HISTORIC ANCESTORS

With this issue [Fall 2000], we start an occasional series entitled “Historic Ancestors.” In it, single lines of descent of subscribers will be published, starting from an ancestor of some historical importance and continuing down to the contributor. An entry for this ancestor in a national or regional biographical dictionary, where inclusion is based on an individual’s significance or accomplishments, should be cited in the first footnote. An exception to this requirement would be for a lineage that in and of itself possesses interesting or unusual characteristics.

It is hoped that the series will give an added impetus to genealogical research and be of both historical and sociological interest. The initial ancestor must have lived in the sixteenth century or later. As a goal, we hope to have lineages fit into two pages, but recognize that in some cases, to include the necessary full documentation, they will require about 2½ pages as the Anne (Marbury) Hutchinson lineage in the present issue shows. We begin the series with two lines which provide an example of the format. Subscribers are encouraged to review their ancestral records and to select and submit a line of descent from an ancestor they consider to be of historical significance or interest.

ANNE (MARBURY) HUTCHINSON


3 Hannah Cole, b. Boston 17 Dec. 1668, d. prob. North Kingstown after 1727; m. Thomas Place, b. prob. North Kingstown ca. 1663, d. there 1727, yeoman, son of Enoch and Sarah (—) Place.


2 Champlin, “Hutchinson Ancestry” [supra note 1], 168.


5 Mary Lovering Holman, “Parentage of John Cole of Boston, Mass., and Rhode Island,” NEHGR 97 (1943): 194-95 (showing John was aged 53 in 1678 and son of Samuel Cole, not Isaac Cole).

4 THOMAS PLACE, b. North Kingstown 2 Nov. 1697,10 d. Foster, R.I., between 6 April 1784 and 31 March 1787, yeoman;11 m. North Kingstown 16 March 17[20?], MARGARET STAFFORD, dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Holden) Stafford.12

5 SARAH PLACE, b. prob. North Kingstown13 say 1728 (assuming age 21 at marriage), d. prob. East Greenwich, R.I., after 1805;14 m. there 27 May 1749 JOSIAH JONES,15 d. there 1789, yeoman,16 son of Seth and Priscilla (—) Jones.17

6 JENKINS JONES, b. East Greenwich 20 June 1770,18 d. there 29 Nov. 1841,19 yeoman; m. (1) DORCAS —, d. there 27 June 1813.20


7 Boston Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths [supra note 4], 107.
8 Austin [supra note 6], 154 (showing Thomas aged 64 in Aug. 1727, son of Enoch and Sarah Place).
9 Will of Thomas Place of North Kingstown, proved [20 Nov.] 1727, mentions, among others, wife Hannah and son Thomas (North Kingstown Wills, 6:256-59, North Kingstown Town Clerk’s Office).
10 For date of birth and marriage to Margaret Stafford, see Gerald James Parsons, “The Thomas Place Family of East Greenwich, R.I., Descendants of Mrs. Anne Hutchinson,” TAG 38 (1962): 44-51, at 45.
11 On 6 April 1784, Angel Sweet, guardian of Thomas Place “by Reason of age and Infirmity” (Foster Town Council Records, 1:12, FHL microfilm 941052), petitioned to sell part of his farm (Margery I. Matthews, “The Two Thomas Places of Foster, Rhode Island,” Rhode Island Roots 21 [1995]: 70). On 31 March 1787, Sweet was paid money from the estate of Thomas Place, deceased (ibid. 18 [1992]: 41).
12 Austin [supra note 6], 386; Parsons, “The Thomas Place Family” [supra note 10], 45.
13 Heir of Thomas Place on 8 April 1795 (Foster Land Evidence, 3:12-13, FHL microfilm 930994).
15 East Greenwich Register of Births and Marriages, 2:19, Town Clerk’s Office, East Greenwich.
16 East Greenwich Probate Records, 4:152, Town Clerk’s Office (adm. appointed 13 Nov. 1789).
18 East Greenwich Births and Marriages [supra note 15], 2:44.
21 Record of the John Briggs family written by Jonathan Briggs, the eldest son, and laid in the Briggs Bible, in possession of Mrs. Flossie (Briggs) Gilbert, Portageville, N.Y., 1999.
22 Briggs Record [supra note 21]; g.s., Willet Cemetery, Willet, N.Y.
24 East Greenwich Births and Marriages [supra note 15], 2:186. John was incorrectly recorded as son of Joseph and Susanna. Susanna, first wife of Joseph Briggs, d. ca. 1787 and Joseph m. (2) in 1790 Anna Essex (ibid., 2:127); Briggs record [supra note 21].
25 Briggs Record [supra note 21]; g.s., Willet Cemetery, Willet, N.Y.
27 Briggs Bible [supra note 21]; Alfred S. Roe, Rose Neighborhood Sketches (Worcester, Mass., 1893), 124-25; George W. Cowles, Landmarks of Wayne County, New York (Syracuse, N.Y., 1895), Part


12 GERALD JAMES PARSONS, b. Syracuse, N.Y., 30 June 1924. 12 Head, Local History and Genealogy Dept., Onondaga Co. Public Library, Syracuse (1958-86), Contributing Editor, TAG (1952-82), Fellow, American Society of Genealogists (elected 1955).


Briggs Bible (supra note 21); obituary, The Clyde Times, 23 April 1908.


Death certificate [supra note 27]; Caleb W. Niles family Bible record, copied by Mrs. Albert Niles, Greene, N.Y., about 1900 and sent to G. J. Parsons in 1939.

Birth certificate, #5851, N.Y. Dept. of Health, Albany.

Marriage record, #111, N.Y. Dept. of Health, Albany; original in possession of G. J. Parsons.

Wilson Family Record (drawn and decorated by hand and filled in by various family members).


Obituary, The Clyde Herald, 15 Aug. 1946; Landmarks of Wayne County (supra note 27), 229.

Birth certificate, Register No. 275, Town of Butler Register of Births, Wolcott, N.Y.

Death certificate, Register No. 2, Town of Galen Register of Deaths, Clyde, N.Y.

Marriage certificate, #31413, N.Y. Dept. of Health, Albany.

Birth certificate, Register No. 270, Town of Victory Register of Births, Cato, N.Y.


Birth certificate, Registration No. 2238, City of Syracuse, Registrar of Vital Statistics.
NIS HENRIKSEN

1 NIS HENRIKSEN,\(^{51}\) of Hajstrupgård, Bylderup parish, Slesvig,\(^{52}\) b. ca. 1478, d. 3 Dec. 1554, magistrate (herredsfoged) of Slogs district 1518–54, supported King Frederik I of Denmark at the old Urnehoved Thing ca. 1523 against the former king, Christian II, whose adherents shot arrows after him as he escaped on his white horse;\(^{53}\) the king’s 1527 grant of Vrågård, Burkal parish, was confirmed 1546 by Duke Hans the Elder of Slesvig for his true service; m. ca. 1516 ANNE —, from Vellerup, Agerskov parish.\(^{54}\)

2 HANS NISSEN, of Hajstrupgård and Vrågård, b. ca. 1535, d. Hajstrupgård 31 March 1574, magistrate of Slogs district 1560–74; m. 1555 MARINE PEDERSDATTER, d. 18 Feb. 1594,\(^{55}\) dau. of Peter Redlefsen, councilman in Tønder.\(^{26}\)

3 NIS HANSEN, of Hajstrupgård and Vrågård, b. Hajstrupgård 1 Nov. 1558, d. there 8 Feb. 1616, magistrate of Slogs district 1591–1616; m. 6 Oct. 1588 ANNA ERICHSDATTER,\(^{57}\) d. Hajstrupgård 15 Dec. 1620, dau. of Erich Clementsen, magistrate of Strukstrup district.\(^{58}\)

4 HANS NISSEN, of Hajstrupgård, Vrågård, and Store Tønde, d. Store Tønde, Burkal parish, 11 Nov. 1645, magistrate of Slogs district 1616–45; m. METTA NISDATTER, d. Store Tønde 3 July 1667, dau. of Nis Asmussen, magistrate of Vis district.\(^{59}\)

\(^{51}\) His biographical entry is at Dansk biografisk leksikon, 3rd ed., 16 vols. (København, 1979-84), 6:292-93. The lineage presented here is based primarily on Anders Schmidt, Johanne Margrethe Kaysen og hendes slægt, 7 parts, typescript (Aabenraa, Denmark, 1986). The late Dr. Schmidt spent many years researching his ancestry in the church and court records of Slesvig, and this carefully documented work includes extensive extracts of original sources. He generously provided me with a copy of the seven parts (almost 1000 pages) on the ancestry of his great-grandmother, a sister of Adelheit Kaysen (no. 10). With his permission, a copy was donated to the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, and is available there and on FHL INTL microfilm 1440294, items 10-16.

\(^{52}\) Unless otherwise noted, all locations were in Slesvig (Sønderjylland), a duchy in southern Jutland under the Danish king.

\(^{53}\) His cloak, pierced by arrows, was hung in Bylderup church until it disintegrated in the eighteenth century. In 1605 in a petition to the duke of Slesvig concerning his land in Lydersholm, Nis Hansen wrote that his grandfather had been gravely wounded in the affray (Schmidt [supra note 1], 96-97).


\(^{55}\) In Denmark, the year started on 1 January.

\(^{56}\) Schmidt [supra note 1], 100-1, 167.

\(^{57}\) Two wall epitaphs (1618 and 1619) in Bylderup church include their portraits, coats of arms, and an account of both their ancestries. A study of the Hajstrupgård family coat of arms is at Charles M. Hansen, “Hjort og slange i vaabenet,” Heraldisk Tidsskrift 37 (1978): 305-11.

\(^{58}\) Schmidt [supra note 1], 104-5a, 142-43, 160a-60b, 160c-60f, 172-73, 175. The funeral sermon on Nis Hansen, 1616 (at Friis [supra note 4], 234-35), has much information on him and his ancestors.

\(^{59}\) Schmidt [supra note 1], 127-29, 160c-60d 196-97, 199. Hans Nissen was granted by the duke of Slesvig the right to hunt hares and foxes with tracking hounds (Friis [supra note 4], 241). For Nis Asmussen’s family, see Gunnar Brun Nissen and Harald Nissen, Slektens Nissen fra Bov Sogn i Sønderjylland (Trondheim, 1978). Nis Asmussen’s mother’s father’s father, Jes Thomsen, was ennobled by King Hans of Denmark in 1488 (Schmidt [supra note 1], 195-96, 216-17; Danmarks Adels Aarbog 25 [1908]: xi-xiii, 78-79).
5 NISSENUS NISSEN, b. Højstrupgård 28 Jan. 1624, d. Bøgvad, Højst parish, 10 Jan. (calc.) 1705, student at Rostock and Helmstedt Universities, held farm in Bøgvad from the duke of Slesvig; m. Hostrup parish 1662 ANNA CLAUDIA, b. Hostrup parish 18 Sept. 1645, d. Bøgvad April 1705, dau. of Paul Claudius, priest of Hostrup parish.60

6 HERLICH NISSEN, b. Bøgvad 20 June 1666, d. Lydersholm (Lysholm), Burkal parish, bur. 22 April 1723; m. Højst parish 6 Sept 1696 MATTHIAS IVERSEN, of Lydersholm, d. Lydersholm, bur. 4 Feb. 1748, paid highest assessment in Burkal parish 1713.61

7 ANNA MATTHIASESDATTER, b. ca. 1707/8, d. Lindevedgård, Store Vi parish, 1 July 1750; m. Logumkloster parish 22 June 1730 HANS KAYSEN, b. Hostrup parish ca. 1696, d. Lindevedgård 6 July 1753, leased Lindevedgård 1739.62

8 SAMUEL MEMMERT KAYSEN, b. Lindevedgård 18 July 1742, d. Lydersholm 31 Dec. 1817, leased farm in Lydersholm; m. Burkal parish 15 Nov. 1771 ADELHEIT PETERSEN, b. 1752, d. Burkal parish 1 March 1799, dau. of Peter Petersen, priest of Burkal parish.63

9 ANDREAS KAYSEN, b. Lydersholm 17 Sept. 1780, d. Øster Logum parish 16 March 1833, leased farm in Lydersholm, bankrupt in economic crises 1827, spent last years as a day laborer; m. Burkal parish 25 Sept. 1817 KAREN CHRISTENSESDATTER, b. Ovtrup parish, Ribe Co., 15 March 1791, d. Øster Logum parish 8 Dec. 1861, dau. of Christen Knudsen, farmer.64

10 ADELHEIT KAYSEN, b. Lydersholm, Burkal parish, 6 Aug. 1818, d. Hygum parish 2 March 1872; m. Øster Logum parish 2 July 1852 MORTEN HANSEN, b. Vester Nebel parish, Ribe Co., Denmark, 14 Oct. 1815, d. Vilslev parish, Ribe Co., 2 April 1900, farmer, son of Morten Hansen,65 cavalryman in the Danish army, 1806–15, during the Napoleonic Wars.66

11 ANDREW/ANDREAS HANSEN, b. Hygum parish 29 Aug. 1855, d. Fallbrook, Calif., 28 Feb. 1923, immigrated to U.S.A. 1873,67 farmer owner; m. Los Angeles, Calif., 8 Dec. 1885 MATHILDA KIRSTINE MICHELSSEN, b. Farup parish, Ribe Co., 4 July 1861, d. Fallbrook 14 June 1921, dau. of Michel Pedersen, farm owner.68


60 Schmidt [supra note 1], 134-36, 149-51, 154-55.
61 Schmidt [supra note 1], 75-77, 85-86, 92a-92c, 106, 130-31, 136. In 1709 he acquired the lease to the farm in Lydersholm previously held by his wife’s uncle, Detlef Nissen. It was originally issued by Duke Johann Adolf of Slesvig to Nis Hansen, and had been held by members of his family since 1608.
62 Schmidt [supra note 1], 9-11, 29-31, 82, 138.
63 Schmidt [supra note 1], 11-13, 30, 32-36, 139, 363-66.
64 Schmidt [supra note 1], 14-16, 34, 37-42, 914-15, 920. At least seven of Andreas Kaysen’s descendants immigrated to America (Schmidt [supra note 1], 18-20, 24-25).
65 Schmidt [supra note 1], 16-17, 37, 49; registers for Burkal, Vester Nebel and Vilslev parishes.
66 Holstein Rytter Regiment Muster Roll (1st Squadron), FHL microfilm 8556, pl. 77, 28-29, no. 56.
67 Slesvig was taken by Prussia from Denmark in 1864. He emigrated just prior to his eighteenth birthday to avoid being drafted into the Prussian army.
68 Schmidt [supra note 1], 49, n. 33; registers for Hygum and Farup parishes. Additional information from his son, Andrew Hansen, and his wife’s sister, Karoline (Michelsen) Hill.