

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON RAPALJE FAMILY
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Note: The connection between the Rapalje family and the Robblee/Roblee/Rublee (and other variations) family has been hypothesized by many people. I consulted the sources mentioned below in an attempt to verify the connection. So far, I have been unable to find any connection between the Rapaljes and the Huntington, Long Island family Rublier/Rublear (etc.) family whose descendants used the surname Robblee, Roblee, Rublee (etc.)

Abstracts of Wills, Volume V, 1771-1780 in *Documents Relating to the Colonial and Revolutionary History of the State of New Jersey*. First Series, Vol. XXXI. Reference at University of Vermont Library.

Abstract of the will of Jeromis Rappalje of Somerset County.

Abstracts of Wills. New York Historical Society, 1892.

Page 341. Jeremias Westerhout leaves estate to Cathalina Rapelje (wife?) in will dated 28 December 1694. However, his wife predeceased him.

Abstracts of Wills. New York Historical Society, 1893.

John Berriam, names father-in-law Joris Rapalye as executor. Will dated 1 April 1711.

Will of Theunis Rapolye, dated 23 February, 1722/3, proved 24 December 1723. Yeoman of Brookland, Kings County.

Abstracts of Wills. New York Historical Society, 1894

Will of Joris Rapelje of Newtown, proved 17 June, 1743.

Will of Theunis Rapalie of Bushwhyck, a blacksmith.

Will of John Rapalye of Brookland proved 23 August, 1733.

Allaben, Frank. *The Ancestry of Leander Howard Crall*. New York: The Grafton Press, 1908. Pages 269-298 and 390-400. (Reference found at New England Historical and Genealogical Society Library).

Allaben attempts to correct the errors of earlier authors. His information is quite detailed, and placed Joris Rapalje in an historical context. His references are cited.

Bergen, Teunis G. *Register of Early Settlers of Kings County*. The Author, 1881. Pages 231-235. Reference at Vermont Historical Society Library.

Details of the descendants of various early Rapaljes.

Book of New York Deeds. Collections of the New York Historical Society. New York: The New York Historical Society, 1913. Pages 19-20.

Transcript of a statement by Cathalyne Rappalje, widow of Joris regarding transfer of her house on Pearl St. to Jeremias Jansz Westerhout, dated 19 Feb 1674.

Booth, Mary L. *History of the City of New York*. New York: W. R. C. Clark and Meeker Boston, 1860. Pages 50-51.

Mentions George Jansen de Rapalje as head of the Walloons who settled at the Waalbogt.

Colket, Meredith. *Founders and Patriots. Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657*.

Page 237. Rapalje, Joris came on *Unity* in 1624, to Fort Orange.

Daughters of the American Revolution Patriot Index.

John Rapalyea, born 1732, d. 1783. Wife Elizabeth Brinkerhoff. Private, NY.

De Boer, Louis P. "Pre-American Notes on Old New Netherlands Families" in *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, Vol. IV, No. 1 (July, 1928)*. Pages 1-10.

Article on Rapallier-Rapalje family states Joris Rapalje was an alias for George Rapallier, son of Jean. Contains material on supposed antecedents of Joris Rapalje.

"Early Dutch Settlement on the Delaware" in O'Callaghan, E. B., M. D., arr. *The Documentary History of the State of New York*. No location: Weed Parsons and Co., Public Printers, 1850. Volume III, page 49.

Deposition of Catelina Trico about her arrival in New York.

Eberlein, Harold D. and Hubbard, Cortlandt V. D. *Historic Houses of the Hudson Valley*. New York: Bonanza Books, 1942. Pages 58-59.

Describes Rapalje-Blodgett House just south of Fishkill, built for Richard Rapalje. Picture.

Filby, P. William, ed. *Passenger and Immigration List Index. Volume 3*. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1981.

Rapalje, Joris Jansen, New York, 1623. Refers to Michael Tepper, *Passengers to America*.

“First White Woman in Albany” in O’Callaghan, E. B., M. D., arr. *The Documentary History of the State of New York*. No location: Weed Parsons and Co., Public Printers, 1850. Volume III, page 32.

Deposition of Catelyn Trico.

Gavit, Joseph. *American Deaths and Marriages. 1784 - 1829*.

Rapalje deaths and marriages:

Hertman, Francis. *Historic Register of Officers in the Continental Army. 1775-1783*.

Page 458. Jacques Rapalje, NY, Capt. of Lasher's Regt., NY Militia, July 1776-Jane 1777 and in 1778.

Holgate, Jerome B. *American Genealogy*. Albany: Joel Munsell, 1848. Pages 19-21.

Contains pedigree for Joris Rapalje that contains obvious errors on its face, due to dating problems.

Jones, Thomas. *History of New York During the Revolutionary War*. New York: published for the New York Historical Society, 1879.

Sketch of John Rapalje of Kings County, who was a loyalist. His land at Brooklyn Ferry was confiscated. No mention of his antecedents.

McCracken, George E. "Catalyntje Trico Rapalje" in *The American Genealogist*, Volume 65, No. 4 (October 1959). Pages 193-202. Reference at Vermont Historical Society Library.

Contains a partial bibliography on the Rapalje family, stating that Allaben (1909) supercedes all published before that date, and has not been superceded yet (to 1959). States that most of the early works contain gross errors. This article corrects information about the name of Catalyntje Trico, and attempts to establish the veracity of her 1680 statement that she had 145 progeny.

McCracken, Henry. *Blithe Dutchess*. New York: Hastings House, 1959.

Brief mention of the garden of the "Widow Rapalje" in Brooklyn.

Monroe, Paul. *The Rapalje (Ruble) Family*.

Six page manuscript obtained from Rhoda Berger. Material is from Holgate, Prime, de Boer and Hamm. Asserts that William Robblee of Lanesborough, MA is a descendant of Joris Rapalje.

Monroe, Sidney. Letter to Paul Monroe, dated 8 June 1975. Photocopy obtained from Rhoda Berger.

States that the graves of Joris and Catalina Rapalje are buried within the grounds of Erasmus Hall High School in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. The site can be visited during school hours.

"More on the Rapalje Family" in *Huguenot Trails*, Vol. XI, No.2 (Spring 1978). Pages 3-4.

Summarizes information submitted by Mrs. Margot Hall of New Brunswick, Canada, a descendant of John Rapalje who emigrated to Bear River, Nova Scotia, Canada. The old home is known as the Robblee home. She is the owner of a painting entitled *The Rapalje Children*, painted c. 1768. Reiterates information from Holgate.

New York Marriages Previous to 1794. A Reprint of the Original Version of 1860. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1968. Reference at University of Vermont Library.

Listings of Rapalie, Rapalje, Rapalye, etc. marriages between 1737 and 1784.

New York State Library Bulletin. April, 1898.

Rapalje marriage licenses.

O'Callaghan, E. B., M. D., arr. *The Documentary History of the State of New York*. No location: Weed Parsons and Co., Public Printers, 1850. Volume III.

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page 134 — Census of Brookland 1698 mentions four Rapaljes.

O'Callaghan, E. B., M. D., arr. *The Documentary History of the State of New York*. No location: Weed Parsons and Co., Public Printers, 1850. Volume IV.

page 195 — 1738 Survey of Brookland contains Rapalje names.

page 139 — Assessment Rolls of Five Dutch Towns in Kings Co., 1675, contains Rapalje names.

Ostrander, Stephen. *A History of the City of Brooklyn and Kings County*. Brooklyn, NY: published by subscription, 1894. Pages 30-38.

Describes Joris Rapalje's role as an early settler of Brooklyn.

Palmer, George. *Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution*. Westport, CT: Meckler Publishing, 1984.

Brief biography of John Rapalje of New York who was arrested early in the Revolution.

Pelletreau, William. *A History of Long Island*. Pages 17-23, 96-98 and 228-229.

Contains genealogical information on the origins and descendants of Joris Rapalje. Asserts he was a descendant of Gaspard Colet de Rapella, of the "celebrated" Coligny family of France.

Prime, Nathaniel S. *A History of Long Island*. New York: Robert Carter, 1845. Pages 357-363.

An account of Joris Rapalje, first settler in Brooklyn.

"The Rapalje Family" in *Huguenot Trails, Volume V, No. 4 (Fall 1972)*. Pages 7-8.

Short article on Joris and Catalina through one generation. The information is from *De Halve Maen*.

Register of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Volume 18. Page 387.

Jane, d. of John de Rapalje m. Edward Goldstone Lutwyke.

Register of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Volume 47. Page 59.

Lysbet, daughter of Joris Janson Rapalje m. Dirck Cornelissen Hooglandt.

Reynolds, Helen Wilkinson. *Notices for Marriages and Deaths About 4000 in Number Published in Newspapers Printed at Poughkeepsie, New York 1778-1825*. Collections of the Dutchess County Historical Society, Volume IV. Page 20, 86, 98. Reference at University of Vermont Library.

Mentions Rapalje and Rapalye marriage and deaths.

Riker, James Jr. *Annals of Newtown in Queens County, New York*. New York: D. Fansha, 1852. Pages 267-280.

Detailed genealogical information of Rapalje family.

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Contains a summary of information on the Rapalje family from Berger.

Scott, Kenneth.. *Genealogical Data From Inventories of New York Estates. 1666-1825*. New York: (publisher?), 1970

Inventory of Joris Rapale, d. 16 Oct 1697.

Scott, Kenneth and Gibbons, Kristen L, eds. *New York Magazine Marriages and Death. 1790-1797*. New Orleans: Polyanthus, 1975. Reference at University of Vermont Library.

Contains records of Rapalje marriages and deaths.

Scott, Kenneth and Stryker-Rodda. *Denizations, Naturalizations and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New York*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1975.

Jeromimus and Daniel D'Rapale took the oath of allegiance in Kings Co. in 1687. Both were native born.

(Source Unknown). *St. Thomas Church. St. Thomas, Ontario*.

Mention Captain Daniel Rapelje, “a descendent of the Huguenots, came to the district from New England through the activities of Col. Talbot. Lot I in Conc. VIII, Yarmouth, on which the church and the churchyard were later established, was assigned to him. In the late autumn of 1819 one of his sons died and was laid to rest . . .” A handwritten note says “Jeronimus Rapalje b. 1806 d. 1894. Jennetta, 1807. d. 1901.

Stiles, Henry. *History of the City of Brooklyn*. Brooklyn, NY: Published by Subscription, 1867. Pages 85-87. Reference at Vermont Historical Society Library.

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Styker-Rodda, K. Scott and K. *Denizations, Naturalizations and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New York*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1975.

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An excellent and detailed account of Joris Rapalje and Catalina Trico, based on original 17th century documents.

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Bayer states that Valenciennes, from where the Rapalje family supposedly came, was actually part of Belgium, not France, at the time they lived there. All of the Walloons were Belgian, as their places of origin were not annexed to France until 1659 and 1678. Bayer used the Rapaljes as an example.

Epperson, Gwenn F. *New Netherlands Roots*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994. Reference at University of Vermont Library.

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Reaman, G. Elmore. *The Trail of the Huguenots in Europe, the United States, South Africa and Canada*. Baltimore: The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983. Pages 65-69, 118-121, 134-137, and 310-302. Reference at Grand Isle, Vermont Free Library.

Describes the characteristics of a Huguenot, their flight to Leyden, defines “Walloon”. mentions the Joris Rapalje of La Rochelle, and the Rapalyeas of Ontario, etc.