. 18 April 1690. 6. *Constantina*, bapt. 24 April 1692. 7. *Rebecca* bapt. 25 Nov 1694.

iii. ANNA, bapt. 16 March 1653; m. 29 Sep 1674 JACOB CLASSEN GROESBECK (*NYRDC Marriages: 39*), son of Nicholas Groesbeck and Elizabeth ___. Anna and husband removed to Bensalem Township, Bucks Co., PA (*Holly*).

Children, surname *Groesbeck* (*NYRDC*). 1. *Rebecca*, bapt. 23 June 1676. 2. *Elizabeth*, bapt. 19 Sep 1677. 3. *Leah "Dina,"* bapt. 11 Feb 1680; m. 17 Dec 1702 Johannes Van Zandt. 4. *Rachel*, bapt. 21 Nov 1682; m. 8 Nov 1704 James Biddle. 5. *Johanna*, bapt. 9 Aug 1685.

2. iv. LEENDERT "LEONARD,", bapt. New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church 19 Dec 1655 as the son of Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca, witnessed by Paulus Leendertszen and Jannetje Gerrits (*BDC*:40); m. CHRISTINA "STYNTJE" ELSWORTH.

v. NICHOLAS, bapt. as "Nicolaes" New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church 5 May 1658 as the son of Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca Fredricks, witnesses Paulus Leendertszen Van der Grist and Jannetje Gerrits (*NYRDC*); m. Flatbush RDC 21 Aug 1684 BARENDJE[2] JANSE VER KERK, dau. of the compiler's direct ancestors, Jan[1] Janse Ver Kerk and Mayke Gisberts; see *Jan Janse Ver Kerk of Brooklyn, New York* for more information.

Children, surname *Van der Grift* (Cheri Carr-Courson, correspondence, 24 Sep 1998): 1. *Rebeckae*. 2. *Micah*. 3. *Jacob*. 4. *Jan* "*John*." 5. *Nicholas*. 6. *Deborae*, b. 1 April 1695; m. Laurent Jansen "Johnson."

vi. FREDERICK, bapt. New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church 22 May 1661 as the son of Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca Fredricx, witnesses Paulus Leendertszen Van der Grist and Jannetie Gerrits; lived in Brooklyn and purchased land in Bensalem Township, Bucks Co., PA in July 1697 but sold it a year later, nothing further in Bucks Co.; guardian with Joost Duryea of the orphaned children of Hendrick Barentse Smith in Brooklyn (*Holly*).

vii. RACHEL, bapt. New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church 20 April 1664 as the dua. of Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredricx, witnesses Gerrit Van Trict and Grietie Paulus; m. New York 1689 BAREND[2] JANSE VER KERK, son of the compiler's direct ancestors, Jan[1] Janse Ver Kerk and Mayke Gisberts; see *Jan Janse Ver Kerk of Brooklyn, New York* for more information.

viii. JOHANNES, bapt. New Amsterdam Dutch Church 26 June 1667 as the son of Jacob Leendertszen and Rebecca Fredricks, witnesses Jan Evertszen Bout, Hans Kierstede, Tryntie Simons and Jannetie Kierstede; m. (1) 12 Sep 1694 NEELTJE VOLKERS CORTELYOU (Margery Freas, correspondence, 22 Sep 98), widow of Cornelius Cortelyou; m. perhaps (2) Bensalem, Bucks Co., PA 1 July 1741 ELIZABETH (__) SNOWDEN, widow (Margery Freas, correspondence, 22 Sep 98).

2. LEENDERT[2] "LEONARD" VAN DER GRIFT, baptized in the New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church on 19 December 1655 as the son of Jacob Leendertszen Van der Grist and Rebecca [Fredericks], witnessed by paternal uncle, Paulus Leendertszen, and his wife, Jannetje Gerrits (*BDC*:40). Leonard died [Bucks County, Pennsylvania] before 10 February 1725; he was married on 20 November 1678 to CHRISTINA "STYNTJE" ELSWORTH (*MDC*:45), baptized 11 Feb 1657 as daughter of "Christoffel Yde Waert" and "Annetje Jans," sponsors Roelef Jansen, Hillegond Joris (*BDC*:44), died before 6 October 1722, daughter of Theophilus[1] "Stoffel" Elsworth and Annetje Jans. Leendert married second First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 6 October 1722 CHRISTINA GARRETSON. (*Elsworth*)

> On May 28, 1679, [Christina] joined the Dutch church (Rec. 9:164). She is not listed as a church member in 1686 by Selijins, which seems strange, as she had a son baptised in the church in July of that year.

Among the members of the church at Bensalem and "Sammeny" (i.e., Neshaminy) Bucks Co., Pa., in 1710 are "Leendert Vandergrift and his wife Styntje elshuert, by certificate" (Publ. Gen. Soc. of Pa., 5:34). (*Elsworth*)

Through the courtesy of Mr. Lewis D. Cook, of Philadelphia, Pa., we are able to add more information regarding children of Christina[2] (Styntje) Elsworth (No. 5) who married Leendert Van der Grift. Mr. Cook writes he has consulted the Van der Grift (Vandegrift) items in the Land and Probate records of Bucks Co., Pa., the records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Bensalem and Neshaminy, Bucks Co., Pa., the Pres. Ch. of Philadelphia, the Pres. Ch. of Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa., the Pres. Ch. of Philadelphia, the Pres. Ch. of Churchville, Bucks Co., and Davis' *History of Bucks Co., Pa.*, Vol. 3. As stated, Christina and Leendert Van der Grift moved to Bensalem Township, Bucks Co., Pa., before 1710, where she probably died before 10 mo. 6th, 1721, as on that date is recorded in rec. of First Pres. Ch. Phila. the marriage of "Leonard Van Dergrist" to Christina Garretson. He died before Feb. 10, 1725, on which date letters of adm. were granted to (his son) Abraham, with Leonard Vandegrift and Folkert Vandegrift as sureties. (Bucks co. Adm Bk. A., p. 2.) All of the children except Abraham, removed from Bensalem Township, Bucks Co., to New Castle Co., Delaware. (*Corrections*)

Children and grandchildren of Leonard Vandergrift, Bucks Co., Pa., Deed Book No. 7, p. 80: Abstract of Deed, dated Dec. 7, 1743: "Jacob Vandegrift, Cornelius King Junr., Katherine King, William Williams and Christian Williams his wife, all of Appoquinimy Hundred in New Castle Co. and Francis King and Christian (Styntie) King his wife, Francis Crueson (Frans Kroesen) and Elizabeth Kroesen his wife, Albert Vansant, Leonard Vandegrift, Junr. and Mary Vandegrift his wife, Jacob Vandegrift, Junr. and Mary Vandegrift his wife, John See and Hannah See his wife, and Sarah Vandegrift, all of St. Georges Hundred in New Castle co., and Jacob (his mark) Haughhead and Hannah (her mark) Haughhead his wife, of Makefield in Co. of Bucks," convey a tract of land in Bensalem in Co. of Bucks in Prov. of Penna.,... containing 107 acres which formerly belonged to Leonard Vandegrift, of Bensalem, yeoman, deceased, "they being the children and grandchildren of the aforesaid Leonard Vandegrift decd.," for 5 sh. paid by Abraham Vandegrift of Bensalem, yeoman, "as also for other sufficient causes & considerations them thereunto moving." Witnesses: Thomas Evans, Leo:V:Degrift King. (*Corrections)*

Children, by Christina Elsworth (*Corrections*):

i. JACOB[3], bapt. 20 Sep 1679 (*BDC*:138); d. Appoquinimy Hundred, New Castle Co., DE; will dated 12 April 1750 and proved 16 Jan 1754; m. SARAH __.
Children, surname *Van der Grift*: 1. *Leonard*, bapt. Philadelphia, PA 29 Sep 1718. 2. *Jacob*. 3. *Christian*, m. ___ Atkinson. 4. *Ann*. 5. *Elizabeth*. 6. *dau*. 7. *dau*. 8. *dau*.

ii. CHRISTOFFEL "CHRISTOPHER," bapt. 6 Aug 1681, witnesses: Stoffel Elsewaert and Annetje Stoffels (*BDC*:148), d. St. Georges Hundred, New Castle Co., DE before 7 Dec 1743 (Bucks Co., PA Deed Book 7, p. 80); m. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 7 April 1704 SARAH DRUITT; surname became *Vandegrift* in this branch of the family.

Child, surname *Van der Grift*: 1. *Leonard*, bapt. Philadelphia, PA 2 Jan 1709, m. (1) Mary Jeton, dau. of Lewis Jeton of St. George Hundred, DE.

iii. REBECCA, bapt. New Amsterdam Reformed Dutch Church 15 Dec 1683 as the dau. of Leendert Van der Grist and Stytje Elsenwaert, witnesses Jacob Claesen and Christina Van der Grist (*BDC*:160); m. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 8 Aug 1704 ALBERT VAN SANDT, bapt. Flatbush, LI, NY 13 March 1681 (*Flat*:119), will dated 16 Dec 1751, son of Gerrit Stoffelzen Van Sandt and Lisbet Cornelis.

Children, surname *Van Sandt*: 1. *Elizabeth*, bapt. 3 oct 1705. 2. *Leonard*, bapt. Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 5 Sep 1707. 3. *Harmanus*. 4. *James*. 5. *John*. 6. *Garret*. 7. *Christian*, m. ___ Dushane. 8. *Rebecca*, m. ___ Martin. 9. *Ann*, m. ___ Brown.

iv. ABRAHAM, bapt. 4 July 1686 (*BDC*:174); probably d. young.

v. ANNEKEN, bapt. 7 April 1689 (*BDC*:190); probably m. JACOB HAGWOT. Jacob and Hannah Haughhead of Makefield, Bucks Co., PA are included in a the 1743 deed of Leonard[2] Van der Grift.

Child, surname *Hagwot*: 1. *Anna*, bapt. Dutch Church of Bensalem and Neshaminy 21 April 1737.

vi. ABRAM, bapt 18 Oct 1691 (*Brkn*:163); d. probably at Bensalem, Bucks Co., PA, before 13 March 1748 (*Bucks Co., PA Adm. Bk. A*, p. 22); m. Presbyterian Church, Abington, Montgomery Co., PA 17 Oct 1716 MARIA VAN SANDT, will dated 12 Feb 1749 and proved 3 March 1749/50.

Children, surname *Van der Grift*: 1. *Leonard*. 2. *Abraham*. 3. *Garret*. 4. *Jemima*.

vii. ANNETJE, bapt. 12 June 1695 (*BDC*:227); d. before 1743; m. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 22 Oct 1715 CORNELIUS KING, d. before 15 April 1760, son of Peter King.

Children, surname *King*: 1. *Cornelius Jr.* 2. *Catherine*. 3. *Christian*, m. William Williams.

* viii. ELIZABETH, m. First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA 23 March 1716 FRANCIS[3] KROESEN (*Derrick*[2], *Garret*[1]), bapt. Reformed Dutch Church, Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY 11 Sep 1689, son of Derrick[2] Kroesen and Elizabeth Cregier; direct ancestors of the compiler; see *Garret Dircksen Croesen of Brooklyn, New York* for more information.

Child, by Christina Garretson (*Corrections*):

ix. CHRISTINA, d. before 24 Dec 1778; m. FRANCIS KING, d. before 7 May 1753, son of Peter Ann (Calet) King.

Children, surname *King* (New Castle Co., DE Deed Book B-2:595): 1. *Francis*. 2. *Leonard*. 3. *Peter*. 4. *Christian*, m. Evan Evans. 5. *Catharine*, m. John Hyatt. 6. *Rebecca*, d. 17 Aug 1803, age 65; m. her cousin, Christopher[5] Vandegrift Sr. (*Leonard*[4], *Christoffel*[3], *Leendert*[2], *Jacob*[1]), son of Leonard[4] and Mary (Jeton) Vandergrift. 7. *Ann*, m. her cousin, Lewis[5] Vandergrift (*Leonard*[4], *Christoffel*[3], *Leendert*[2], *Jacob*[1]), son of Leonard[4] and Mary (Jeton) Vandergrift.

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