

BOOK IV.

GENEALOGY OF DIRCK JANSEN HOOGLAND.

DIRCK JANSEN HOOGLAND, ancestor of another numerous family, came to New Netherland, in 1657, from Maerseveen, in the province of Utrecht, being at the time twenty-two years of age.¹ Maerseveen was a district consisting largely of meadow or turf lands called "veens" (fens), and took its name from this fact, and from its lying adjacent to Maersen, a village on the Vecht, about three miles northeast of the City of Utrecht. Opposite Maersen, the ancient lordship of Maerseveen stretched along the north side of the Vecht for a mile and a half, whence it extended its limits northerly four or five miles. Within it lay the villages of Oud Maerseveen and Nieuwe Maerseveen. About as far from Utrecht, but in the opposite direction (southeast), was the little village of Hoogland.²

The first mention of Dirck Jansen Hoogland, after his arrival in this country, is the notice of his marriage on October 8, 1662, to Annetje Hansen Bergen,³ a lady of 22 years, the daughter of Hans Hansen Bergen⁴ and Sarah Rapelje,⁵ and the widow of Jan De Clerck.⁶

¹ In a deposition dated Aug. 20, 1667, Dirck Jansen (Hoogland) of Midwout (Flatbush), L. I., declares that he is about 32 years of age. (This was in a matter of dispute concerning the boundary of Brouwer's land.) *Brooklyn Records*, ii., 179.

By the census taken Sept. 30, 1687, he is recorded as being about 30 years in the country. *New York Doc. Hist.*, i., 659, octavo ed.

² The name signifies "Highland."

³ "Oct. 8, 1662.—Dirck Jansen Hoogland, of Maerseveen, to Annetje Hans Bergen, widow of Jan Clercq, of Midwout." From *Brooklyn Ch. Rec.*, in *Libra of L. I. Hist. Soc.*, copied by Henry Onderdonk, Jr.

⁴ Hans Hansen Bergen was a native of Bergen, in Norway, but came from Holland to this country. Annetje was his eldest child, and was baptized at New Amsterdam, July 22, 1640. The Herr William Keift and Tryntje Jorisen (Rapelje), witnesses. Annetje joined the church Sept. 22, 1662. She died probably about 1680.

⁵ This Sarah Rapelje was the first female white person born in New Netherland. The record of the Rapelje family gives June 9, 1625, as the date of her birth. She was married to Bergen in 1639. He died about 1654, and she soon after married Tunis Gibertse Bogart, and so became the ancestress of all the Bogarts in the vicinity of New Amsterdam. At the marriage of Annetje to Hoogland the witnesses were, "Tunis Gisbert Bogart, stepfather, and Jan Louis Rapelje, uncle of Annetje." Mrs. Bogart died about 1685. Lysbeth, the wife of Dirck Cornelius Hoogland, was a sister of Sarah Rapelje (Bergen) Bogart.

⁶ Feb. 7, 1657. "Jan De Clerck" is named as a resident of the Wallabout; and on March 1, 1660, "Jean Le Clerc" appears in Petition of Rapelje, Bogart and others for "leave to plant a village at Wallabout, in sight of Fort Amsterdam, between the lands of Bogart and Kipp."