MALE ANCESTRY OF DR. EARL G. SWEM, VIRGINIA

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PURPOSE: To establish the male ancestry in America of Dr. Swem, considering the starting point as the will of Anthony Sweem of Richmond County, New York proved March 10, 1719/20.

PURPOSE ACHIEVED: Dr. Swem's first ancestor in America on the male line is Tys Barentsen van Leerdam who emigrated with wife and children to America on May 9, 1661. He was the father of the above Anthony Sweem.

THIS FAMILY'S NAMES AND ORIGIN

Dutch nomenclature was in a stage of transition during the seventeenth century. Relatively few Dutch families had established surnames, although some might use a certain surname for a few generations. Most of the Dutch used the patronymic as a last name, (i.e., a possessive form of the father's first name, which consequently changed with each generation). Others used as last name their place of origin, their occupation, or some personal characteristic. An example of each of these forms of naming is: for English families -- Jackson, Washington, Taylor, and Gay; for this particular Dutch family -- Tysen, van Leerdam, and perhaps Sweem. The wife retained her "maiden name", which might be any of the forms of naming above; she occasionally used as patronymic her husband's first name rather than her father's first name; she did not use her husband's last name until English influence prevailed. The many variations in spelling have no significance, except in that the tendency to phonetic spelling may provide clues to the pronunciation. After surnames became established, the custom of variant patronymic often continued as middle name or middle initial. The Dutch adhered strongly to the custom of naming the elder
children after the children's four grandparents and younger children after other relatives. The godparents were usually close relatives. The Dutch liked to use shortened or diminutive forms of the first name. For further detail, see my articles on this subject being printed in the National Genealogical Society Quarterly for March and June, 1953.

The first of the Sweem family in America was Tys Barentsen van Leerdam. His name, under the many spelling variants shown below, appears sometimes in full and more often with merely the patronymic Barentsen. Tys or Thys, (the "h" is silent), is the Dutch diminutive of Mathys. Translated, his name may be read Mathias, (or Matthew), son of Barent who came from and was probably born in Leerdam. This may have been but probably was not his surname in Holland; only research in the records there can tell. Such research might not be difficult since we know his approximate birth, 1621, (see 1681, testimony below), and his probable origin.

Leerdam is a town in the southeastern corner of the Province of South Holland, some distance directly south of the City of Utrecht; it is on a tributary of and just north of the Waal River, (the name in Holland for the present main channel of the Rhine River). You will find Leerdam on the Encyclopedia Brittanica map of Holland.

Tysen, the surname used by one branch of the family, is an example of the perpetuation of a patronymic, since originally it meant merely "son of Tys".

Sweem was given many spelling variants. Later members of the family remaining on Staten Island usually used the anglicized form Swain. From the variants, it is evident that the name was pronounced somewhat as you do now, - rather than as we now pronounce "ee". It seems likely that the name arose because of some personal characteristic; thus, in Dutch-English dictionaries printed 1691 and 1824 appear "Zweemsen", - to be like, and "Het Zweensel", - the
likeness. ("S" and "Z" are interchageable). Even though we do not find the name Sweem on American records before about 1703, the family could very well have used this surname in Holland; only research there can tell.

Forbur or Forbor appears on two records as the surname for one member of this family. Instances of its use are so few that it is perhaps a corruption, but of what I have no idea.¹

THE EMIGRANT

Tys Barentsen van Leerdam, more commonly called Tys Barentsen, was born about 1621 presumably in Leerdam, South Holland. He came to America in 1661, settling on Staten Island, and died in or about 1682. His known wife, who emigrated with him and survived him, was Sytje Cornelis. There is a good possibility that she was a second wife, both because of a gap in the children's ages as recorded on the passenger list and because the elder son Barent does not seem to have named any daughter after her as would have been customary if she were his real mother. The presumable first wife may have been named Elizabeth, judging by grandchildren's names.

The records concerning the emigrant are given below.

1661, May 9. - Passengers in the ship "de St. Jan Baptist", Capt. Jan Barge:
Tys Barentsz from Leerdam, wife and 3 children aged 15, 10 & 1 1/4 years.
Pieter Bielliou from Walslant, wife and 4 children.
Mairven Luten from Flanders, wife & infant.
Mynert Court en from Aernam, et al. (as translated and printed in Holland Society of New York Yearbook, 1902, pp. 18-19. The originals are in the New York State Library at Albany and are really accounts of those passengers 1654-1664 who did not pay for their passage until after they came to America). The four names listed above all appear on the following petition.

¹There was a Jan or John Forbus or Forbuus in New Amsterdam who had a plantation across the river on Long Island in 1638-49; he acted as a godparent together with Margriete Forbuus in 1662. A soldier Adrianus Forolet from Brussel emigrated in 1660.
1661, Aug. 22. - Council meeting, present Stuyvesant and 2 councilors. Before the Council appeared Pieter Billow and another"who stated for themselves as well as for some other persons, arrived by the last ships, that the locality of Staten Island suited them well and they requested therefore that some of the lands on the said Staten Island might be allotted and given them as property for farmland, meadow and pastures, and that lots for houses and gardens might be laid out at a convenient place." The Director General and Council heard the petition and resolved to look up a convenient place on Staten Island and lay it out for a village. The persons who asked for lots on Staten Island are: 19 names including Thys Barentsen from Leerdam and Paulus Dirck" from Luxembourg. (Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, 13:206).

1665, Aug. 10, baptized at the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam, Cornelis son of Thys Barentsen V. Leerd. and of Sytie Cornelis; no godparents given. (Collections of the N.Y. Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2:61).


1673, April 14. - The Council of the Province of New York meeting: "Kingdom's and "ys Barent's affairs referred back to the justices who tried them before," (Calendar of Council Minutes, 1668-1783, p. 18, referring to the original at Albany, 3:135).

1673, Aug. 25, Tys Barentse van Leerdam among the magistrates for Staten Island, (Register of New Netherland, O'Callaghan, p. 99). At a meeting of the Commanders and Council of War on Aug. 25, 1673, from the nominations of the inhabitants of Staten Island, are elected as magistrates thereof: include as one of the Schepens-Tys Barentse, (Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, 2:386).

1675, June Calendar of cases to be tried at Court of Sessions, Gravesend: Albert Cornelissen (Pl't) vs Capt Barents Vanlerd. (Def't) on list of actions, Alb Cornelissen Tys Barents Van Leerdan The Plaintiff declares upon a bill of 202 G. It being an old case wherein John Kingdome and Sim: Jans: Rem: are concerned, the former having Judgment & latter found (?) about counterfeiting a release of Youncker Vostiks.

2 Paulus Dirck from Luxembourg is perhaps the Paulus Richards who later was appointed administrator of Tys Barentsen van Leerdam's estate. (The English for Dirck is Richard). However, there was also a Paulus Richard from Rochelle, France; see NYOB Record, 68:134-35. No relationship with the Sweem family has been found.

3 Our emigrant is not to be confused with his contemporary Nathys Barents who was similarly selected Oct. 1673 from nominations by the inhabitants of the Town of Swaenburgh, (i.e. Kingston, N.Y.), to be ensign, (Documents, Ibid, 2:627).

Nor is he to be confused with an earlier man Van Edam, Tys Barentsen Schooemackor, (i.e. Tys Barentson, Shoemaker), who settled in Rensselaeryck, near Albany, N.Y., in 1656 (NYOB Record, 15:76; Van Rensselaer Bouvier Manuscripts, pp. 156 & 810).
This to have Judgment against ye defendant and John King-
dome to be paid by Sim: Jans: This ye Court Judgment. (Report of
the State Historian, Colonial Series, 2:328 & 334). Presumably
"Capt" is a misreading of the original script for "Tys" which ap-
pears later on in the record.

1677, April 17, Tys Barendse was a godparent (of his daughter
Beelitje's son): records of the Dutch Church of Bergen, N.J.
(Holland Society of N.Y. Yearbook, 1913, #45).

1680, June 27, Tys Barends was a godparent (of his son Barent's
son): records of Dutch Church of Flatbush, Long Island, N.Y.; also
godparent same day of a son of Peter Janz & Maritie Jans. (Holland
Society of N.Y. Yearbook, 1898, p. 115).

----- before 1691, earliest list of cattle marks on Staten Island
has Tiss Barnson', (Stillwell's Historical and Genealogical Mis-
cellany of N.Y. and N.J., v.1, p.23). These and the following
records there printed are from Staten Island's first book of
records, Liber A.

1681, Dec. 4, case of Peter Balew vs Christopher Bilup: Testimony
of Tis Barns aged 60 years or thereabouts that Balew hired him to
mend his net. (Ibid, p. 8).

1681 court record: corn is to be delivered to Tis Barnson for debt
settlement in a suit between two others. (Ibid, p. 6).

1681, Sept. 13, Court of Sessions: Case of Peter Balew and Tis
Barns plf. Subpoenas issued for various people, also a warrant for
Tis Barnson. (Ibid, p. 31).

1682, Feb.--- Estate of Tyse Barnse of Staten Island, letters of
administration granted thereon to Paulus Richards, the widow
Scytie having refused. (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y.Hist'l Society,
2:123, from Liber 1-2, p. 456 at the Surrogate's Office, Manhat-
tan).

1684, Feb. 7, Meeting of the Council of the Province: Order on
petition of Paulus Richards for a quietus as administrator of Tyse
Barnse deceased. (Calendar of Council Minutes 1668-1783, p. 35,
from the original at Albany, 5:46).

1684, March 31, Meeting of the Council of the Province: Order for
Paulus Richards administrator of the estate of Tyse Barnsen de-
ceased to settle certain debts of the estate with Nicholas de
Keyer before he can have a quietus. (Ibid, p. 37).

1728. Jacob Van Dick given the cattle mark formerly tiss barnson's
deceased." (Stillwell, ibid, p. 48).

CHILDREN OF THE EMIGRANT:

1. + Barent Tyssen later called Barent Sweem, born about 1646 and
named for his paternal grandfather---see below.

---The date 1728 is so long after the 1682 decease that in the
interval the cattle mark might have been inherited by our emigrant's
son Anthony Sweem who died in 1719.
2. Anthony Tree later called Anthony Sweem, born about 1657 more or less—see below.

3. Cornelis Tyssen, baptized Aug. 10, 1661 and named for his maternal grandmother —— see below.

4.Probably two other sons including a John, since there were four John Sweems in the Staten Island census of about 1706, born respectively about 1674, 1675, (elsewhere he was called Sr.), 1680, and 1681. Three of them were on the Richmond County militia lists of 1715: Johannes and John Sweem in the South company, and Johannes Sweem in the North company. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series 1: 549, 550, 547). For two of the Johns, see the sons of Barent and of Anthony, given later in this report.

The other two Johns and unplaced Sweem groups in the 1706 census are: John Swam aged 32 & woman Anne Swam; probably with the former are girls—— Elizabeth & Mary Swam and Ane Swam; John swam aged 31 & woman Jane Swam; evidently with the latter is the girl——Siathie Swam, perhaps also boys——John & tye Swain. (Stillwell, pp. 153-54, 150-51, 154, 152, 153). The Staten Island Dutch Church records give Johannes Sweems Sr. and Jannetje La Forge as parents of Jan baptized 1718. Her maiden name suggests they were also parents of Antie baptized 1714, (godparents David Laforsie & Antie Willemsen), and of Albert baptized 1715, (godparents Willem & Silybet Seymensen), although the church record merely identifies these two as children of a Johannes Sweem.

6. Beelitje Tyan and her husband Willem Janse Loserecht had a son Hendrick, baptized April 17, 1677, godparents Tys Barentse and Annetje Hendrickse: records of the Dutch Church of Bergen N.J. (Holland Society of N.Y. Yearbook, 1913, #4). Willem may have been one of the sons aged 19 and 13 who had emigrated with their father Jan Willemsen from Loosdrecht in
1661 in the same ship with the first of the Sweem family. Jan Willemzen Loosdrecht joined the church at Bergen in 1667 and died there.

William Johnson Losereght and wife Bely Thysen of Richmond County gave a 5-year mortgage to Paule Richards of N.Y.C. on 246 acres at the south side of Staten Island patented to William and Peter Johnson in 1677; mortgage was signed William Johnson and Bely Thysen. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:104). Their son Hendrick Janszen had children baptized on Staten Island 1713-1729; his will as Henry Johnson of Richmond County was proved 1730.

It is evident that they named another son for Beelitje's father: this son was Mathys or Thys Jansz, whose children baptized at Staten Island 1716-1722 included daughter Beletje 1716 and another whose godparent was Johannes Zweem; his will as Mathys Johnson of Richmond County was proved 1756.

Elisabeth Thyszen only seems to be mentioned in the record of her husband's remarriage. On April 15, 1692 were proclaimed the marriage bans of Jan Depuy living in New York City, widower of Elisabeth Thyszen, to Geertruytje Jans un-married girl born and living at Kingstowne: records of the Dutch Church of N.Y.C. (Collections of N.Y. Gen'l & Biog'l Society, 9:72).

The Staten Island census of about 1706 lists John du puy aged 49, (so born about 1656), John du peuy aged 24, woman--Peternel dupey, boy--Nicolus dupey, girls--Catherine, Magdalene & Susana dupey.

Will of John Dupuy of Richmond County, proved 1732, named wife Petronella, my 4 sons John, Nicholas, Barent, & Moses, (baptized 1714); my daughters Magdalena, Susanna, Elizabeth, (baptized 1707), Petronella & Mary; and children of my deceased daughter Catharine.
Jon Dupuis witnessed the will of Anthony Sweem in 1719; another witness, Obadiah Winter, had married Susanna du Puy by 1719 when their child was baptized on Staten Island.

**BARENT TYSSEN ALIAS SWEEM**

Each of his names is spelled countless ways, so I am using for him the full alias as it appears only in a deed of 1717. In early years his last name was some variant of his patronymic Thys or Tyssen; the surname is first found in a record of 1703 as Swame. Since his sister *could* write, presumably he as the eldest son could write, but we have no evidence; our only record which he might have signed was a testamentary deed of 1719, when he was for those pioneer times a very old man, and it could have been for this reason that he only signed his mark thereto.

Barent was born about 1666: he was the child aged 15 on the 1661 passenger list since the census of about 1706 called him 60 years old. He lived on Staten Island and probably died shortly after 1719. His wife of record was Magdalena Jans, named in the 1680 baptism of a son and as a godmother 169-. He and an unnamed wife were godparents in 1707. She may have been a second wife, as Sarah and Elizabeth were the adult females listed for his household in the census of about 1706. It seems likely that his wife Magdalena Jans was a sister of Wolford Janse Prall, who was godparent at the baptism of their son in 1678 and who owned adjoining lands, according to deeds of 1688 and 1717. The records concerning Barent follow.

1676, (March 31?). Description of survey of lot at Staten Island, on Karle's Neck at the Fresh Kill laid out for Barne Tysen, 94 acres. (Calendar of Land Papers, 1643-1803, p. 12, from original at Albany, 4:727.)

1677, Sept. 29. Patent granted by Governor Andros to Barne Tysen, as laid out at Karle's Neck at the Fresh Kill, Staten Island, adjoining land of Thomas Morgan, the commons, and land of Wolford Prall; recorded Nov. 29, 1681. (Staten Island Hist'l Society, copy of Liber at Albany, Patents 5:49). Barne Tysen's property named as adjoining in the patents granted Sept. 29, 1677 to both Thomas Morgan and Wolford Prall. (Ibid, 5:52).
1678, July 14. at New Utrecht baptized Matthys child of Barent Thys, godparents Wolfhert Janz and Adriaantje Van Deventer; records of the Dutch Church of Flatbush, Long Island, N.Y. (Holland Society of New York Yearbook, 1898, p. 109; Mrs. Frost's MS copy of these baptism, p.115).

1680, June 27. at Utrecht baptized Johannes child of Barent Tysz and Magdalena Jans, godparents Tys Barendsz. (ibid, p.115 and ibid, 1:15).

-----before 1691 earliest list of cattle marks on Staten Island has Barn Tiss'. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 22).

1688, June 26. Wolford Yanson Prall of Staten Island, yeoman, mortgaged for $ 50 to Pawles Richards of N.Y.C., merchant, my dwelling and plantation on Staten Island bounded on the east by land of Barrent Tison and to the west by the Fresh Kill, 80 acres, signed Wolpert Prall. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:104).

1690: Barent Tyszen and Magdalena Tysze were godparents at baptism of Johannes son of Matheus de Decker: Staten Island church records. (Collections of N.Y. Gen'l and Biog'l Society).

1703, June 10. John Depuy of Staten Island and his wife Peternell deeded for $ 39 to Matthe Swame of Staten Island land on Staten Island at Carles Neck at the Fresh Kill on the rear of the said Depuy's land and running with the line of Barnt Swames land southeast 142 rods, 20 acres of upland plus 2 1/2 acres of salt meadow fronting to said land by Gov. Andros' patent 1677. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:498).

1706. Undated Census of Staten Island, from internal evidence taken about 1706: Barnt Swam aged 60, women---Sarah and Elisabeth Swam, boy---Barnt Swam, girls---Madlean and Mary Swam. (Stillwell, op cit p. 153).

1707. Barent Swem "and wife" godparents (to their son Mathys' daughter).

1708. Barent Swem and Mary Belveel godparents (to his son Johannes' daughter).

1708, May 19. Anthony Swam of Richmond Co., farmer, for $ 17 paid by barene Swam of Richmond Co. deeded to said barne Swam a tract of salt meadow on Karles Neck bounded to the south by meadow of arent praal, east by upland and Kosshon, west toward meadow of Jacob galjor, 8 1/2 acres; signed with mark A of Anthony Swam; witnesses Jan de puy and John du puy junr; recorded for Johannes Swame Sept. 30, 1723. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:114).

----- evidently 1711. List of men received from several counties and sent up to Albany: soldiers, concerning the expedition against Canada: Out of Richmond County 6 names including Barent Tyce. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:447)

1712, Dec. 26. Mattheus Decker of Richmond Co., cooper, with consent of his wife Eve deeded for $ 80 to Jhon De puy of the same, commons, 20 acres plus 3 1/2 acres of salt meadow, being one fourth of a fourscore acres tract on Carles Neck at Fresh Kill, bounded southwest by land of Barent tison and southeast by the rear quarter of peter prael's land. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:98).
1713, April 13. Peter Prawl of Staten Island, yeoman with consent of his wife Althea deeded for £200 to JR Carshorne (?Grothron?) of Staten Island, yeoman, land on northwest side of Staten Island adjoining land formerly belonging to Willford praul late deceased, bounded southeast by meadow of Anthony fyc., and adjoining meadow of Barns Swaine. [Ibid, B:606].

1717, Dec. 14. Peter Prael of Richmond Co., yeoman deeded for 468 to Johannes Sware of the same, yeoman, 20 acres which is now in occupation of said Johannes Sware which is the quarter part of 80 acres on Karles Neck which said 80 acres was granted by Gov. Andros to Wolford praul by patent Sept. 29, 1677; also one fourth of salt and fresh meadow belonging to said fourth share; which premises is the southeast fourth part of said 80 acres and is bounded west by John Dupuy, north by Lambert Carnson, east by William Allard (?) and south by "land of Barent Tyssen alias Sware"; signed pp mark of Peter Prael; witness Syme van name; acknowledged by peter prael and aeltje prael his wife, [Ibid, C:144].

1719, Sept. 7. Barent Sware of Richmond Co., yeoman for love and affection toward my loving son Johannes Sware of the same, deeded one lot in Richmond Co., on Carrels Neck where ye now lives on and all my salt meadow and all buildings & improvements thereon, my Great Bible I give and bequeath unto my son Johannes Sware, my best horns belonging to the farm, my wagon & plow & all its plow tackling, and I leave him two iron Wifes (?) and two Ceatle (?) and one splitting knife; signed X mark of Barent Sware; witnesses Francois bodin & peter prael. [Ibid, C:140].

According to histories of Staten Island by Morris and by Leng and Davis, Barne Tysen married in 1672 Maria Krosen and had children Abraham, Cornelius, and David, the latter dying 1710 having married Magdalena Morgan and having a son Barnt Tysen born 1699. I cannot say that these statements are definitely wrong since I did not make a special search for these names, (they not being on your line); however, I did not happen on such relationships, and certainly it would be against Dutch custom if Barne named no son Tys after the grandfather.

CHILDREN OF BARENT TSSEN ALIAS SWEEEN:

1. Matthys Sween or Swame, named for his paternal grandfather, was baptized at Flatbush, July 14, 1678, as child of Barent Tys, (see the full record above). On June 10, 1703, he bought land at Carles Neck, Staten Island, adjoining his father from John Depuy, (see the full record above). Tyse or Tise Swame was chosen a surveyor of the highways for the North Division in 1704 and an assessor for the North Division in the 5th year of her Majesty's reign, (Richmond Co. records in Stillwell,
pp. 51 & 55). Matthys Sween was a godparent in 1703 or 1705 for Jarell Morgan's daughter; Thys and Saartie Sween, (his wife), were godparents on April 23, 1707 for Johannes Van Campen's daughter. Administration on the estate of Tice Swan of Richmond County was granted March 24, 1707/8 to his wife Sarah. (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y., Hist'l Soc. Coll., 1:458). The will of Arent Prall, dated 1721 and proved 1725, bequeathed to my daughter Sarah $10 and to her 2 children Lenor and Mary that she had by Tice Swain her first husband $10 each. (Ibid, 2:323). Sarah Prall's second husband was Symon Van Namen; they were godparents of many of Lena's and Maria's children, below.

a. Magdaleen, baptized in 1707 Dutch Church, Staten Island, as daughter of Matthys Sween, godparents Barent Sween & wife. Usually called Lena or Helena Sween, she married Charles Dekker and had children Charles, Matthys, Magdalena, Matthias, Eva, and Mariya baptized between 1727/8 and 1751 in the Dutch Church, Staten Island.

b. Maria Sween married Johannes Decker and had children Maria, Sara, Matthys, and Eva baptized 1726 to 1738/9 at the same church.

x. Saertie, Aaron, and Moses were Sara Prall's children by her husband Symon Van Namen, baptized at the same church 1716 to 1724/5.

2. Johannes Swame or Sween, named for his maternal grandfather, was baptized at Flatbush, June 27, 1680 as child of Barent Tys and Magdalena Jans, (see above). The Staten Island census of about 1706 lists John Swim aged 26 and Martha Swim, (his wife). (Stillwell, p. 151). On May 19,1708, Johannes Swame of Richmond County was deeded 8 1/2 acres on Karles Neck by Anthony Swame; on Dec. 14, 1717, Johannes Swame, yeoman was deeded 20 acres there already in his occupation, by Peter Praal; on Sept. 7, 1719, he also received the lot there he lives on, and other belongings by way of testamentary deed from his father Barent; these 3 tracts and a fourth of 8 1/2 acres, (that had been deeded May 19, 1708 by Anthony Swame to barene Swame), were all recorded Sept. 30, 1723, for Johannes Swame or his heirs. (Richmond Co. Deeds, G, 140, 141, 143,144).
He was probably the Johannes Sweem, private in the North company of Richmond Co. militia 1715. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:547). The will of Johannes Swan of Staten Island, dated Jan. 20, 1719/20, and proved May 17, 1720, named children Barent, Mary, Lena, Martha, Ties, and Elisabeth; executors Symon Van Name and Aaron Prall, Jr. (NYHS Wills, 2:214). His "wife Martha" appears only as godparent of Johannes Van Campen's child in 1715.


3. Barnt Swam listed as a boy in the 1706 census of his parent's household. Nothing further on him unless he is, as I imagine, the Barnt Tysen ancestor of the Tysen family of Staten Island. This Tysen family descends from the earlier Barent Tyssen alias Sweem because it owned the tract patented to him in 1677, but whether the younger Barnt was a son or grandson of the first is uncertain, (see above, for printed statement of the intervening generation being David); I have not concerned myself with this since I imagine your interest would only be in this development of the surname. The D.J. Tysen Bible, published 1855, (sic), has entries all in one hand, starting with Barent Tysen born Feb. 4, 1699, married Oct. 20, 1723 Elizabeth Swaine; John Tysen son of Barent born Oct. 10, 1731, died March 7, 1808, married May 1, 1757 Cordelia Bergen; etc. (copy at Staten Island Hist'l Society). Presumably this same family is in the following church record: Barent Sweem and Marie Canon had a son Johannes baptized Nov. 7, 1731, at the Dutch Church, Staten Island. In 1762, Mathew Decker sold land in the North Precinct adjoining "Barnt Sweem alias Tyson" and several owners of Carles Neck lots. (Richmond Co. Deeds, D:487).
a. John Tysen, born and presumably the one baptized 1731, married 1757, and died 1808 as above. Will of John Tysen, yeoman of Northfield, dated 1796 and proved 1808, names wife Cornelia, sons John and Jacob, mentions slaves; bequeaths to son Jacob “all the land I heared of my father Barnt Tysen alias Swaim” at the Karl’s Neck. Jacob to pay Barnt Tysen son of David Tysen dec’d £6. [Richmond Co. Wills, A:382]. Lived on and buried on the 1677 patent. (Norris’ Memorial History, 1900,2:119).

b. David Tysen married by license 1764 to Alice Decker. Administration on the estate of David Tysen granted 1771 to his brother John. [NYHS Wills, 7:40]. Had son Barnt Tysen living 1796, as above.

4. Sarah Swaim, adult female on the 1706 census. Is she a second wife of Baront or his daughter?

5. Elisabeth Sweem, adult female on the 1706 census, may be identical with Elisabeth Sweem godparent 1707-11, (each time with a different male, so presumably unmarried), to children of Evert Mesker, Mattheus De Decker, and Johannes Sweem. Perhaps the Lysbet Sweem who married Lambert Gerritss Jr. and had children Magdaleena, (godparents Jan & Susanna du Puy), Nicholas, Abraham and Elisabet baptized 1718-1730 in the Dutch Church, Staten Island.

6. Hadlee Swain, girl on the 1706 census, named for her mother.

7. Mary Swain, on the 1706 census, might be identical with Mary, (maiden name unknown), wife of Johannes Van Campen, godparent in 1711. The many church sponsorships indicate he was related in some way to the Sweems. Johannes Van Campen had children: Martha baptized 1707, godparents Thys & Saraatie Sweem; Christina baptized 1711, godparents Peter Praal & wife Mary; Arent baptized 1715, godparents Johannes Sweem & wife Martha.

ANTHONY TYSN ALIAS SWEEAM

Each of his names is spelled in many ways but the above heading combines the more usual variants and is itself a version of the alias appearing in deeds of 1716 and later. The variants are indicative of pronunciation: the “h” in both his first name and his patronymic, while the vowels in his surname were evidently pronounced similarly to Swaim and Swame. His surname is first
found in records of 1706 and 1707. Before that date and to some extent thereafter, his last name was some version of his patronymic Tyce, Tyse, Thyssen and even Tice. In the 1719 record of him as godparent to his grandchild, he appears as Anthony Thysz Sweem, the patronymic,—now become a middle name,—proving that he was the son of a man whose first name was Thys.

This 1719 record is our only direct link for Anthony with the previous generation. The work therefore included searching the early records for men having the first name Thys or Matthys. I also had the clue that the father's patronymic might be Barentsen if, (as it turned out), Anthony had a brother Barent; I considered this a clue because a Barent Swam was listed on the 1706 census as older than Anthony, and under Dutch custom the oldest son was often named for the father's father. It was only through working out Barent's family that I proved Anthony's.

Anthony's exact birthdate requires research in Holland. If he came over with his parents, he was more likely the baby of 1 1/4 years on the May, 1661 passenger list than the child of 10 years. The census of about 1706 gives his age as 49, that is born about 1657. I believe that 10-year old child was more likely the sister Beelitje Thysen who could write and hence was probably educated in the settled civilization of Holland rather than in the pioneer outpost of Staten Island. Moreover, Beelitje was undoubtedly older than Anthony; not only did she have a child baptized in 1677, but that child was probably not her first son, since he was named Hendrick and it was customary to name the first sons after the grandparents, in this case Thys and Jan.

Anthony was evidently born 1657-1660, perhaps in Leerdam. He lived on Staten Island and died between June 16, 1719 and March 10, 1719/20, the dates on which his will was written and proved, respectively. He married about 1681, since his eldest, (or eldest surviving), son was baptized August 1682. His wife was Neeltje
Jans, a name that would usually be translated as Cornelia, daughter of John. She appears as Eleanor on the 1706 census, but Neeltje, the Dutch diminutive of Cornelia, is similar in pronunciation to Nelly, the English diminutive for Eleanor, hence the connection between these two different English names. Presumably she died in the four years previous to March, 1731/2. The records concerning them follow.


1685, April 4. Description of 80 acres lying on the south side of Staten Island laid out for Anthony Tyce by Philip Welles, surveyor. (Land Papers, op.cit., p. 31.).

Our Anthony Thyssen is not to be confused with an earlier Anthony Matheussen, negro who married Maria Anthony in 1654 in the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam, and who appears on the Court Records of New Amsterdam in 1655 as Anthony Matysen, a negro plaintiff. There is also no need to confuse him with Anthony Thyssen, born 1643, living at New Utrecht, Long Island in 1693, no further trace of him; son of Thys Janse Lann Van Pelt. (Bergen's Early Settlers of Kings County, p. 354). Bergen does not identify this 1693 record nor does he say what last name this Anthony used. Unless his patronymic is on this 1693 record, it probably applies to his cousin Anthony Teunisse Van Pelt who was well established at New Utrecht. Anthony born 1643 may well have died young. At any rate, no Van Pelt have been found acting as godparents, witnesses, etc. to the Tysens and Sweems of Staten Island as they would have if they were related.

The relationship, if any, of these godparents to the Sweem family, has not been determined. Thomas Laurenszen, (who seldom used his surname Popinga), was the husband of Harrietje Jans Joncker, but her family contains no Neeltje. (see NYGB Record, 59:306). Annetie Josephs, (Waldron), was wife of Jan de La Montagne.
1686. Patent to James Largey mentions that the property adjoins that of Anthony Tyce. (Patents 5:347). 1688 sale by James Largey of Richmond Co. to Thomas Dongan, Governor of New York, 80 acre tract on the south side of Staten Island, beginning at a stake by ye waterside which is the bounds of the land of Anthony Tyce, bounded on the southwest by Sarah Scidmore, on the southeast by the water or bay and on the northeast by land of Anthony Tyce; witnessed with the mark "A" of Anthony Tyce. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:99). 1689 the above described property is one of the lots mortgaged by Thomas Dongan to Robert Livingston. (Ibid, B:120). (see 1716 record below).

1688, Dec. 4. At a Court of Sessions held for Richmond County at the County court house, a grand jury consisting of 13 good and lawful men were called and sworn, including Anthony Tyse. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:643).

1692, Dec. 8. Order on petition of Anthony Tyce for land on Staten Island; granted. (Calendar of Council Minutes 1668-1783, p. 79).

1693, Sept. 12. Land granted on Staten Island to Anthony Tyce as petitioned for. (Ibid, p.90). 1693, Sept. 12. Patent by Gov. Fletcher to Anthony Tyce, yeoman of Richmond Co., on basis of survey by Philip Wells ordered by former governor Dongan under warrant of April 4, 1685, for land on the south side of Staten Island adjoining James Largey, at the water side to the woods by the line of the former lot patented to him, 80 acres plus meadow; he has built on it and wants confirmation plus 10 acres on Paul Gurney's Creek; now confirmed by Gov. Fletcher. (Staten Island Hist'l Society's copy of Patents 6:418).

1695, March 5. Daniel Shotwell of Richmond Co., carpenter and wife Elizabeth deeded to Anthonye Tyse of Richmond Co., yeoman, 130 acres at the south side of the Fresh Kills. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:245).


1699. Anthony Tyson chosen supervisor of the West Division. (Stillwell's Historical and Genealogical Miscellany of New York and New Jersey, p. 22). This and other records here taken from Stillwell, other than the 1706 census, are from Richmond Co. Lib. A records.

1702, April 23. Petition of Anthony Tysson, praying for a patent for 27 acres of meadow adjoining his land in Richmond County. (Land Papers, op. cit., p. 60). 1702, April 23. Patents granted for land on Staten Island include one to Anthony Tyssen. (Council Minutes, op. cit., p. 167).

1703, Anthony Thysen and Kattaleyn De Seeu were godparents of a child of Marcus Du Secoy; records of the Dutch Church on Staten Island.

1703. Anthony Tyson chosen Supervisor of the West Division. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 50).
1704. Anthony Tyce, yeoman, one of those chosen to select a place in the center of the county to build an edifice. (Ibid, p.32).


1707. Antoni Sweens and Neeltie Sweens were godparents of Daniel son of Paul Richau records of the Dutch Church on Staten Island. (see note 2 of this report).

1707. Anthony Tyce witnessed the will of Peter Manett of Staten Island, yeoman, dated 1707 and proved 1712; it mentions the undivided tract in the woods patented jointly to the testator and his neighbor Anthony Tice. (Abstracts of Wills, N.Y.Hist'l Society, 2:121).

1708. May 19, Anthony Swame of Richmond Co., farmer for $17 deeded to Johannes Swane of the same an 8 1/2 acre tract of salt meadow on Karles Neck in Richmond Co. bounded to the east by upland of Koshon, to the north by meadow of Jacob Galliot, to the south toward meadow of Arent Prael; signed with mark "A" of Anthony Sweem, witnessed by Jan Dupuy and John du puy Junr. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:141).

1708. May 19, Anthony Swam of Richmond Co., farmer for $17 deed ed to Barne Swam an 8 1/2 acre tract of salt meadow on Karles Neck, bounded to the south by meadow of Arent Prael, east by upland Kosshon, west toward meadow of Jacob Galjor; signed with mark "A" of Anthony Sweem, witnessed by Jan de puy and John du puy Junr. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:143).

1709. Anthony Tyce chosen collector of the West Precinct. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 56).

1713. Peter Prawll of Staten Island, yeoman & wife Althea sold to JH Carshyme (?) for $200 land on the northwest side of Staten Island, adjoining land formerly belonging to Willford Prael dec'd, southeast by meadow of Anthony Tyc... and adjoining meadow of Barne Swaine. (Richmond Co. Deeds, B:606).

1713. Anthony Tyce chosen assessor of the West Precinct. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 49).

1715. Richmond Co. militia, list of the South Company under Capt. James Pollion, the privates including Anthony, Matthias and Johan nes Sweem. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:550).

1716. Sept. 29. Richard Barnewall of Drakes Hill, Essex Co., and Thomas & Walter Dongan, two surviving kinsmen of the late Thomas Earl of Limerick deceased sold to Anthony Swaim of Staten Island

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Thomas Dongan, Governor of New York, was later Earl of Limerick; he owned a large part of Staten Island. See the 1686-88-89 group of records above.
yeoman, for £30, a tract on the south side of Staten Island, beginning at a stake by the water side, which is the bounds of the land of "said Anthony Swaim Alias Anthony Tyce as specified by the patent," bounded northwest by said Anthony Swaim, southwest by land laid out for Sarah Seidmore, southeast by the water or Bay, and northeast by "said Anthony Swaim or as by patent Anthony Tyce", 80 acres; in the actual possession of him the said Anthony Swaim by lease to him made by John Dongan in his lifetime and not yet expired and is part of the estate of the late Earl of Limerick on Staten Island settled upon said Thomas and Walter Dongan but undivided between them; recorded Feb. 20, 1727 for Anthony Swaim. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:274).

1719, April 19. Anthony Thysz Sweem and Neeltje Jansz were godparents (to their son Matthys' son): records of the Dutch Church of Staten Island. (Collections of the N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l Society, p. 21).

1719, June 16. Will of Anthony Sweem of Richmond County, Province of New York, yeoman, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, to be buried in a Christianlike and decent manner; to my eldest son Johannes or such of my sons as shall be the eldest at my decease £5 as in full of his pretense as being heir at law to my estate; debts to be paid out of my estate both real and personal at the discretion of my beloved wife Neeltje whom I make executrix; my well beloved wife Neeltje shall enjoy all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood; my eldest daughter Elisabeth £50 over that which I give hereunto any of my children; my grandson Thomas Wilmoth £25; each of my five daughters viz. Elizabeth, Mary, Hannah, Rachel and Leah £30; the remainder of my estate to be equally divided among my three sons viz. Johannis, Matthysz and Jacobus; if my son Cornelis is not deceased and if he should at any time hereafter return to this place, then he shall share and have part in my estate proportionally with the rest of my sons above named; appoint Coll. Thomas ffarmer, Doct' Johnson, of N.Y.C.;9 and Gosen Adriaensz of Richmond Co. to be trustees and overseers of this my will witnessed by Abraham Egbertson signed with the mark "A" Obadiah winter of Anthony Seem
Jp Dupuy

1719/20, March 10 New York appeared before me Peter Schuyler Esq. President of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New York, Abraham Egbertson and Obadiah Winter and made oath that they saw Anthony Seem sign and they saw John Dupuis subscribe as witness. (signed) P. Schuyler

1719/20, March 10 New York Neeltie Seem the Executrix named in the within will took the oath of executrix. (signed) P. Schuyler The Will of Anthony Sweme, 1720 (from the original will still on file at the Office of the Surrogate for New York County, photostat enclosed). (see also abstract of the liber: 9:150 in NYHS wills, op. cit., 2:212).

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8See 1693 confirmatory patent and 1685 survey, above.

9The identity of the executor Dr. Johnson of N.Y.C. has not been investigated; he might be a relative of the wife Neeltje Jans who lived in N.Y.C. The name of the witness Winter is not too clear for his and John Dupuis' relationship, see above under Anthony's sister Elisabeth Thyszen.
1720, April 18. Johannes Sweem of Richmond Co., yeoman, eldest son of Anthony Sweem of the same deceased by and with the free consent of Neeltje Sweem the widow and relict of said deceased and executor of his will, deceased for £21 to Matthys Johnson of the same, yeoman, a piece beginning at a marked tree near a small bridge, bounded north by the road, west by Sandy Brook, south and east by a small brook, 12 acres, which is part of a 123 acre tract granted by patent dated Oct. 12, 1696 by Gov. Fletcher, unto Peter Mbane and the abovesaid Anthony Sweem alias Tyse; signed by Johannes Sweem and the mark "MN" of Neeltje Sweem; acknowledged by both Feb. 20, 1720/1 before a justice of the peace of Richmond Co. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:162). This property was later sold by Mattis Johnson to Mathias Vertrakel, who sold it in 1726 citing the Sweem deed. (Ibid, D:81).

1720/1, Feb. 20. Johannes Sweem of Richmond Co., yeoman, with the free approbation of "my Mother Leelke Sweem" of the same, gentlewoman, as is signified by her hand and seal to these presents, deceased for £125 to Mattyce Sweem of said County, husbandman, one messuage in Richmond County at the south side of the county, 80 acres, bounded west by Paul Regrenes, east by Samuel Curtiss, 45 rods broad, as by patent of Gov. Andries dated Nov. 1, 1695 to Joseph Thomo, also salt meadow adjoining; signed Johannes Sweem and with the mark "Q" of Neeltje Sweem; witnesses Abraham Egbertson and John depy; acknowledged April 7, 1722 by said Johannes Sweem and Matthe Sweame before a judge in Richmond Co.; recorded May 21, 1731 for Mattyce Sweem. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:28).

1722, Nov. 26. "Neeltje Sweeme, late of Staten Island but now of New York, executrix of the last will and testament of Antony Sweame deceased and Johannes Sweame of the County of Richmond and province of New York, Eldest son to the said Antony Sweame of the one part" deceased for £135 to Daniel Lake of Staten Island, Gentleman, an 80 acre tract on the south side of Staten Island bounded east by William Dorvall, 330 x 44 rods, as by patent from Gov. Andrews to Antony Tyse dated Dec. 30, 1680; signed with the mark "Q" of Neeltje Sweame and by Johannes Sweame; acknowledged by both Nov. 26, 1722 before a justice of the peace of Richmond Co. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:130).

1724, May 20. William Sweem late of Richmond Co., yeoman, with the consent of his wife Mary, deceased for £210 15s to Simon Symons of Kings Co., one messuage tract and salt meadow in Richmond Co. beginning at a stake in the meadow by Paul Gurno's Creek, along said creek to the place called Hanscomas Brook, up said brook to Abraham Manet, along the road to the land late Matthys Sweeme, then along his land to John Taveau, then to Tunis and Symon Bogaert to Sandy Brook, then down the brook to the land of Mattys Johnson and the meadow of Johannes Sweem and the Creek, 91 acres, being part of a 123 acre tract granted by Gov. Fletcher in 1696 "to Anthony Sweem alias Tyse and Pater Mnnet" by patent; also 2 acres of salt meadow adjoining; I, William Sweem am the true sole and lawful owner of said bargained premises in my own right; signed William Sweem and Mary Sweem; witnessed by Gozen Adriamsen and Jh Dupuye. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:205). 1735, March 9. Simon Simeson of Richmond Co.

For comment on how William Sweem may have obtained this tract, see under him in the Cornelis Tyssen section below.
blacksmith and his wife Mary deeded to Jacob Spragg a tract that is part of the patent granted by Gov. Fletcher on Dec. 10, 1696 "to Anthony Swame alias Tyce and Peter Manetoe". (Ibid, D:83).

1731/2, March 36. "These are to satisfy you that about four yeares agoe Nelet Swame and Henry Johnson, Lat of" Richmond County, deceased appeared before me and swore that upon the edge of the bank there was formerly a stake planted which is the bounds of Johannes Vanderhuife and they showed me where it had been; signed Abraham Cole; this certificate recorded 1749 for Peter Andrewvet. (Richmond Co. Deeds, D:134).

CHILDREN OF ANTHONY TYCE ALIAS SWEEM:

1. Johannes Sweem or Swame, (he signed both ways according to recorded deeds), was baptized August 26, 1682 by the Dutch minister of New York City as Johannis, child of Anthony Thyssen and of Neeltie Anthonis, (for full record of this and other items, see under the father, above), In 1715 he was a private in the South Company of Richmond Co. militia, with his father, brother Matthias and cousins. After the death of his father, he, as eldest son, joined his mother the executrix, in selling lands, 1720, 1720/1, and 1722, calling himself a yeoman of Richmond Co. His own lands are mentioned as adjoining in sales by others, 1724 and 1726. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:205 & D:81).

We distinguish his family from that of his first cousin Johannes, (son of Barent), Swame because his own name is entered so explicitly, "Johannes Sweems son of Anthony" with wife Mary Rus on the 1718/19 baptismal record of son Jacobus. We have only two other records of his wife or wives. She was Mary Row on the 1728 baptismal record of their daughter. As Mary Swam she was the last listed woman and second Mary in the household of her father-in-law on the 1706 census, which included also John Swain aged 25, and two boys Antony and Mathew Swam, presumably their sons.

a. Antony, born by 1706; was godparent 1726 to a daughter of (his aunt) Anna Sweem; married Anna Brooks and had a daughter Maria baptized 1728 whose godparents were Johannes Sweem and Marytje Borkelo.
b. Mathew, born by 1706; the second Mathew listed as in (his grandfather) Antony's household in the 1706 census.

c. Jacobus, baptized 1718/19 as son of "Johannes Sweems son of Anthony", the child's mother being Mary Rus; godparents Jacobus Biebaut and Rachel Sweem: Dutch Church records of Staten Island, (Collections of N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'1. Society, p. 21)

d. Rachel, baptized 1728, daughter of Johannes Sweem and Mary Row; godparent Lea Sweem.

2. Cornelis Sweem, born about 1685. He is listed on the Staten Island census of about 1706 as Cornelius Swan, aged 21 and living in his father's household. (Stillwell, op. cit., p. 154) Judging by the terms of his father's will, (see above), dated 1719, Cornelis had by then settled elsewhere and not been heard of for some time.

No other Staten Island record definitely pertaining to him has been noted; but it should be pointed out that so far as ages and the few facts known to me are concerned, he might be the father of some of the children discussed below under his uncle Cornelis Tyssen.

3. Albert Swan, born after 1685 and died childless between 1706 and 1719, judging by the 1706 census and his not being mentioned in his father's will.

4. Mattys Sweem, listed as boy Mathew Swan in the 1706 census, was a private in 1715 in the South Company of Richmond Co. militia, with his father, brother Johannes and cousins. In 1720/1 he, a husbandman, was deeded 80 acres by his widowed mother and brother, (for the full records, see above under the father Anthony). On April 20, 1722, Matthys Sweem of Richmond Co., yeoman and Catharine, his wife, sold to John Ral of the same, yeoman, for $100, this same 80 acres, described with the same neighbors but as granted by Gov. Fletcher's patent 1697 to Leonard Lames; signed with the marks "M" of Mattys Sweem and "C" of Catherine Sweem; witness Henry Johnson. (Richmond Co. Deeds, C:90).
The Staten Island baptismal records of Matthys Sweem's children give his wife as Catharina Mangels Ral or Rol. She was baptized Oct. 24, 1694 in the Dutch Church, New York City as Catharina, daughter of Mangel Janse Rol and Anna Hendrix. Her father's name is so unusual that his acting as godparent in 1722 to the child Susanna, (see the full record below), makes it obvious that Susanna's father, Mathew Forbur was identical with Matthys Sweem. Mathew Forbur and his wife Catharine were godparents May 19, 1717 to a daughter of Robert Vesgate and wife Francyntje Ral in the same New York City church.

a. Anthony, baptized 1719 at the Dutch Church, Staten Island, son of Matthys Sweem and Catharina Mangels Ral; godparents Anthony Thys Sweem and Neeltje Jans.

b. Susanna, baptized 1722 at the Dutch Church in N,Y.C., daughter of Mathew Forbur and Catharina Ral; godparents Mangal Ral and Antje Ral. (Collections of the N.Y.Geneal. and Biog'l Society, 2,434).

c. Jannetje, baptized 1727 at Staten Island; godparent Johannes Sweem.

d. Matthias, baptized 1734 at Staten Island; godparents Michiel du Chene and Hester Canon.

5. Jacobus Sweem, a boy on the 1706 census and named in his father's 1719 will.

6. Daughter, name unknown, evidently married before 1706 a Mr. Wilmoth and died by 1719, since Anthony Sweem then bequeathed a legacy to my grandson Thomas Wilmoth. Presumably he was the Thomas Wilmoth who, by wife Elizabeth Mersereaux had a son Thomas baptized 1737 at Staten Island.

7. Elizabeth Sweem, on the 1706 census and in her father's 1719 will, where she is called my eldest daughter; presumably unmarried.

8. Mary Swan married Feb. 13, 1717 Jacobus Bebout in the Dutch Church, N,Y.C. As Jacobus Biebaut and Maria Sweems, they had 4 children baptized on Staten Island 1721-1729: Jacobus,
Maria, (godparents Johannes Van der Hoeven and Anna Sweem), Elisabet, and Petrus. An account of this Bebout family is in NYGB Record, 66:239.

9. **Hannah Sweem**, in her father's will; but Anna Sweem with her husband Johannes Van der Hoeven on Staten Island's Dutch Church records, which give the baptisms of 6 children 1719-1730/1: Lea, (godparents Johannes Sweem Jr. & Lea Sweem), Cornelius, Lea, (godparents Jacobus Biebaut & Marya Sweem), Elisabet, (godparent Anthony Sweem), Johannes, and Anthony, (godparent Lea Sweem).

10. **Rachel Sweem**, on the 1706 census and in her father's 1719 will; also godparent 1718/19 to her brother Johannes' son.

11. **Leah Sweem**, also called Lea, and in the 1706 census is listed as Ledy Swain. By her husband Jan Andrevet, she had 3 children baptized at the Dutch Church, Staten Island 1722-1729: Neeltje, (godparents Johannes and Antje Sweem), Leah, and Jan.

**CORNELIS TYSEN**

Cornelis was baptized Aug. 10, 1661 as son of Thys Barentsz V. Leerd. and Sytje Cornelis: records of the Dutch Church of New Amsterdam later New York City. (Collections of the N.Y. Geneal. and Biog'l Society, 2:61). Cornelis Tyson was paid for killing a wolf in 1698; Cornelis Tyse registered his cattlemark on Staten Island in 1703, (Stillwell, op. cit.).

On Nov. 4, 1684, Daniel Stillwell assigned his 80 acre patent on the south side of the Fresh Kills on Staten Island to John Pens and Cornelus Tison, which said Cornelus Tison assigned all his right to said John Pens on March 12, 1686, (recital of a later owner 1725, Richmond Co. Deeds, C:226).

The members of his family, other than Elisabeth, are not known. Some of those tentatively assigned below might belong to an unnamed brother or, if young enough, to his nephew Cornelis Sweem.
who left Staten Island not long after 1706.

POSSIBLE CHILDREN OF CORNELIS TYSSEN (in arbitrary order):

1. **Elisabeth**, born and baptized 1705 at the Dutch Church, Staten Island, as daughter of Cornelis Tyssen; godparents Leenart Smack and Sara Smack. Perhaps she used the name **Elisabeth Sweem** and perhaps she married Peter, minor son in 1707 of the Peter Manett who was a joint patentee with Anthony Tyce in 1696, (see above). Elisabeth Sweem and Pierre Manin were godparents 1721 to a son of William Sweem; Elizabeth Sweem and Pieter Manez were godparents 1723 to a son of Abraham Manez and Anna Jansen: records of the Dutch Church, Staten Island.

2. ? **Maria Sweem** acted with Abraham Manez 1719 as godparents of a son of Willem Sweem.

3. ? **William Sweem** listed in 1715 as a private with John Sweem in the same South Company of Richmond Co. militia as Anthony Sweem and his two sons. (Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, 1:549).

   In 1724, William Sweem, late of Richmond Co., yeoman, with consent of his wife Mary, sold 91 acres of the 123-acre tract that had been patented 1696 jointly to Anthony Sweem alias Tyss and to Peter Mannet, (see above under Anthony for the full abstract). How William had obtained this land unfortunately does not appear on the record; he was not a son of Anthony and seems too old for a grandson; could his mother have been a Mannet? It seems likely that his father was Cornelis Tyssen, since he named a son Cornelius.

   Willem Swame or Sweem had three children baptized at the Dutch Church, Staten Island, the mother of the two youngest being recorded as Marya Lageler.

   **A cattlesmark was registered in 1703 to a Witt (Willis) Tyse. If this record belongs to the above William Sweem, he was considerably older than the records in the text suggest.**
a. Magyel, baptized 1715; godparents Hendrick Willemsen and Maritje Williamit.

b. Johannes, baptized 1719; godparents Abraham Manez and Maria Sweem.

c. Cornelius, baptized 1721/2; godparents Pierre Manin and Elisabeth Sweem.