

The Family of Christopher Servoss of Tryon County, New York

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The study of the family of Christopher Servoss is complicated for three reasons. First, there were times in New York's Mohawk River Valley and near-by locales when at least three other families whose names were either spelled the same, or close variants: that of Christopher Servoss and his older brother Captain Peter Servoss (sometimes spelled Serviss or Service), a probably unrelated William Serviss (also frequently spelled Service), and finally a family consisting of three brothers named Henry, Frederick, and Richard Service.¹ Second, the spellings of the surnames of members of all of these families were frequently interchanged by third parties such as census enumerators, county clerks, and ministers of the various churches. The third difficulty encountered is that, to a large extent, the records of Christopher's family are what might be called "one of" records; that is, there is only a single record of a specific type to be found.

This is the first attempt to formally document the family of Christopher Servoss down to his grandchildren. While previous attempts have been made to create genealogical files for this family, unfortunately they have lacked both accuracy and documentation.²

Christopher Servoss³

Christopher Servoss was born at Neuwied, Germany, the 6th child of Christian Servoss and Margaretha Elisabetha de Braun. He was baptized at the Neuwied Reformed Church on 13 June 1721.⁴ The family appears to have emigrated in the late 1720s to either New York or New Jersey. The first record of Christopher Servoss at the Mohawk Valley is for the baptism of his son, Christian, in the Caughnawaga Reformed Dutch Church at Fonda, New York, in 1758:⁵

Child:	Christian
Father:	Christoffel Servis [sic]
Mother:	Anna Clara Crief
Sponsors:	Johannis Winkel, Catarina Winkel

Not only is this the only baptism record for a child of Christopher, it is also the only record providing the full name of Christopher's wife. In 1758 this region of the Mohawk River Valley

was within the bounds of Albany County. When Albany County was divided in 1772 this region became part of Tryon County. Then following the American Revolution, the county was re-named Montgomery County in 1784.



Location of Tryon County, New York, at the time of the Revolutionary War, circa 1775. Image from "New York in the Revolution as Colony and State" (see note 17)

land. Johnson offered £200 plus 1,500 acres of land on both sides of the Adagaghting Creek (now the Charlotte River; a tributary of the Susquehanna) "any where between the place where the Germans formerly made Canoes to go to Pensilvania [sic], and the place where John Bartholomew has taken up his land" in exchange for the 150 acres plus improvements then owned by Christopher.¹⁰ This 1,500 acres was located south of the Mohawk Valley in what is now southern Schoharie County, New York, roughly at the point where Schoharie County meets Greene and Delaware Counties.

Soon afterward, it would appear that Christopher and family relocated to a new home at present day Schoharie County. The following is the record of the marriage of their daughter Maria in the High And Low Dutch Reformed Congregation at Schoharie on 3 September 1774:¹¹

On 10 March 1761 Christopher Servis [sic], Peter Servis [sic], and 24 others submitted a petition to the New York Colonial Assembly for an Act for their Naturalization.⁶ At this time Christopher and his brother Peter were living in what was then called "Kings Borough," on land adjacent to 50 acres granted by Sir William Johnson for the use of the church as a glebe.⁷ The "Mohawk District Tax List" for January/February 1766 includes the names Peter Servoss and Stoffel Servoss.⁸

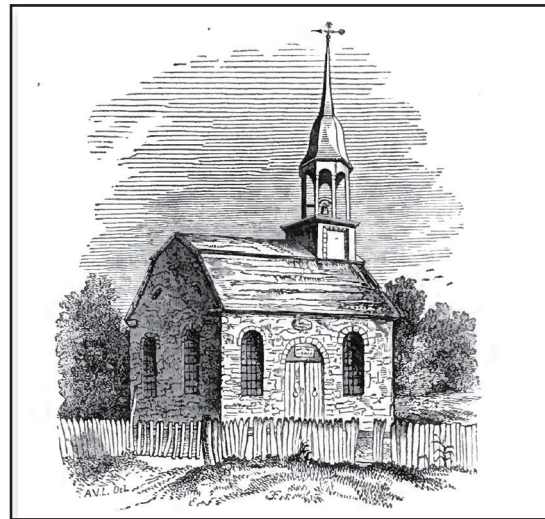
In 1769, four children of Christopher's were included in a list of scholars at the Free School at Johnstown.⁹ Named were Jacob, John, Margaret and Catherine Servoss.

On 16 May 1770, Christopher Servoss appears as the addressee in a letter from Sir William Johnson responding to an offer made earlier that day for an exchange of

Marriage of Johannes Dockstader, son of Henderick Dockstader, born Mohawks Land, and Maria Zerbes [sic], daughter of Stoffel Servoss, born in the Jerseys.

Thus this is an example of a “one of” record of the family having lived in New Jersey prior to moving to the Mohawk Valley, as well as proof of a third daughter.

Christopher Servoss died in the summer of 1778. One version of the circumstances surrounding his death describes him being shot by American Patriots at his home while resisting arrest as a Tory sympathizer.¹² As discussed below, there is no doubt that Servoss was a Loyalist and it appears certain that he was killed during an encounter with a Patriot force. The fact of his death, combined with the fact that his estate was 1,500 acres, are critical in identifying the remaining children of Christopher and Anna Clara.



Caughnawaga Reformed Dutch Church, circa 1795. Several generations of the Servoss family were baptized here.

The Sons of Christopher Servoss

Thus far we have identified six children of Christopher and Clara Servoss: Christian, via the birth record; Jacob, John, Margaret, and Catherine, via the school record; and Maria, via the marriage record. The identities of two other children, Daniel and Philip, were revealed by two documents related to military service during the Revolutionary War.

Image from Jephtha R. Simms, "History of Schoharie County and Border Wars of New York" (see note 12).

Daniel Servoss and Jacob Servoss

In 1783, as the war ended under the terms of the Treaty of Paris, many Loyalists removed to Canada, after which their lands were confiscated by the United States. In order to compensate these Loyalists for their losses, the British Government allowed them to submit claims, which became known as “Loyalist Claims.” These documents are readily available for researchers and often provide key information about the families of the Loyalists. One such Loyalist Claim was submitted by Daniel Servos [sic], dated 22 August 1787.¹³ An extract of this claim follows:

Claimant his Father & Brother had declared in Favor of the British. His Father, Brother & Claimant were all imprisoned at different times. Claimant was imprisoned in Johnstown Gaol in August 1778. They went off. They could not stay any longer. They went on service [meaning they joined the British forces opposing the revolution]. Went to Niagara, joined in 1779, had a company of men as Lieut. in the Indian Department, produces his Commission from Genl. Haldimand in 1779, Continued in that service during the War. His Brother served also in the same Department.

The Claim is for the Estates of his Father. His father Christopher was killed in 1778. He died without a Will. He left a Widow, Clara, now in the Colonies. Claimant is Eldest Son, 2nd son Jacob now here, 3 Brothers are Infants now in the States, 5 Sisters in the States.

His Father had 1,500 acres on Charlotte River. His father purchased it of Sir Wm. Johnson about the year 1770. The Deed is lost. He gave other Lands in exchange for it. It was uncultivated when he took it. About 90 acres clear, 2 Dwelling Houses, 2 Barns, 2 Mills, a Grist Mill & Saw Mill. A Large House for making Potash. Values the Farm at £3,000 York Currency including Buildings, the Mills & the Potash House. Values the 2 Mills at £700 which are included in the above Estimate. Values the Potash House at £120. This Estate has been sold. Part of it has not yet been sold. His Mother has not been allowed anything for her Dower. None of his family are in Possession of any part of the Estate. His Father lost a personal Estate consisting of 12 horses, 21 Head Cattle, 25 Sheep, 40 Hogs, furniture, Utensils for farming, Blacksmith & Weaver's tools, 3 large Kettles, utensils for Potash Work, Valued at £350 at the lowest. These Utensils were left on the Premises when they went away & sold by the Rebels. The Potash House & Works & all the Buildings were burnt by the Rebels.

Estimates of the ages of Daniel and Jacob can be obtained from a provisioning list of Loyalists at Niagara dated 1 December 1783 entitled "Return of Loyalists" in the Indian Department, Niagara:¹⁴

Lt. Daniel Servoss	35	(Magdalen Servoss)	7
(Clara Servoss)	54	Lt. Jacob Servoss	24
(Catherine Servoss)	9		

NOTE: Names in parenthesis were marked "In the Colonies"

Daniel Servoss had married Catharina Dockstader on 21 February 1771 at the Stone Arabia Reformed Church.¹⁵ The young Catherine and Magdalen listed above were his daughters.¹⁶ Daniel's wife Catharina had died by 1783. Aside from definitely identifying Daniel and Jacob as sons of Christopher, this claim also states that, in addition, the family consisted of three infant (or minor) sons and five daughters still in the colonies.

John Servoss and Christian C. Servoss

In 1778, John Servoss along with his brother Christian C. Servoss supported the Patriot cause through service in the Tryon County Militia, Third (Mohawk District) Regiment.¹⁷ The fact that these two brothers were in service on different sides of the War from their father and brothers is not at all unusual; many families experienced divided loyalties. John and Christian served under the command of Colonel Frederick Fisher and Captain David McMaster. John applied for his Revolutionary War pension at age 72 in 1832.¹⁸ In his affidavit he states:

That he, the said John Servoss, was born at Johnstown in the county foresaid (then Tryon) on the 25 day of December 1760 that he moved from there to Charlotte River now Otsego County in the state of New York where he resided until the year 1778 when he removed to the town of Florida & where he has resided ever since the War. That in the said year 1778 in the month of April at Florida & foresaid he entered the service of the United States as a private & as a volunteer in a Company of Militia under the command of Captain David McMaster. Lieutenant James McMaster & Ensign David Beverly. And that he served in said Company as a private for more than 4 years or from the time he do enter until the Close of the War in the year 1783. That this Company was attached to a Regiment Commanded by Col. Fisher, Lt. Col. Vollkert Veeder & Major John Newkirk that he once had a record of his age in a Bible but that it was burnt with his house in the year 1782 in Florida which was set on fire by the Indians & Tories.

This statement adds the fact that the Family Bible was destroyed in a fire. Their misfortune complicates the research of this family.

Philip Servoss

An affidavit by Philip Servoss is attached to John's Revolutionary War pension application. Philip Servoss of the Town of Florida, New York, age 67, declared that he was the brother

of John Servoss, the applicant, and that John served during the Revolutionary War as a private soldier in a company of Militia commanded by Captain David McMaster.¹⁹ Philip Servoss (brother of John and thus the fifth son of Christopher Servoss) of the Town of Florida, Montgomery County, died on 26 March 1847 at the age of 79.²⁰

Petition of Proof in the will of Philip Servoss. Philip Servoss left a will dated 20 January 1843 and proved 1 July 1847, which mentions only his wife Margaret (nee DeGroff), William Siver (executor), Philip Barskhoof, and Samuel J. Servoss, “one of the heirs of John Servoss.”²¹ From a genealogical perspective, this is unremarkable, indicating only the likelihood that Philip had no children. However, there is more to a probate than a will. As it happens, a session of the Surrogates Court was held at Fultonville, Montgomery County, on 17 May 1847 “in the matter of proving the Will of Philip Servoss, deceased.”²² Most importantly, a Petition of Proof was included in the minutes of the court proceedings.

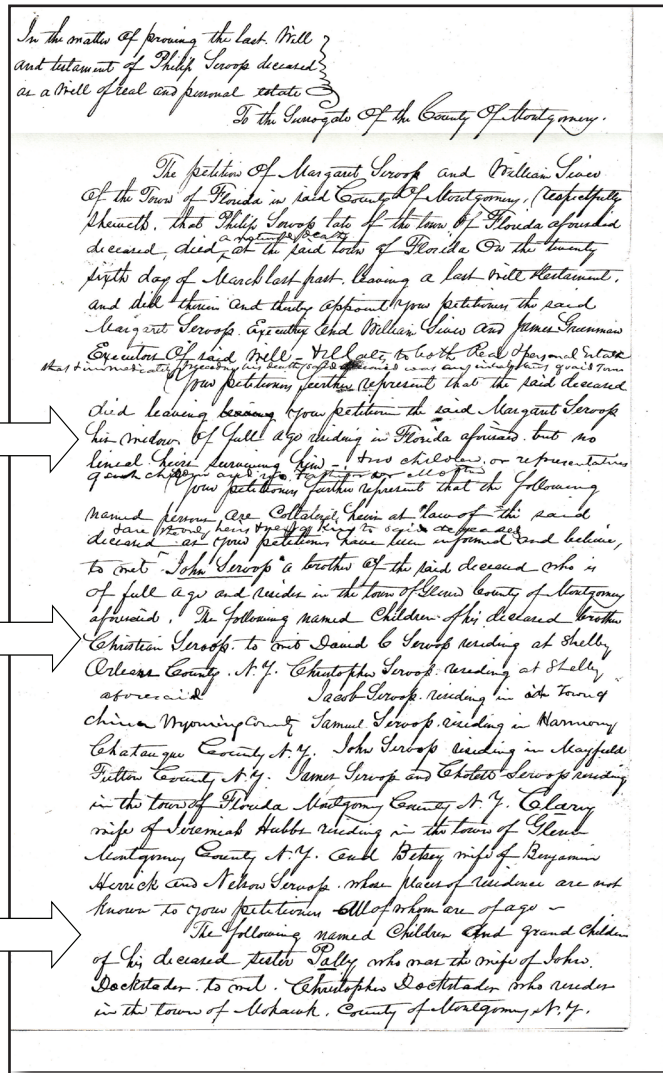
“Petition of Proof,” (page 1 of 3) from the probate file of the will of Philip Servoss, identifying multiple descendants of Christopher Servoss

Image from the author’s collection

... the said Margaret Servoss his widow of full age residing in Florida aforesaid but no lineal heirs surviving him + no children...

... The following named children of his deceased brother Christian Servoss, to wit David C Servoss residing at Shelby Orleans County, N.Y. ...

... The following named children and grandchildren of his deceased sister Polly who was the wife of John Dockstader, to wit, Christopher Dockstader...



The 1847 Petition of Proof, written as part of the process of proving the Last Will of Philip Servoss, is truly remarkable from a genealogical perspective.²³ Included is a list of Philip's "only heirs and next of kin," written by his widow, Margaret Degroff-Servoss. She listed each of Philip's siblings by name and places of residence if known; if the sibling was deceased, then the children, and in some cases their grandchildren, are named. Here are the names listed on that Petition of Proof in relationship to Philip Servoss (the Deceased):

John Servoss, brother of Philip who resides in the town of Glen, Montgomery County

The children of Christian Servoss, deceased brother of Philip

1. David C. Servoss, residing in Orleans County, New York.
2. Christopher Servoss, residing at Shelby, Orleans County.
3. Jacob Servoss, residing in the town of China, Wyoming County, New York.
4. Samuel Servoss, residing in Harmony, Chatauqua County, New York.
5. John Servoss, residing in Mayfield, Fulton County, New York.
6. James Servoss, residing in the town of Florida, Montgomery County.
7. Cholett Servoss, residing in the town of Florida.
8. Clarry, wife of Jeremiah Hubbs residing in the town of Glen.
9. Betsey, wife of Benjamin Herrick, residence unknown.
10. Nelson Servoss, residence unknown.

The children and grandchildren of deceased sister, Polly [Maria], wife of John Dockstader

1. Christopher Dockstader residing in the town of Mohawk, Montgomery County
2. Children of Caty, deceased daughter (niece to Philip), wife of Barney Smith
 - a. Elizabeth wife of David S Quackenboss residing in Glen.
 - b. Catherine wife of Marvin Swartwout residing in Glen.
 - c. Maria wife of Martin Vrooman residing in Florida.
 - d. Harmanus Dockstader, residing in the town of Mohawk.
 - e. Christopher Dockstader, residing in the town of Mohawk.
 - f. John Dockstader, residing in the town of Mohawk.
3. Children of John, deceased son of Polly (nephew to Philip)
 - a. Henry Dockstader residing at Mohawk.
 - b. Harmanus Dockstader, residence unknown.
 - c. unnamed Dockstader, residence unknown.

The child and grandchildren of deceased sister Peggy [Margaret], wife of Andrew Johnson

1. Clarry wife of John Blunt, deceased
 - a. (Andrew) Johnson Blunt, residence unknown, possibly Troy, Rensselaer County, New York .
 - b. Maria Blunt, residing at Troy.
 - c. Sarah Blunt, residing at Troy.
 - d. Jacob Blunt, residence unknown.

The Petition also stated that deceased had two brothers Daniel & Jacob who left the country many years ago and became residents of Upper Canada where they have since died.

The children of Daniel, deceased brother of Philip are

1. John Servoss
2. William Servoss
3. Daniel Servoss
4. Caty
5. Lany (Magdalena)

The names of Jacob's children were unknown to the petitioner.

At a following session of the Court on 1 July 1847, the sole change made to this list was to note that Jacob Servoss no longer resided at China, Wyoming County, and was, in fact, no longer a resident of the state of New York.²⁴

Although, we do not have the list of children for Philip's brothers, John and Jacob, this one petition contained the names of seven children, nineteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren of Christopher and Anna Clara Servoss.

The facts thus far: First, the original claim by Daniel with Jacob regarding seized property of the Christopher and Anna Clara Crief-Servoss estate; Second, the baptism of Christian, as a son of Christopher and Anna Clara; Third, John Servoss' pension application repeating the places of residence of the family; Fourth, the affidavit for John Servoss by Philip Servoss declaring he is a brother to John. All facts are supported in Philip's Petition of Proof. This completes the list of the five sons of Christopher and Anna Clara Crief-Servoss.

The Daughters of Christopher Servoss

As for the daughters of Christopher and Anna Clara, we have already identified two, namely Maria and Margaret in the Petition of Proof. In 1769, four children of Christopher's were included in a list of scholars at the Free School at Johnstown.²⁵ Named were Jacob, John, Margaret and Catherine Servoss. On 20 May 1813, John Servoss was granted Letters of Administration for the estates of two of his sisters who had never married and lived with him for most of their lives, namely Catherine and Charity.²⁶ This adds the name of Charity to the list of daughters.

Thus, we have the names of four daughters; but the Loyalist Claim of Daniel stated that there were five daughters. Assuming that this statement was accurate, we would propose that the final daughter was one Geertruy Service [sic]. Geertruy (or Gertrude) was listed as the sponsor for the first child of Maria [Servoss, her sister] and John Dockstader. Little John Dockstader was baptized 18 February 1776 at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Fonda, at Montgomery County.²⁷ Other records of this Gertrude Servoss have not been found to date.

The Grandchildren of Christopher Servoss

Most of the grandchildren of Christopher and Anna Clara Servoss have been identified through the Petition of Proof (see above). The fates of Jacob and his children, if any, remain unknown. We will complete this article with a proposed list of John's children.

Children of John Servoss

First we note that John Servoss and Catherine Pettingell were married by the Rev. James Dempster on 29 January 1789.²⁸ A careful look at the 1790 U.S. Federal Census, the 1810 U.S. Federal Census, and the 1820 U.S. Federal Census suggests that John and Catherine had a maximum of 8 male children and 3 female children.²⁹ (Interestingly, the entire family is missing from the 1800 U.S. Federal Census, but the fact that they were still residing at the area is demonstrated by the Montgomery County Tax Assessment lists for 1799, 1800 and 1801).³⁰ Unfortunately, only three baptisms for children of John and Catherine are known to be extant.

Philip Servoss (son of John). On 20 January 1794 John and Catherine Servoss baptized at the Caughnawaga Reformed Church a son, Philip, born 6 August 1793.³¹ We have been unable to find any further trace of John's son Philip.

Simon Servoss (son of John). Simon, born on 13 January 1808, was baptized on 25 June 1808 at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the Village of Minaville, Town of Florida.³²

Samuel J. Servoss (son of John). We know that, as of 1840, John Servoss a Revolutionary War pensioner was residing in the Town of Glen, in the household of Samuel J. Servoss who was in his 30s.³³ We also know Samuel J. Servoss is listed in the Last Will of Philip Servoss as an heir to John Servoss. When these facts are combined with the facts that (1) Samuel J. Servoss is NOT included in Philip's probate list, and (2) the children of John are NOT listed in Philip's probate list, the only possible conclusions are that this John Servoss who was residing in Glen listed in Philip's probate was, in fact, the brother of Philip and the son of Christopher Servoss, and that Samuel J. Servoss was most likely John's son.

Charlotte Servoss (daughter of John). Charlotte, born on 25 May 1816, was baptized at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the Village of Minaville, Town of Florida, on 7 September 1816.³⁴ Charlotte and Fisher Putman were married on 23 February 1848 by G. L. Roof, pastor of the Second Reformed Dutch Church at Glen, Montgomery County.³⁵

Christopher Servoss (son of John). John's son Simon left a trail of records that identified further relations. On 27 November 1827 Simon married Jane Hutton in the Presbyterian Church at the Village of Amsterdam, Montgomery County.³⁶ A few years later, on 16 February 1831, Simon was a witness at the marriage of Christopher Servoss (age 29) and Gertrude Flitgraff (age 25) at this same church.³⁷ Note that this is not the Christopher, son of Christian C. Servoss, who was in the Town of Shelby, Orleans County, at the time of the probate of Philip Servoss's estate. This Christopher with wife Gertrude and family are found in Montgomery County in both the 1850 U.S. Federal Census (at the Town of Glen) and the 1855 New York State Census (at the Town of Florida).³⁸ Thus, we have identified a second Christopher Servoss who was born about 1800. Thus, because of their geographic proximity, their close ages, and their associations, this Christopher is probably the brother of Simon and the fourth identified son of John Servoss.

Daniel Servoss and Henry Servoss (sons of John). The tombstones of John's son Simon Servoss and his wife, Jane Hutton Servoss, have been located in the West Ridgeway Cemetery at the Town of Ridgeway in Orleans County, New York, about 325 miles from Florida, New York. His tombstone reads "Simon Servoss, died 15 August 1850, aged 42 years." Interestingly, there are several other members of the Servoss Family buried in the same cemetery including Henry Servoss who died 24 December 1854, aged 63 years, and Daniel Servoss who died 11 September 1867, aged 78 years, 5 months and 3 days. Also buried with Daniel is his wife Doxa who died 12 April 1862, aged 70 years.³⁹ That Daniel and Doxa Servoss came from the

same area of New York as Simon (and John and Christopher Servoss) is proven by the baptism of their daughter Charlotte in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the Town of Florida on 26 June 1814.⁴⁰ Note that the name Henry Servoss is not listed in the 1847 probate, and that this Daniel Servoss is clearly not the Loyalist brother of John, Philip and Christian C. who removed to Upper Canada after the Revolution. Because of their co-located burials, their ages, and similar geographic origins, Daniel and Henry are probably the brothers of Simon and the fifth and sixth identified sons of John Servoss.

Thus, for John and Catherine Servoss, we can add a son Daniel who was born 8 April 1789, and a son Henry whose birth can be estimated at 1791, bringing our total of identified children to six males and one female. While there is a likelihood of a few additional children, especially females, this is as far as current research will allow us to go without speculation.

In summary, we have identified the following as descendants of Christopher Servoss and Anna Clara Crief:

1. Daniel married Catherine Dockstader. Children: Catherine Servoss, Magdalena Servoss, John Dease Servoss, William Street Servoss, and Daniel Kerr Servoss.
2. Gertrude, a possible child.
3. Maria married Johannes Dockstader. Children: John Dockstader, Catrina Elizabeth Dockstader, and Christopher Dockstader. Son John had Hendrick, Harmanus, and one unnamed. Catrina Elizabeth married Barnett Smith and their children were Catherine (married Marvin Swartwout), John, Mary (married Martin Vrooman), Harmanus, Christopher, and Elizabeth (married David S. Quackenboss).
4. Christian C. married Christine Pettingell. Children: Samuel, Jacob, David C., Christopher, John, James, Nelson, Cholett, Clara (married Jeremiah Hubbs), and Betsey (married Benjamin Herrick).
5. Jacob, descendants, if any, unknown, presumably in Upper Canada.
6. John married Cathrine Pettingell. Children: Philip, Simon, Samuel J., Christopher, Daniel, Henry, and Charlotte (possibly others).
7. Margaret married Andries Jansen (Johnson). Child: Clara married John Blunt, and their children were Maria, Sarah, Johnson, and Jacob.
8. Catherine died unmarried.

9. Philip married Margaret DeGroff. Children: none.
10. Charity died unmarried.

Stephen W. Mabie is a descendant of Margaret Serviss, daughter of William Serviss, whose family group is not included in this article. Mary T. Smith is a direct descendant of Christopher and Anna Clara Servoss through son John and grandson Christopher.

ENDNOTES

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9. Washington Frothingham, ed, *History of Fulton County: embracing early discoveries, the advance of civilization, the labors and triumphs of Sir William Johnson, the inception and development of the glove industry, with town and local records, also military achievements of Fulton County patriots* (Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason & Co., 1892), 248-249.
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16. Kelly, *Caughnawaga Baptisms*, Baptism #169.
17. The Office of the (New York) State Comptroller, compiler, *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State* (Albany: J. B. Lyon Co., 1904), 181.
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29. (a) 1790 U.S. Census, Montgomery Co. N.Y., Mohawk, p. 43, line 26, John Service [sic]; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 Jan. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M637, roll 6. (b) 1810 U.S. Census, Montgomery Co. N.Y., Town of Florida, p. 42, line 29, John Service [sic]; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 Jan. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M252, roll 29. (c) 1820 U.S. Census, Montgomery Co. N.Y., pop. sch., Town of Florida, unpaginated (penned 188 and crossed-out), line 29, John Sarviss [sic]; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 Jan. 2016); citing NARA microfilm pub. M33, roll 63.
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31. Kelly, *Caughnawaga Baptisms*, Baptism # 1711.
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