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From: Susan Johnson, 100340,1122 #1023069

Is anyone else researching the Schoonover family that was located in Sussex County, NJ in the early to mid 1800's? Samuel Schoonover and Richard Schoonover went to Lomira (Dodge Co.) Wisconsin by 1850. I think they were brothers but don't know their parents yet. Samuel's son, Richard, went to Mantorville (Olmsted) MN by 1880 and his daughter, Hattie, is my great grandmother. I'm just getting started on this branch and would like to hear from other Schoonover (Schoonoften) researchers.

Susan

Benjamin 17934 ✓  
17933  
17936

Nickolas 2076 - 3 gen  
2071  
995  
2072  
2073

Schoonover 2105

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Nicholas Schoonover b. 11 Oct. 1775 and Susan b. 15 Feb. 1781 was the parents  
of Lewis Schoonover b. 19 April 1821. Lewis was born in Penn. and  
died about 1850.

Oral reports Susan b. 19 April 1821 was Susan [unclear]

Family Record is from the Schoonover Bible.

Nicholas Schoonover and Susan Schoonover were  
born in [unclear]

# FAMILY RECORD.

## MARRIAGES.

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Lewis Schoonover was born April the 19, 1821

Catharine Schoonover was born October the 14, 1827

John Schoonover was born March the 29, 1840

Jonas Schoonover was born April the 18, 1848

David Schoonover was born October the 16, 1850

Maria Schoonover was born January the 16, 1853

Robert Schoonover was born August the 27, 1855

Nicholas Schoonover was born November 19, 1858

Mahala Schoonover was born March the 15, 1860

McClellan Schoonover was born June 29, 1862

Walter Schoonover was born February 11, 1864

Nicholas Schoonover was born October 11, 1872

Susan Schoonover was born February 15, 1881

Jacob Schoonover was born December 18, 1899

Ezkiel Schoonover

was born July 22, 1899

Denis Schoonover was born February 29, 1905

Johnathan Schoonover was born July 29, 1905

Abner Schoonover was born June 29, 1907

Marget Schoonover was born May 01, 1905

Nicholas I Schoonover was born April 11, 1914

Gaross Schoonover was born August 25, 1917

Philip Schoonover was born November 9, 1919

Barbara Wheelock was born April 2, 1929

Annamaria Kennedy was born March 5, 1929

Abram Schoonover was  
born May the 12 1831

Smith Schoonover  
was Born December 12  
1866

Clarind Schoonover  
was Born December 17  
1869

DEATHS.

Mr Lewis Schoonover  
Died Oct the 5, in the year  
1884  
husband of Catherine A  
Schoonover.

Mr Nicholas  
Schoonover  
Died in the year  
Of 1890 March  
the 10<sup>th</sup> husband  
Of Mrs Nettie  
Schoonover.

Catherine Schoonover  
Died May 25<sup>th</sup> 1897  
John Schoonover  
Died April 9 - 1928  
Jonas Schoonover  
Died Dec 15 1927  
David Schoonover  
Died Oct 2 - 1933

DEATHS.

Miss Clarinda Schoonover  
Died January the 13, 1871  
daughter of Lewis and  
Catherine Schoonover

Nicholas Schoonover  
died August 27<sup>th</sup> 1861

Margaret Schoonover  
died December 1<sup>th</sup> 1874

Robert Schoonover  
Died July 1 - 1934

Smith Schoonover  
Died Aug 14, 1934

Maria Schoonover  
Died Jan 28 - 1924

Abahala Schoonover  
Died Dec. 30 - 1940

McClellan Schoonover  
died September 1951

Walter Schoonover  
Died September 7, 1955

Walter Schoonover was the  
father of Hersel Victor Schoonover

FAMILY RECORD.

of Mrs Catherine Ann Schoonover

Vanillens family  
 John vanetten born 6 of  
 Aug year 1784  
 Mary vanetten born 10 of  
 Dec " 1789  
 Solomon vanetten born 7 of  
 Nov " 1812  
 Anthony vanetten born 22 of  
 Sept " 1814  
 Maria vanetten born 4 of  
 Oct " 1816  
 ... vanetten born 17 of  
 Nov " 1818  
 David vanetten born 20 of  
 Nov " 1820  
 Simeon vanetten born 20 of  
 Dec " 1823  
 Catharine Ann vanetten  
 born 14 of Oct 1827  
 John vanetten born 8 of  
 Jan " 18 "

BIRTHS.

• Catharine Ann Vanetten Schoonover was the  
 mother of Walter Schoonover, and the  
 grandmother of Harold Victor Schoonover

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The VAN SCHOONHOVEN/SCHOONOVER Family

1. Hendrick Van SCHOONHOVEN apparently never left Schoonhoven, near Utrecht, Holland, but two of his sons came to America.

Sons of Hendrick Van SCHOONHOVEN:

- + (2) i. Claas Hendricks Van Schoonhoven, b. Holland
- + (3) ii. Geurt Hendricks Van Schoonhoven, b. Holland

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2. CLAAS HENDRICKS VAN SCHOONHOVEN came to America before 1650. He was a carpenter in Fort Orange in 1654 and was a considerable dealer in real estate. He married Cornelia Fredrickse, banns posted in 1654. [Hendrick, son of a Claas Hendrickse, was baptized two years earlier in New York City on 5 May 1652 and that date is sometimes given as Hendrick Schoonhoven's birthdate, but I believe it must be another Claas Hendrickse. If it is this same man, there are many more of the family than previously realized.] In any case, Claas Van Schoonhoven died in 1661.

His widow, Neeltje or Cornelia Fredrickse, married William Janse Stoll next. Willem Janse Stoll and a child perished in the flames which consumed their home in Wiltwyck on 7 June 1663, during the attack by Esopus Indians. [See SDJM Newsletter, p.140]

On 6 January 1664, Albert Gooversen, of Steenwyck, Holland, j.m., soldier of the West Indies Company, married Neeltjen Vreericks, widow of the late Willem Janssen Stol, of Amsterdam, both residing in Wiltwyck. Cornelia Fredricks was a baptismal sponsor for her granddaughter Eva Schoonhoven in 1689 in Kingston, but nothing else is known about her later years.

Children of Claas Hendricks Van Schoonhoven and Neeltie Fredrickse:

- + (4) i. Hendrick Claas SCHOONHOVEN, m.1. Debora Christoffels 1679  
m.2. Cornelia Swartout 1688
- ii. Margriete Clasen SCHOONHOVEN, m. Matys Blanjan Jr.  
on 20 March 1679

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3. GEURT HENDRICKS VAN SCHOONHOVEN settled in Halve Moon. He married Maritie Cornelise and they had six known children: [There is a Gerrit Hendrickszen married to a Maritie Lamberts in NYC, who have many children baptized in NYRDC between 1648-1660, often with Lambert Huybertszen as sponsor. If this is the father of Huybert Lambertse BRINK, then both these families may have been in New Amsterdam prior to moving up the river. If Gerrit Hendrickszen and Geurt Hendricks are the same person, then he evidently was married twice, or Maritie Cornelise and Maritie Lamberts are the same person, both real possibilities.]

Children of Geurt Hendricks and Maritie Cornelise:

- i. Hendrick SCHOONHOVEN,

- ii. Margrietje SCHOONHOVEN,
- iii. Jacobus SCHOONHOVEN, b. 1671; m. Susanna Bradt
- + (5) iv. Hendrikje SCHOONHOVEN, m. Pierre Benoit
- v. Geertruy SCHOONHOVEN, m. William Hond/Stout
- vi. Jacomyntje SCHOONHOVEN, m. Abraham Van Duersen

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4. HENDRICK CLAASEN VAN SCHOONHOVEN, son of Claas Hendricks and Neeltie Fredrickse Van Schoonhoven, was born in New York City. He married Debora Christoffels on 6 July 1679 in Kingston, N.Y. He was described as j.m. born in New York and Debora was j.d. born in Kingston, both living in Kingston. On 17 October 1687 Deborah Christoffels signed a document found in Book AA, p. 66, in the County Clerk's office at Kingston. It states that Deborah admitted that Hendrick Claes was not the father of her first child, thereby giving Hendrick grounds for having the marriage nullified. The child was not named, but the assumption has been made that it was Nicholas Schoonhoven, baptized 1685, since there is no other explanation for Hendrick Claes naming two different sons by the same name, Nicholas. In his will Hendrick refers to the older Niclaes as "the bastard".

After this annulment, Debora Davids Christofell evidently married Pieter Van Bommel, for they had four children baptized in the Kingston RDC between 1693 and 1710. For the baptism of Pieter Van Bommel on 7 May 1710, the baptismal sponsors were Nicolaas Schoonhoven and Catharyntje Kyser. There were NO baptismal sponsors for the baptisms of any of the other Van Bommel children, which was fairly unusual for the times.

Hendrick Claas Van Schoonhoven also remarried. He married Cornelia Swartout in 1688. Cornelia Swartout was baptized on 13 March 1667 Kingston RDC, daughter of Roelof and Eva Albertse (Bratt) DeHooges Swartout. [Therefore, Cornelia Swartout was the younger half-sister of Eleanora DeHooges DE LA MONTAGNE, and their children grew up together as neighbors in Mombaccus.]

Child of Debora Davids Christoffels:

- i. Nicholas SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 1 February 1685 Kingston RDC; sponsors: Jan Willemz, Cornelis Hoozeboom. Barbara Janz.
  - m.1. Neeltje VanderSchuyen 1706
  - m.2. Weyntjen Kwik 1713
  - m.3. Weyntjen de Lange 1728

Children of Hendrick Claas Van Schoonhoven and Cornelia Swartout:

- ii. Eva SCHOONOVER, bp. 28 April 1689 Kingston RDC; sponsors: Roulof Swartout, Mattys Blanchamp, Cornelia Fredericx
  - m. Dirk Kermer 24 October 1719 Kingston RDC.
- iii. Cornelia SCHOONOVER, bp. 4 October 1691 Kingston RDC; sponsors Huybert Lambertsen Brink, Rachel Swartout
- + (6) iv. Nicholas SCHOONOVER, bp. 3 June 1694 Kingston RDC; sponsors: Jan Willemsen, Cornelis Hogenboom, Willem Jacobsen, Anna Slegt,



Barbar Jansen.

m. Peternella Westfall

v. Fransyntje SCHOONOVER, bp. 15 Nov 1696 Kingston RDC; sponsors:  
Roelof Swartout, Bernardus Swartout,  
Abraam Abramsen, Jacomyntje File,  
Eva Swartout.

+ (7) vi. Henricus SCHOONOVER, bp. 6 August 1699 Kingston RDC; sponsors:  
Matthys Slegt, Marya Magdaleena Slegt  
m. Johanna Decker

vii. Margriet SCHOONOVER, bp. 22 Jan 1702 Kingston RDC; sponsors:  
Matthys Blansjan, Margriet Blansjan,  
Cornelia Blansjan.

m. John Smith 1 December 1724 Kingston RDC  
[Their eldest son, Abraham Smith, b. ca.  
1725, is described by the Rev. Sven Roseen  
Moravian missionary on the Delaware River,  
as living in the Irish settlement at  
Shenandoah, Virginia, where his father was  
captain of the militia. He was visiting  
his uncle Benjamin Smith at Walpack, NJ,  
on July 19, 1748.]

viii. Rudolphus SCHOONOVER, bp. 22 September 1705 Kingston RDC;  
sponsors: Roelof Swartout, Thomas Swartout,  
Huybert Lambertse Brink, Hendrikje Swartout  
m. Dorothea Denmark

ix. Catherine SCHOONOVER, bp. 12 October 1707 Kingston RDC;  
sponsors: Matthys Blansjan, Jr.,  
Lambert Huybertse Brink,  
Catharina Blansjan  
m. possibly Benjamin Smith ?  
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5. HENDRIKJE SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Geurt Hendricks and Maritie  
(Cornelis) Van Schoonhoven, married Pierre Benoit on 14 December 1696  
in the Albany RDC. According to the entry, both were living at Albany  
at the time of the marriage, but Pierre Benoit was born in Rochelle and  
Hendrikje Van Schhohnhoven was born in Half Moon. Like many other French  
names, BENOIT became almost unrecognizable in the hands of Dutch clerics:  
BENNEWE, BENEWE, BENNEWAY, BINNEWIE, BELLEWAY.

Children of Hendrikje Schoonhoven and Pierre Benoit:

- i. Pierre BENOIT, bp. 19 September 1697; sponsors:  
Jacobus Van Schoonhoven, Geertruy Van Schoonhoven  
m. Anna Fort 7 March 1723 Albany RDC
- ii. Marie BENOIT, bp. 30 November 1698; sponsors:  
Abram V. Deurse, Jacomyntje v. Deursen  
m. Rykert Hilten 17 Dec. 1726 Albany RDC
- iii. Margarita BENOIT, bp. 16 August 1702 Albany RDC; sponsors:  
Hendrik and Maria Van Schoonhoven.

- m. William Crannel 4 Jan 1726
- + iv. Geurt BENOIT, twin, bp. 24 June 1705 Albany RDC; sponsors:  
     William Hont, Hilletje Mulder  
     m. Pieterella DE LA MONTAGNE  
     buried 8 July 1741
- v. Jacobus BENOIT, twin, bp. 24 June 1705 Albany RDC; sponsors:  
     Jacobus Van Schoonhoven, Maria Casparus  
     m.1. Catharyna \_\_\_\_\_ on 1 August 1731  
     m.2. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_  
     m.3. Elsje Marten
- vi. Martha BENOIT, bp. 3 August 1707 Albany RDC; sponsors:  
     Ariaan Oothout, Maeyke Ouderkerk  
     m.1. Willem Ratliff 13 February 1725  
     m.2. Richard Oliver 29 October 1734

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6. NICHOLAS SCHOONOVER, son of Hendrick Claas Schoonhoven and Cornelia Swartout, was baptized on 3 June 1694 at Kingston. His baptismal sponsors were Jan Willemsen, Cornelis Hogenboom, Willem Jacobsen, Anna Slegt, and Barbar Jansen.

He married Pieterella Westfall, daughter of Claas Westfall and his second wife Sara Van Aken. [Claas Westfall's first wife had been Maria DE LA MONTAGNE, daughter of Willem and Eleanora (DeHooges) De La Montagne.] Pieterella was baptized on 30 August 1713 in the Kingston RDC; sponsors were Marinus and Pieterella Van Aaken. There is no record of Pieterella's marriage, but she was probably married about 1730.

Nicholas and Pieterella Schoonover were among the very early residents along the Delaware in what is now Sussex County, New Jersey. Nicholas Schoonhoven and Thomas Brink acquired a tract of land on the Delaware River from Joseph Kirkbride, deeded 10 October 1725. A resurvey was made in 1740, at which time the tract was found to contain 1210 acres, besides allowance for highways.

Nicholas and his brother-in-law Thomas Brink granted 4 acres of this land on 1 February 1737 to the town and residents of Walpack, Hunterdon County, N.J. (NOTE: Walpack has not changed location but the county boundaries have.) This land was intended for use as a cemetery and site for a school and church. According to Benjamin Smith in 1748, there were ten acres given for school and church, and part of the land had been his. A deed in 1797, in which Manuel Hover and his wife Mary (daughter of Nicholas and Pieterella Schoonhoven) sold land, specifically exempted "the common burying ground of Walpack" from the 150 acres surrounding it.

Nicholas Schoonhoven is mentioned fairly often by the Rev. Sven Roseen, Moravian missionary at Dansbury [now Stroudsburg, PA], in the diary that he kept in 1748 about his experiences as a missionary to the settlers and Indians on both sides of the Delaware River in the vicinity of the Delaware Water Gap. Nicholas Schoonhoven had been ill for 18 weeks when the Rev. Sven Roseen first visited him on 20 July 1748. He told the Moravian missionary that he had many pains of the flesh but that all was well with his soul. He wished to make a will but the Rev. Sven Roseen excused himself as not understanding the law. His nephew, Abraham Smith, from Virginia, was reported as saying, "Now that my uncle has turned Moravian and does such tricks, I will have nothing to do with these people all my life." Evidently, his relatives all worried that Nicholas Schoonhoven

would leave his extensive property to the Moravian Church. On 21 July 1748, therefore, the Rev. Sven Roseen went back to visit with Nicholas Schoonhoven again to discuss his concern whether "a spark of avarice in him ....might kindle a scandalous fire and rage consumingly about." That evening he went to dinner at the home of Nicholas' brother Henry Schoonhoven to try to make peace within the family. On 22 July the Rev. Roseen repeated in Benjamin Smith's house how "the devil stirs up and seeks to set minds against one another for such a bagatelle." One of the concerns of the Walpack community was that the school at Walpack, which had been run by the Brethren, had been closed. The residents were concerned "to have their children learn something without pay."

On 15 October 1748, the Rev. Sven Roseen returned to Nicholas Schoonhoven's house where he talked to the children, "especially with little Benjamin, who had been in the Brethren's school" [probably the one at Walpack that had been closed rather than the boarding school at Bethlehem, PA]. He reminded the other children how they should regard the little Ezekiel, who Brother Utley had baptized, and reminded the parents of their promise before his baptism to give him to the Lord. On 3 December 1748, the Rev. Roseen preached at Nicholas Schoonhoven's house and then visited the Brinks, Danemarks, Cortrechts, DePuis', Rudolph Schoohofers, Vom Bissens, and Baudeweins, all apparently neighbors at Walpack, since he returned to spend the night at Nicholas Schoonhoven's house.

However, on 29 April 1749, the Moravian missionary was discouraged to discover that "Nicholas Schoonhover's wife and Henricus Schoonhover's whole family now go to the church of Dominie Freymuth [Reformed Dutch Church]. They have hired a schoolmaster for 10 pounds for the year."

Nicholas Schoonhoven made his will on 2 January 1759. He named his wife Peternella; sons Henricus, James, Peter, Benjamin, Ezekiel, and Joseph; daughters Sarah and Mary. The will was proved 28 September 1764 and identified him as Nicholas Schoonhoven of Walpack, N.J.

A deed from East Jersey Deed Book A-1, pages 531-534, dated 1 Dec. 1774, lists these heirs of Nicholas Schoonhoven: Peternella Schoonover, widow of Nicholas; Nicholas and Rachel his wife; Peter Schoonover; Joseph Montany and Sarah, his wife; Manuel Hover and Mary, his wife; Joseph Schoonhover---all of these of the Township of Walpack, Sussex County, N.J.---together with Cobus (i.e. James) Schoonhover and Hannah his wife; Benjamin Schoonhover and Margaret his wife, all of Penna., who sell to Ezekiel Schoonover and Hannah his wife, of Walpack, for 490 pounds sterling and 5 shillings, land in Walpack on the east bank of the Delaware, containing 90 acres, and a second lot of 300 acres.

Thus we have a list of all of Nicholas and Peternella (Westfall) Schoonhover's heirs, along with spouses, as of 1774. What is clear is that Henricus, oldest son of Nicholas, had died between 1759 and 1774 and was replaced on the list of heirs by his son Nicholas.

The will of Henry Schoonover Jr., written 26 April 1764 and proved 24 August 1764, shows that Henry had died shortly before his father in 1764. [Evidently, the Jr. was used to differentiate between Henry, son of Nicholas, and his uncle Henry, brother of Nicholas. Another Henry, son of Henry, did not use the Jr.] Henry Jr. named his wife Rachel,

his son Nicholas, and his daughters Catherine and Mary in his will. Using all these documents, along with the records of the Walpack RDC, makes it possible to correctly identify members of this family, who have been incorrectly identified elsewhere:

Children of Nicholas Schoonover and his wife Peternella Westfall:

- + (8) i. Henry SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1731
  - m. his cousin Rachel SCHOONOVER  
28 June 1752 Walpack RDC.
  - d. 17 August 1764 Walpack, N.J.
- ii. James/Jacobus/Cobus SCHOONHOVEN
  - m. Hannah/Anna/Hendrickje BRINK
- iii. Peter SCHOONHOVEN, unmarried in 1774,  
possibly married Nellie Swartout before 1790.
- + (9) iv. Benjamin SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 12 July 1741 Walpack RDC; no sponsors:
  - m. Margaret SCHOONOVER, his cousin
- + (10) v. Sarah SCHOONHOVEN,
  - m. Joseph MONTANYE ca. 1771. He was miller  
at Walpack as early as 1767.
- vi. Mary/Maria SCHOONHOVEN
  - m. Manuel Hover of Walpack, N.J.
- vii. Ezekiel SCHOONOVER, bp. ca. 1747 by the Moravian missionary,  
Brother Utley; Ezekiel was the leader  
of the "Pennamites" in Wyoming Valley  
during conflicts between Connecticut and  
Pennsylvania settlers after the Revolution.
  - m. Hannah Rasor
- viii. Joseph SCHOONHOVER, unmarried in 1774,  
married Catherine Wood before 1782.

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7. HENRICUS SCHOONHOVEN, son of Hendrick Claas and Cornelia (Swartout) Van Schoonhoven, was baptized 6 August 1699 Kingston RDC. His baptismal sponsors were Matthys Slegt and Marya Magdaleena Slegt.

He married Johanna Decker of Mombaccus about 1728. Johanna Decker, daughter of Hermanus Decker and Rachel DE LA MONTAGNE, was baptized on 22 September 1705, Kingston RDC. Baptismal sponsors were Johannes Schepmoes and Neeltje Gerrits.

Henry and Johanna (sometimes called Hannah) Schoonover were living on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware in Lower Smithfield when their first two children were born. They had moved to the New Jersey side, at Walpack, about 1740, as the youngest four children were baptized in the Walpack RDC.

The Moravian missionary, the Rev. Sven Roseen, mentioned this family several times in his diary, mostly in terms of their worldliness and lack of interest in spiritual matters, although he did mention at one point that Rachel and several others of the older children were in a more receptive mood for his message. At the time of his mission, in 1748 and 1749, the Henry Schoonhover family was living on the New Jersey side of the Delaware River at Flat Brook, also called Walpack.

The will of Henricus Schoonover was written on 20 April 1767 and it was proved on 4 October 1771. Henry Schoonover was a resident of Walpack, N.J., at the time of his death. In his will, he named his wife Hannah; six daughters, Rachel, Cornelia, Margaret, Elizabeth, Cathrine, and Mary; and four sons, Henry, Redolph, John, and Nicholas. He also named several grandchildren: Henry's oldest son Henry. Henricus Schoonhover, son of Jacob Vindermarick. Henricus Schoonoven Washburn. Johanna Schoonoven, daughter of Benjamin Schoonhoven. Johana Vindermarick, daughter of Peter Vindermarick. Gerrard Broadhead Schoonhoven, son of my daughter Cornelia. Executors: sons Henry, Redolph, and John. Witnesses: Peter Vindermarick, James Vandermeck, Allan Nixon. Inventory of 30 September 1771 by Daniel Decker and James Vandermeck.

As a result of this detailed list of heirs, it is possible to find most of this family in the records of the Walpack RDC.

Children of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven:

- + (11) i. Rachel SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1729 at Lower Smithfield, PA.
  - m.1. Henry SCHOONHOVEN Jr. on 28 June 1752;
  - m.2. Noah Washburn before 1767
  - d. 1809 Owego, Tioga County, N.Y.
- + (12) ii. Henry SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1731 at Lower Smithfield, PA.
  - m. Rebecca MONTANYE ca. 1765
  - d. 30 October 1804, Hardwick Twp., Sussex Co., NJ
- + (13) iii. Cornelia SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 4 July 1733, Minisink RDC
  - m.1. Daniel Brodhead, as his second wife ?
  - m.2. Daniel Marvin
- + (14) iv. Margaret SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1735
  - m. her own cousin Benjamin Schoonover before 1767
- + (15) v. Elizabeth SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1737
  - m. Peter Vandermerken before 1767
- + (16) vi. Catherine SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1739
  - m. Jacobus Vandermerk on 29 May 1763 Deerpark, N.Y.
- + (17) vii. Redolphus SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 18 July 1741, Walpack, N.J.
  - m. Catherine Decker before 1786
- + (18) viii. John SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 19 October 1743 Walpack, N.J.
  - m. Elizabeth Kortregt
- + (19) ix. Maria SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 11 August 1745, Walpack, N.J.

m. Peter Taylor

- + (20) x. Nicholas SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 15 December 1751, Walpack, N.J.; still a minor when his father died. He picked his cousin James/Cobus Schoonover of Lower Smithfield as his guardian.

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8. HENRY SCHOONHOVEN, Jr., son of Nicholas and Peternella (Westfall) Schoonhoven of Walpack, N.J., was born about 1731. He married his cousin Rachel Schoonhoven (#11) on 28 June 1752 at the Walpack RDC. He is named as j.m., born at Walpack, and she is named as j.d., born at Lower Smithfield, both living Walpack at the time of the marriage.

Henry died on 17 August 1764, just about a month before his father. He left three minor children to the care of his beloved wife, Rachel. Rachel (Schoonhoven) Schoonhoven married Noah Washburn before 1767 and thus was replaced by her son Nicholas as the heir to his father's estate.

Rachel Washburn moved to Owego, Tioga County, N.Y., around the turn of the century with many other families from Walpack. She died in 1809 in Owego, leaving a will.

Children of Henry and Rachel (Schoonhoven) Schoonhoven:

- + (21) i. Nicholas SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1752 Walpack, N.J.  
m. Rachel Van Aken
- + (22) ii. Catherine SCHOONHOVEN, bp. 17 November 1754 as "Keety"  
m. Benajy Munday
- + (23) iii. Mary SCHOONHOVEN, b. before 1764; d. before 1809.  
m. possibly Johan Crisman before 1785  
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9. BENJAMIN SCHOONHOVEN, son of Nicholas and Peternella (Westfall) Schoonhoven, was baptized without sponsors on 12 July 1741 Walpack RDC by the Rev. Johannes Casparus Fryenmuth.

Benjamin married his cousin Margaret Schoonhoven, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven. Benjamin was named in his father's will in 1759. His uncle and father-in-law Henry Schoonover did not leave bequests for all of his grandchildren, but he named his granddaughter Johanna, daughter of Benjamin Schoonhoven, in his will in 1767. Benjamin and Margaret Schoonhoven were sponsors at the baptism of his nephew Benjamin Schoonhoven, son of Jacobus and Anna (Brink) Schoonhoven of Walpack, on 22 September 1771.

Benjamin and Margaret were living in Pennsylvania as early as 12 March 1767, when Easton Deeds, Book B, p. 154, records that Benjamin Schoonover bought 118 acres of land in Lower Smithfield, Northampton County, Pa., from his brother Jacobus Schoonhoven of Walpack, N.J. This land was part of the DePuy tract and was already in Benjamin's possession. They were still living in Pennsylvania on 1 December 1774,

as on that date the heirs of Nicholas Schoonhoven joined in a series of deeds transferring various parcels of land in Walpack Twp. Benjamin's residence therein was stated to be in Pennsylvania. Benjamin Schoonhoven was a taxable of Smithfield, Pa., in 1786. Benjamin Schoonhoven is recorded on the census of Lower Smithfield Twp, Northampton County, PA, in 1790.

The old Gazeteer of Tioga County, N.Y. says that Joseph Schoonhoven of that place was the son of Benjamin and that Joseph was born in 1775. This is probably the Benjamin mentioned as living "on the Delaware" on 26 April 1802, in the diary of Ezekiel Hover, his nephew.

Benjamin Schoonhoven died in May 1813. His will was proved on 18 May 1813 in Seneca County, New York [Surrogate File #2380]. Margaret probably had died earlier since she is not mentioned in the will.

Known children of Benjamin and Margaret (Schoonhoven) Schoonhoven:

- i. Johanna SCHOONHOVEN, born before 1767, prob. at Lower Smithfield, Northampton County, PA  
m. Platt Smith before 1780  
d. after May 1813, prob. Covert, NY
- ii. Joseph SCHOONHOVEN, b. 1 January 1775  
m. Margaret Decker

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10. SARAH SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Nicholas and Peternella (Westfall) Schoonhoven, was probably born in Walpack, N.J., no later than 1750.

Sarah married Joseph MONTANYE about 1771, probably in Walpack, N.J. Joseph Montanye, son of Joseph and Maria (Covert) Montanye of Roxbury Twp., Morris County, N.J., was the miller at Walpack as early 1767.

Joseph and Sarah lived on the New Jersey side of the Delaware until after the Revolutionary War, in which Joseph took part and was reimbursed for driving supply carts.

Joseph "Montague" was a member of the Committee of Safety, meeting at Newton, N.J., representing Walpack, N.J., on 10 and 11 August 1775.

By 1783 Joseph Montanye had moved his family into the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania. He was one of the Pennamites who was driven out of the Wyoming Valley by the Connecticut settlers in December 1784 and took refuge in Lower Smithfield, Pa. Joseph Montanye was on the tax lists for Lower Smithfield in 1786 and 1788. He received a federal warranty for 20 acres in 1790 and 400 acres in 1793 in Northampton County, Pa.

By 1800 both Joseph Montanye and Joseph Montanye, Jr., were listed in the federal census for Tioga County, N.Y. Both Joseph and Joseph Jr. seem to have died in Owego, N.Y. before 1820. Since descendants in Owego insist that their ancestors were Joseph Montanye and his wife Mary Brodhead from Lower Smithfield, Pa., the possibility exists that Sarah Schoonhoven died before 1800 and that Joseph remarried. However, when Joseph sold his land in Lower Smithfield in 1796 [Northampton Co.,

PA, Deeds E2:400-401] to John Stroud, his wife was named as Sarah. Since descendants also insist that their ancestor was Joseph, son of Joseph and Margaret (Roll) Montanye of New York City, and not Joseph, son of Joseph and Maria (Covert) Montanye of Morris County, N.J., it seems increasingly likely that they are wrong on both counts. The weight of the evidence favors the latter identification since there is no evidence of Joseph and Margaret (Roll) Montanye of New York City being anywhere near the Delaware River.

Possible children of Sarah Schoonhoven and her husband, Joseph Montanye:

- + i. Elijah MONTANYE, b. ca. 1768; m.1. Jane Van Campen;  
?? m.2. Lora  
d. Shelby County, Ohio after 1830.
- + ii. Abraham MONTANYE, b. 9 May 1772; bp. 30 Aug 1773 Walpack RDC;  
m. Elizabeth Buffum on 22 November 1800  
d. 1 May 1825 Campville, Tioga Co., N.Y.
- + iii. Joseph MONTANYE, Jr., b. ca. 1775 , probably Walpack, N.J.  
m. Amy (?)  
d. before 1820, Owego, N.Y.
- + ???iv. Stephen MONTANYE, b. 4 July 1777 Walpack, N.J.  
m. Ruth Wood  
d. 1848 Ontario County, N.Y.
- + v. Mary MONTANYE, b. 24 Jan 1781; bp. 25 Aug 1781 Walpack RDC  
m. Levi Green  
lived Nanticoke, Town of Owego, now Tioga Co., N.Y.  
d. 7 February 1858, aged 78 years  
buried LaMonte Cemetery, Town of Owego

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11. RACHEL SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was born about 1729 at Lower Smithfield, then Bucks Co., Pa. At the time of her marriage to her cousin Henry Schoonhoven on 28 June 1752, Rachel was living at Walpack, N.J., but her birthplace is given as Lower Smithfield, Pa., in that marriage entry in the Walpack RDC records.

Henry, known as Henry Jr. to distinguish him from Rachel's father (who was both his uncle and his father-in-law), died while still a young man. He made his will on 26 April 1764 and died on 17 August 1764 at Walpack, leaving his estate to his wife Rachel and three young children.

Rachel remarried quite quickly. We have found no record of her marriage to Noah Washburn, but Rachel and Noah already had a child by 1767 when Rachel's father made his will.

Rachel Washburn moved to Owego, Tioga County, N.Y., with many of her kinsmen about 1800. Her will, made at Owego 6 July 1807, and proved 2 May 1809, named her daughter Elizabeth, wife of Henry Vandermark; her son Henry S. Washburn; her son Nicholas Schoonover; her daughter Catherine Munday; and her Negro girl Deborah, to be freed after her death.



Children of Henry and Rachel (Schoonhoven) Schoonhoven:

- + (21) i. Nicholas SCHOONHOVEN, b. ca. 1752  
m. Rachel VanAuken probably in 1774
- + (22) ii. Catherine SCHOONHOVEN, bp. on 17 November 1754 Walpack RDC  
sponsors: Hendericus Schoonhoven and  
Cornelia Schoonhoven  
m. Benajy Munday
- + (23) iii. Mary SCHOONHOVEN, b. before 1764; d. before 1807.

Children of Rachel (Schoonhoven) and Noah Washburn:

- + iv. Henry Schoonhoven WASHBURN, b. before 1767;  
m. Sarah Harris before 1804.
- + v. Elizabeth WASHBURN, bp. 15 June 1775 Walpack RDC; sponsors:  
Hendericus Schouk, Elizabeth Vandemerk  
m. her cousin Henry Vandermark

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12. HENRY SCHOONHOVEN, son of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was born about 1731 at Lower Smithfield, Pa., and grew up in Walpack, N.J.

He married Rebecca MONTANYE, daughter of Joseph and Maria (Covert) Montanye of Roxbury Twp., Morris County, N.J. This Rebecca was the sister of the Joseph Montanye who married Sarah Schoonhoven #10. She was born ca. 1738 on the Peapack Patent, Somerset County, N.J. Her identity is proved without doubt by the will of her father, Joseph Montanye of Morris County, New Jersey, who named his daughter Rebecca, wife of Henry Schoonhoven. Joseph died in 1788 and a few years later Henry Schoonhoven of Sussex County sold the land that his wife Rebecca inherited in Roxbury Township, Morris County, N.J.

The will of Henry Schoonhoven of Hardwick Twp., Sussex County, N.J. was written on 29 June 1798. It was proved 30 October 1804. In it, Henry Schoonover named his wife Rebecca, his sons Rudolphus, Hendrickus, Joseph, Isaac, Abraham, and Garret; and his daughter Mary. He also named his grandson Henry, son of Hendrickus; granddaughter Rebecca, daughter of Hendrickus; granddaughter Rebecca, daughter of Mary; and his son-in-law Jacob Snyder. The farm was left to the youngest son Rudolphus, to be managed by Rebecca until her death. Rudolphus was to provide for Garret "should he become incapable of labor."

Children of Rebecca (Montanye) and Henry Schoonover:

- + i. Hendrickus SCHOONOVER, Jr., b. ca. 1764  
m. Jeminy Miller before 1786
- ii. Redolphus SCHOONOVER, bp. 9 November 1766 Walpack RDC;  
sponsors: Redolphus Schoonhoven and  
Maria Schoonhoven.

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- + iii. Mary SCHOONOVER, b. ca. 1768 ; m. Jacob Snyder
- + iv. Joseph Montanye SCHOONOVER, bp. 29 October 1770 Minisink RDC  
sponsors: Joseph and Maria Montanye  
m. Anna Hendershot
- + v. Isaac SCHOONOVER, b. ca. 1772
- + vi. Abraham SCHOONOVER, bp. 8 June 1777 Walpack RDC; no sponsors.
- + vii. Garret SCHOONOVER, bp. 8 June 1777 Walpack RDC; no sponsors.
- + viii. Redolphus SCHOONOVER, bp. 18 November 1779 Walpack RDC;  
no sponsors.  
m. Martha Martin at Newton, 10 June 1804.  
d. 21 August 1849 Standing Stone, Pa.

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13. CORNELIA SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was baptized on 4 July 1733 at Minisink by Domine Georg Wilhjelm Mancius of Kingston. The baptism was recorded at Kingston RDC. Baptismal sponsors were Jacobus Wynkoop and Christina Best.

It is not known who was the father of Cornelia's son Garret Brodhead. He was mentioned in Henry Schoonhoven's will in 1767 as "Gerrard Broadhead Schoonhoven, son of my daughter Cornelia." As an adult, though, he called himself Garret Brodhead. The possibility exists that he was illegitimate.

In the application for Pension of Andrew Dingman, Pike County, Pa., 25 November 1832, is the affidavit of Garrett Brodhead of Pike County, whose mother was Cornelia Schoonhoven. He says that in the year 1778-79, he with his Uncle Nicholas Schoonhoven, now dead [as of 1832], sold grain to Andrew Dingman's Commissary for the use of Gen. Pulaski's troops, under Col. Cohat, who were then stationed at Decker's Ferry, which was very near the Schoonover farms. In fact, Capt. Manuel Hover's farm was adjoining.

Cornelia married Daniel Marvin, son of Daniel and Phoebe (Welch) Marvin of Connecticut. Daniel Marvin was born about 1727 and died in Sandyston, Sussex County, N.J., according to the Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin of Hartford, Connecticut by George Franklin Marvin and William T.R. Marvin (1904). He was said by one informant to have gone from Connecticut to Red Hook, N.Y., then to Esopus, N.Y., then to the Wyoming Valley of Pa., and finally back to Sandyston, N.J., where he married "Kate", daughter of Henry Schoonover of Shapnack on the Delaware, Sussex County, N.J. Daniel Marvin of Hardyston, Sussex Co., N.J. died intestate on 11 December 1788. The administrator of the estate was listed as "Catherine Marvin, of said place, widow." Her fellow bondsman was Henry Schoonover of Hardwick, her brother. This mistake of Catherine for Cornelia on the estate papers may be the origin of the error in the genealogy. It is not uncommon for the Dutch name Cornelia to be translated into English as Catherine, the most likely reason for the apparent confusion. Or possibly Cornelia was confused with her daughter Kate/Catherine. However, there is no doubt that Daniel

Marvin's wife was Cornelia, as she is so listed for the baptisms of their children in the Walpack RDC.

Children of Cornelia Schoonhoven and \_\_\_\_\_ Brodhead:

- i. Garrett Brodhead, b. ca. 1755  
m. Eva Decker before 1786

Children of Cornelia Schoonhoven and Daniel Marvin: [The first three are given in the Marvin Gen but I have found no other evidence confirming them as members of this family, unless the Maria who was sponsor for the daughter of Cornelia (Marvin) Dingman in 1785 is the same as Mary Marvin who married Nicholas Livergood. A deed in 1811 from Catherine to Henry Marvin shows that Catherine sold to Henry her half of land they held in common. This would suggest that Cornelia (Schoonhoven) Marvin died about 1811 and her two living children were settling the estate. However, it is also possible that the others moved away from Walpack and Sandyston early and have left no trace.]

- ii. Daniel MARVIN, m. Polly Smith.
- iii. Judith MARVIN, m. John Drake
- iv. Mary MARVIN, m. Nicholas Livergood
- v. Rachel MARVIN, bp. 20 October 1766 Walpack RDC; no sponsors.  
Marvin Gen says she died at the age of 5, but  
Walpack RDC records show a Rachel Marvin married  
to John Frink for baptism of child Henry b. 1803,  
with Henry Marvin and Anna Van Horn as sponsors.
- + vi. Henry Schoonhoven MARVIN, b. 2 February 1771;  
bp. 26 September 1771 Walpack RDC  
sponsors: John and Maria Schoonhoven.  
m. Anna Van Horn ca. 1794  
d. 26 June 1848 Peter's Valley, N.J.
- + vii. Catherine MARVIN, b. 30 August 1772; bp. Walpack RDC; sponsors:  
Adolphus Schoonhoven and Catherine Decker.  
m. about 1805 John Kinnan/Kenan, according to  
Marvin Gen. But the deed in 1811 shows  
Catherine Marvin selling land in Sandyston  
with no husband and no married name in evi-  
dence.
- viii. ? Cornelia MARVIN, m. Andris Dingman, with daughter Rachel who  
was born on 29 Oct. 1785; bp. 26 Dec. 1785;  
Walpack RDC; sponsor: Maria Marven.

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14. MARGARET SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was born about 1735. She married her cousin Benjamin Schoonhoven, son of Nicholas and Peternella (Westfall) Schoonhoven. [See # 9.]

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15. ELIZABETH SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was born about 1737.  
She married Peter Vandermerken, who was baptized on 22 February

1736 Kingston RDC, son of Jeremia van der Merken and Lea Keyser.

VAN DE MARK or VAN DER MARK Ancestry [compiled by John W. Van Demark, Walter B. Van Dermark, Kate Koon Bovey, Loretta M. Hauser, and Clarence E. Hauser. Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1942] lists only two children for Petrus and Elizabeth Van der Mark: John and Henry. However, Johanna was specifically named as child of Peter Vandermark in the will of her grandfather Hendricus Schoonover in 1767 [#155S, Book 15, p. 235, Sussex County, NJ].

Known children of Elizabeth Schoonhoven and Peter Vandermerken:

- i. Johanna VANDERMERKEN, b. before 1767  
m. Casparus Van Aken
- ii. John VANDERMERKEN, b. 11 December 1768; bp. 22 January 1769  
sponsors: John and Maria Schoonhoven  
m. Jane/Jenny Ennis Cortright 1792
- iii. Henderik Schoonhoven VANDERMERKEN, b. 25 October 1770;  
bp. 5 May 1771 Walpack RDC; sponsors:  
Hendrikus and Hanna Schoonhoven  
m. his cousin Elizabeth Washburn (Decker Gen says he married Peggy Daley.)
- ?? iv. Jacobus VANDERMARK, b. March 1764; m. Margaret Brink.  
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16. CATHERINE SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was born around 1739.

She married Jacobus Vandermerk on 29 May 1763 at Deerpark RDC. He was baptized 29 December 1728 at Kingston, N.Y., son of Frederick and Geertjen (Tak) van der Merken.

James Vandermark of Walpack Twp., Sussex County, N.J., yeoman, made his will on 25 March 1800. It was proved 1 September 1800. He named his wife Catrina, his sons Benjamin and Henry, his daughters Mary, Catrina, and Lena. Henry received the home plantation; Benjamin the plantation purchased from Nicholas Schoonhoven; the daughters received land in Wayne County, Pa. Executors were his friend Robert Lockerby and his son Benjamin.

Children of Catherine Schoonhoven and Jacobus/James Vandermark:

- i. Henry Schoonhoven VANDERMERKEN, b. before 1767;  
m. Peggy Daley [Decker Gen. has these two cousins confused.]
- ii. Maria VANDERMERKEN, bp. 6 July 1766 Walpack RDC; sponsors:  
Adolphus and Maria Schoonhoven.
- iii. Benjamin VANDERMERKEN, b. 21 June 1771; bp. 26 Sept. 1771;  
sponsors: Benjamin and Margaret Schoonhoven  
m. Mary Cortright
- iv. Catherine VANDENMERKEN, bp. 31 August 1775 Walpack RDC  
m. John Tiel
- v. Lea/Lena VANDENMERKEN, bp. 6 October 1779 Walpack RDC;  
m. Isaiah Mixter before 1802 (?)
- ? vi. James/Jacobus VANDERMERKEN, bp. 1764

m. Margaret Brink. He is not in the Walpack RDC records nor in the will as a son of James Vandermerken, but he has a close association with this family. He is listed as the oldest son of James and Catherine (Schoonhoven) Vandermark in the Vandemark or Vandermark Ancestry. He moved to Nichols, NY, after 1801. Since his first son was named Petrus, it seems more likely that he was instead another son of Peter and Elizabeth (Schoonhoven) Vandermark.

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17. REDOLPHUS SCHOONHOVEN, son of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was baptized on 18 July 1741 at Walpack RDC.

He married Catharine Decker before 1783. He is sometimes listed as "Adolphus" instead of Redolphus.

Children of Redolphus and Catherine (Decker) Schoonhoven:

- i. Nicholas SCHOONHOVEN, b. 2 October 1783; bp. 24 April 1784; sponsor: Nicholas Schoonhoven.
- ii. Henry SCHOONHOVEN, b. 9 July 1784; bp. 23 July 1786 Walpack RDC;

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18. JOHN SCHOONHOVEN, son of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was baptized on 19 October 1743 in the Walpack RDC. His baptismal sponsors were Jacobus Devoor and Eva Dingman, his wife. He is mentioned in his father's will, made in 1767 and probated in 1771.

He married Elizabeth Kortregt/Cortright, who belonged to another of the earliest families in that area, and they had at least eight children recorded in the baptismal records at Walpack RDC. They were married for some time previous to the first baptism recorded, as the following attests:

"John Schoonhoven of Walpack Twp., Sussex County, N.J. March 5, 1774. whereas on the 4th, instant, Elizabeth, my wife, did elope from bed and board without my consent and without any reason, and as I am apprehensive she will endeavor to run me in debt, these are therefore to forewarn any person from trusting her on my account---or harbouring her--- as I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting, from this date on. Signed John Schoonhoven." In all probability this incident took place shortly after their marriage.

John and Elizabeth moved with their entire family to Ohio, possibly as early as 1805. The will of John Schoonover was written in 1820 in Franklin County, Ohio. John died around 11 June 1823 and Elizabeth died in 1822, both in Franklin County, Ohio.

Children of John Schoonhoven and Elizabeth Cortright:

- i. Margit SCHOONHOVER, bp. 18 August 1779 Walpack RDC.
- ii. Mary SCHOONHOVER, b. 1 August 1781; bp. 25 August 1781  
Walpack RDC; sponsors: Elisha Courtright,  
godfather; Oladan Dingman, godmother.  
m. William Scoby 21 June 1807 in Ohio
- iii. John SCHOONHOVEN, b. 18 October 1783; bp. 24 April 1784  
Walpack RDC.  
m.1. Sally Mallahon 21 June 1812 (?)  
m.2. ? after 1827  
d. 1833 of cholera
- iv. Joseph SCHOONHOVEN, b. 3 April 1786; bp. 30 April 1786  
m. Margaret L. Hughes 26 Feb 1823 Ohio
- v. Henry SCHOONHOVEN, b. 15 August 1788; bp. 5 October 1788  
Walpack RDC;  
sponsors: Henry and Mary Vandemark  
m. Sarah Lee 13 June 1822
- vi. Elizabeth SCHOONHOVEN, b. 3 August 1791; bp. 20 August 1791  
m. Solomon Lee 14 June 1821
- vii. Abraham SCHOONHOVEN, b. 7 September 1793; bp. 4 August 1793  
m. Margaret Baker 24 December 1822
- viii. Rebecca SCHOONHOVEN, b. 21 July 1796; bp. 1796; sponsors:  
Henry Schoonhoven and Rebecca Montanye  
m. Isaac Baker 24 December 1822

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19. MARIA SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was baptized 11 August 1745 in the Walpack Dutch Reformed Church. Her baptismal sponsors were William Ward/Waert/Wood and his wife Maria Decker, maternal aunt.

Maria was sometimes called Mary in records, evidently to distinguish her from her cousin Maria (who married Manuel Hover). We have no marriage record for Maria, but from the baptismal records of her children, it is clear that Maria married Peter Taylor.

Most genealogy books and articles on the subject have hopelessly confused the two Maria Schoonhovens anyway, but even those that get them identified correctly state that this Maria's first husband was Manuel Vandermerken, about whom nothing is known except for a baptismal entry in the printed Walpack Reformed Dutch Church records on 26 September 1771 for Ezekiel, son of Manuel Vandermerken and Maria Schoonhoven.

However, since Ezekiel, eldest son of Manuel HOVER and Maria Schoonhoven, was born on 11 September 1771 and has no baptismal entry at Walpack, it seems to me that the baptismal record has probably been transcribed incorrectly with Vandermerken where it should read Hover. Therefore, the reason that we can't find any information about Manuel Vandermerken is because there never was such a person.

Maria seems to have been married only once, although there are enough of her nieces named Maria and Mary to confuse even an SDJM researcher. We need more information about Peter Taylor and his family, but we do know that Peter Taylor took his family into the Wyoming Valley in 1783 with Joseph Montanye and Ezekiel Schoonhoven and was forced to abandon his claim there in 1784, as did the others from Walpack. There is some evidence that the Taylors moved to Owego after 1800, too.

Children of Maria Schoonhoven and Peter Taylor:

- i. Rachel TAYLOR, b. 4 October 1780; bp. 25 Aug. 1781 Walpack RDC
- ii. Redolphus TAYLOR, bp. 2 October 1785 Walpack RDC
- iii. Nellie TAYLOR, bp. 2 October 1785 Walpack RDC
- iv. Daniel TAYLOR, b. 27 May 1787; bp. 3 June 1787 Walpack RDC

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20. NICHOLAS SCHOONHOVEN, son of Henry and Johanna (Decker) Schoonhoven, was baptized on 15 December 1751 in the Walpack RDC. He is mentioned in his father's will, written in 1767, and he was not yet 20 years old when his father died in September 1771.

If it is difficult to tell the Maria Schoonhovens apart, it is even more difficult to tell the Nicholas Schoonhovens apart because there were two of them born between 1750 and 1755, each of whom lost his father before he was of age. Both lived and farmed in Walpack, both were related to the same people, since one was the uncle of the other. Because Nicholas #21, the nephew, was the younger by a year or so, he called himself Nicholas Jr. Nicholas #20 was the uncle and did not use Jr.

Keeping that firmly in mind, it is possible to make some identifications. This is the Nicholas Schoonover, who as ward of the Sussex County Court, stated on 23 October 1771 that his father had left him lands and that he chose his kinsman James Schoonover as his Guardian. [Liber 14, p.404] James Schoonover was an even closer kinsman of Nicholas Jr., but Nicholas Jr. was not fourteen when his father died in 1764 and thus he was not allowed to choose his own guardian.

This is also the Nicholas Schoonhoven referred to by Garrett Brodhead of Pike County, Pa., in 1832. In that affidavit, Garrett Brodhead stated that in the year 1778-79, he with his Uncle Nicholas Schoonover, now dead, sold grain to Andrew Dingman's Commissary for part of Gen. Pulaski's troops who were stationed at Deckers Ferry, which was very near the Schoonover farms.

The other Nicholas, Nicholas Jr. left the Walpack area about 1800 and moved to Chenango, N.Y., where he was visited in 1802 by his cousin Ezekiel Hover. This Nicholas was still in New Jersey as late as 1804, as he appeared as baptismal sponsor for children of two of his nephews on 27 May 1804 in the Walpack Reformed Dutch Church. There is no evidence that he ever married, although the writer of the genealogy column in the Wantage Recorder referred to deeds mentioning a wife Caty.

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21. NICHOLAS SCHOONOVER, Jr., son of Henry and Rachel (Schoonover) Schoonover, was born around 1752. He was not yet fourteen when his father died in 1764 (and so was not old enough to chose his own guardian), but he was of age and old enough to be married in 1774.

Nicholas Schoonover Jr. (so called to distinguish him from his uncle Nicholas Schoonover, #20) was mentioned in his father's will, by which he received 50 pounds sterling, house, and land.

Nicholas is definitely placed as son of Henry and grandson of Nicholas, because his father was the eldest son of Nicholas and Peternella (Westfall) Schoonover and was the only one of the children who was deceased in 1774 when the heirs joined in various land transfers. By Henry's will, Nicholas received all the property rights of his father and, as such, had to sign the joint deeds with the other heirs. We know that he was already married in 1774, because the deeds are careful to list all spouses as well as heirs.

Nicholas married Rachel Van Aken/Auken, probably in 1774. Rachel was the daughter of Isaac Van Auken and his wife Margriet Hornenbeck. Many years ago the late Horace Smith of Port Jervis had in his possession many deeds and wills which he had purchased at family sales. Among them was an unrecorded will of Jacobus VanAuken, in which he practically gave the whole family tree in disposing of his property. Among them he mentioned Rachel VanAuken, wife of Nicholas Schoonhoven, "deceased", and mentions their daughter Catherine Whitney. Jacobus VanAuken made a later will, on file in Book C, p. 276, Newton, N.J., in which he directs as follows: "To children of Nicholas Schoonover, namely, Margaret, wife of Benjamin Rosenkrans; Rachel, wife of Will Shaw; Saleche (Charlotte), wife of Alexander Shaw." His bequest to his sister Rachel reads in full: "I give to my sister Rachel and bequeathe to her the wife of Nicholas Schoonover, deceased, during her natural life, the interest in the Bank shares belonging to me in the Sussex Bank. I do devise and bequeathe to her and her sole use, to none else not even to the defraying and debts whatever or contracted of her husband, heretofore, made, and after her decease I give the same and wish it to develop into the hands of her daughter who is now the wife of John Whitney." He also remembered his sister Lena, wife of John Nyce.

Nicholas Schoonover disposed of his property at Walpack about 1800 and moved with his family to Chenango, now Binghamton, N.Y., where his daughter Catherine married John R. Whitney of that place. Proof appears in a mortgage on file at Newton, N.J., dated 1800, and in the will of James Vandermark of Walpack Township, Sussex Co., N.J., dated 25 March 1800, in which he leaves his son Benjamin the "plantation purchased of Nicholas Schoonhoven".

Too, the diary of his cousin Ezekiel Hover [some years ago in the possession of John C. Hover, 15 Broad Street, New York City] notes a trip taken from Walpack, N.J., to Horse Shoe Bottom, in Washington County, Pa. Under date of March 14, 1802, Ezekiel writes that he started from James Schoonover's house in Tioga Center, [Tioga Co., N.Y.] and went sixteen miles to Nanticoke. [Joseph Montanye was living in Nanticoke in 1802.] The following day, March 15, 1802, Ezekiel went ten miles to Chenango and "put up with Nicholas Schoonover."

Children of Nicholas Schoonover, Jr., and Rachel VanAuken:

- i. Margaret SCHOONOVER, b. 16 November 1774; bp. 15 June 1775; Walpack RDC; no sponsors;



- m. Major Benjamin Rosenkrans 27 Oct 1790  
d. 1 February 1842  
Buried Peters Valley RDC
- ii. Henry SCHOONOVER, b. 9 June 1777; bp. 18 April 1779;  
Walpack RDC; no sponsors.  
m. Rebecca Layton 1799 at Walpack  
d. 30 August 1850, Elgin, IL
- iii. Isaac VanAuken SCHOONOVER, b. 30 November 1781; Walpack, NJ  
m. Rebecca Cooper  
d. 11 Dec 1846 Bradford Co., PA
- iv. Evert SCHOONOVER, b. 18 September 1784; bp. 19 Sept. 1784;  
Walpack RDC; no sponsors.
- v. Joseph SCHOONOVER, b. 1 January 1787; bp. 15 April 1787;  
Walpack RDC; no sponsors.  
m. Rachel Corsaw  
d. Bradford County, PA.
- vi. Catherine SCHOONOVER, b. 1 July 1789; bp. 30 August 1789  
Walpack RDC; sponsors: Jacobus VanAuken  
and Catrina Westbrook;  
m. John R. Whitney of Broome Co., N.Y.
- vii. Rachel SCHOONOVER, b. 3 December 1791; bp. 5 March 1792;  
Walpack RDC; no sponsors.  
m. William Shaw of Walkill, N.Y.
- ? viii. Sara/Sally SCHOONOVER, b. \_\_\_\_\_  
m.1. \_\_\_\_\_ Bevans;  
?? m.2. Major Benjamin Rosenkrans
- ix. Cecella/Charlotte SCHOONOVER, m. Alexander Shaw.

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22. CATHERINE SCHOONHOVEN, daughter of Rachel Schoonhoven and her first husband (and cousin) Henry Schoonhoven, was baptized on 17 November 1754 at the Walpack RDC as "Keety". Her baptismal sponsors were her grandfather Henricus Schoonhoven and her mother's sister, Cornelia Schoonhoven. She was living at Walpack on the New Jersey side of the Delaware when her father died in 1764 and she was named as a minor child in his will.

Catherine Schoonhoven married Beniah Mundy, perhaps as early as 1772. No record has been found of their marriage nor of the baptism of their older children and it seems likely that she and Beniah were living in Pennsylvania during the early years of their marriage.

Certainly they were in the Wyoming Valley in 1783 at the time of the so-called Pennamite/Connecticut wars. Beniah Monday is listed in the group of 45 men [including many others of this family, like Joseph Montanye, Benjamin Schoonover, Ezekiel Schoonhoven, Henry Brink, Luke Broadhead, John Crist, Peter Taylor, Wilhelmus Van Gorden, etc.] who were indicted for riot in the Wyoming Valley on 7 June 1784. [Susquehannah Company Papers, National Archives, Cont. Cong. Papers, 77, pp. 348-57.] This group of men and their families, originally from Walpack, NJ, were driven out of the Wyoming Valley and took up residence at Lower Smithfield, Northampton County, PA, in December 1783. Virtually all of them had acquired land and were paying taxes

there in 1786.

Beniah and Catherine went back to Walpack in October 1786 for the baptism of their daughter Maria in the Walpack RDC.

Beniah's first-entry deed in Tioga County, New York, gives his residence as Lower Smithfield Township, PA, on 5 November 1792. He bought 200 acres in Owego Twp., Tioga County, NY, on the north bank of the Susquehannah, deed recorded 26 August 1796 [Deeds 1:156-160].

Beniah Mundy's last will and testament was recorded 17 November 1806 in Tioga County, NY. [Wills A:125-129]. He died 11 January 1806 and was called "of Owego". His will referred to his wife (not named), his sons Samuel and Nicholas, and his daughters Rachel, Polly, Sarah, and Hannah. Witnesses were Stephen Hopkins, John and Elizabeth Smith.

Catherine was still living when her mother's will was probated on 2 May 1809. Rachel (Schoonhoven) Schoonhoven Washburn of Owego, NY, died on 6 July 1807. She named her negro girl Deborah [to be set free], her sons Nicholas Schoonover and Henry Washburn, and her daughters Catherine Munday and Elizabeth Vandermark. Her executors were Emanuel Coryell and her grandson Nicholas Munday [who must therefore have been over 21 in 1807].

Children of Catherine Schoonhoven and Beniah Mundy:

- i. Samuel MUNDY, b. ca. 1779  
d. by August 1830 Tioga County, NY
- ii. Nicholas MUNDY, b. ca. 1781  
d. by October 1843, Tioga County, NY
- iii. Rachel MUNDY, b. ca. 1783  
m. Peter Schoonover  
d. by fall 1850  
son: Nicholas Mundy Schoonover
- iv. Maria "Polly" MUNDY, bp. 1 October 1786 Walpack RDC  
m. Nicholas Schoonover (1779-1854)  
son Edwin H. Schoonover  
daughter Catherine M. Reed  
buried Schoonover Cem., Tioga Twp., NY
- v. Sarah MUNDY, b. ca. 1787/8  
m.1. Benjamin Smith prob. by 1821  
m.2. after 1850 D. Alonzo Foster  
d. 23 August 1861, aged 74 years
- vi. Hannah MUNDY, b.  
m. Reuben M. Mundy  
living Big Flat, Chemung County, NY, in 1849

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