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William (Bill) Morgan Amerman, 1st cousin, 4 times removed of
Helen Melinda Fisher.
June 19, 2006.

My Dear Cousin Almeron –

Enclosed you will find your Amerman ancestors – all of whom were good American citizens – I am proud of them all and have much data concerning them. If you would like the history of Major Isaac Belknap – (a personal friend of General George Washington) and also John Perkins Dodge who went through the entire war. I shall be pleased to give you for your self and children. If you will tell me the name of your Mother's Father and Mother I will look for their worthy ancestors.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year-
I am always
Your loving Cousin

Helen M. Fisher, 239 Emerson Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.
January 4th 1904.

Compiled for Mr. Almeron Amerman (by his cousin) Helen Melinda Fisher, 239 Emerson Place, Brooklyn, N.Y., January 1904.

AMERMAN

Derick Janse Amerman. Emigrated from Amsterdam, Holland in 1650, and settled in Flatland, America. Married Aettje Paulus, daughter of Dr. Paulus van der Beeck. They were members of the Reformed Dutch Church of Flatlands, and Deacon in 1682, Elder 1703. Took the oath of Allegiance in said town 1687. On assessment roll of 1693 and census 1698. In 1689 Commissioner of Safety and was appointed Ensign of the Militia of Flatlands by Governor Jacob Leisler. In 1690 Captain in Colonial Troops Foot Company (for military appointment see O'Callaghan Calender of English Mss. Albany, N.Y. pp 199, 326, 364). His will dated September 30, 1709, probated February 1, 1723,

recorded page 438 Liber 9, N.Y. Surrogate Office. Another reference – Annual Report of the State Historian, Hastings – pp 410 - 418. Captain Dirk Jansen Amerman, January 20, 1691 in Kings Co. N.Y. The above dated when he received his Commission (see Bergen's Kings Co. Settlers pp 10 – 11.

(In margin: “Generation (1). He acted as Indian Interpreter. Had 5 sons & six daughters. Long Island History.”)

Their 10th child.

Albert Derckse Amerman – Born about 1670 in Flatlands, mentioned in his father's Will. He was on the Assessment roll, Flatlands 1693, and Census 1698. He removed to Monmouth Co, New Jersey and in 1713 was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church in Freehold, N.J. Married Greetje ? her maiden name (and marriage date unknown), probably in Flatlands, unable to find it. Another record L.I. History, he removed to Squan, afterwards Sourland (now Harlingen) N. Jersey. He had 7 sons.

(In margin: “(2nd) Generation”)

Their 1st son

Derick Amerman. Born September 11, 1705, at Sourland. Married in New Jersey Helena (Mes - or) Mace. On Dutch records called (Mats & Mes) January 13, 1732. (See Belknap Genealogy, p. 12) He died August 15, 1799. She was born April 9, 1715, died June 4, 1807.

(In margin: “(3rd) Generation”)

Their son

Albert Amerman, born February 9, 1733, married December 9, 1758 in New York City (on the Dutch Church Records of N.Y. he is called Elbert and his wife Prudence – her real name) Apolonia de la Montagne, She born September 3, 1741. He was a private in Captain Vroom's Company 2nd Battalion, Somerset Co. N. Jersey, (see Stryker's list p. 488) and also in Captain Jacob Ten Eyck's Company 1st Battalion, Somerset Co. N. Jersey in the Revolutionary War. He died September 1, 1818. She died August 23, 1815. Both of Sourland, New Jersey.

(In Margin: “(4th) Generation. Revolutionary claim”)

Their son

Captain Derick Amerman. Born in N. York, September 28, 1759, was the eldest of 15 children (see Belknap Genealogy p. 12). (Eager's History of Orange Co. N.Y. p. 163). The following a copy of the inscription on his tombstone in the old burying ground, Montgomery & Liberty St, Newburgh, Orange County, N.Y., "He came from N.Y. City to Newburgh, when 15 years of age, during the Revolution, he was Quartermaster and discharged the duties of the appointment at Newburgh, while the Army was encamped at Snake Hill. He was a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church in Newburgh till about 1796 when he united with the Associate Reformed Church at Little Britain. "Sacred to the memory of Derick Amerman who departed this life March 4, 1826 in the 67th year of his age. Also his wife Mary Belknap, (daughter of Major Isaac Belknap and Bridget Richardson his wife) who departed this life February 24, 1835 (born October 4, 1763) in the 72nd year of her age. For 40 years he was Captain of a vessel "Siren" on the Hudson River and to Long Island – (My mother lived with them for awhile, and also John Perkins Dodge so that I have heard very much about them.)

(In margin: "(5th) Generation. Revolutionary claim")

Their son

Isaac Amerman – born in Newburgh, Orange Co., N.Y. January 17, 1783, married December 3, 1803 – Mary Caroline Dodge. Taken from the Old Seceeder Church Records, Liberty St, Newburgh, Orange Co, N.Y. There called Maulse (her pet name) (Daughter of John Perkins Dodge and his wife Jane Wood – (whom I remember well – she visited us in 1848 when I was a little girl). They were married by Reverend Jas. Scrimgeons – witnesses Dan'l Main, Esq. & Levi Dodge Jr. (her brother) see Belknap Genealogy p. 11. She was born October 1, 1787, died March 16, 1858.

(In margin: (6th) Generation)

On your paternal line – The Amermans

Revolutionary Claims

1. Albert Amerman,
2. Derick Amerman,
3. Major Isaac Belknap,
4. John Perkins Dodge.

Colonial Claims

1. Derick Janse Amerman,
2. Dr. and General Johannes de la Montague,
3. Samuel Belknap,
4. Lieutenant John Stearns,
5. Lieutenant Isaac Stearns,
6. Gregory Stone,
7. Reverend John Lathrop,
8. William Cheeney,
9. Thomas Cheeney,
10. Thomas Meakins,
11. Joseph Richardson,
12. Ezekiel Richardson,
13. Joshua Sawyer,
14. Thomas Sawyer,
15. John Prescott,
16. Francis Whitmore,
17. Lieutenant John Dodge,
18. Captain Thomas Fiske,
19. Sergeant John Perkins,
20. Sergeant Jacob Perkins,
21. Captain Matthew Perkins,
22. Lieutenant Thomas Burnham,
23. William Titcomb,
24. Lieutenant John Tuttle,
25. Jesse de Forrest, Founder of New York City.

(Can join Colonial Wars through any of these)