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To the Memory of  
**David H. Van Hoosear,**  
Paternal Ancestor of the Author,  
This Volume is Respectfully Dedicated.

## INTRODUCTION.



THE author sincerely regrets the inability to trace our earliest ancestor in America from his home in Holland, where he was reared, and where, without doubt, he was born. Regarding the time and circumstances of his emigration, we also lack data; but the tradition is that he came from Holland in one of three ships, and settled not far from where his male line descendant lived and died, leaving a long list to follow. All Van Hoosears in America are traceable to him.\* The traditional "Three Brothers" story never cast its anchor upon this family.

There are many names resembling this surname, Van Hoosear, which are not related so far as is known. For six generations, there has been no change in spelling. Some of the second and third have written it "Vanhoosear," but in the following generations it has been uniformly written with a capital "H."

Our authors of the "Origin of Surnames" have been silent as to this name's derivation. "Van" in the Dutch language (Holland or Netherlands) is the same as "Von" in German, meaning "of," as Rinear of Hoosear, or "Huissen," a place on the river Rhine in the Province of Gilderland. This is but a short distance from Arnhem, the capitol. The family may have originally lived at "Huisen," being called Huissens with the Christian name added to distinguish the individuals. The tradition is that the "Van" in this case was given as a title of rank, being "the 4th." It is possible that such was the case, for men of high standing and merit were granted the right to use "Van" as a prefix to their surname to distinguish them from the ordinary men. The name of Hoosier as used in the State of Indiana is purely American, and has no refer-

\*The Hollanders formed the first settlements along the Hudson river and upon the Island of Manhattan (N. Y. city). The west end of L. I. and Conn. were first permanently settled in 1623 and 1635 respectively by emigrants from Mass.

ence to this surname, although somewhat resembling it in appearance. The version is that its origin is from husher, because, men of strength, they were considered bullies, or from their rough exclamation when one knocks at a door "Who's yere." In 1555 Emperor Charles V. gave his son, Phillip II., of Spain, the Netherlands, which embraced Gilderland, etc. In 1668, France seized on Spanish Netherlands. In 1674 England had captured her. In 1795 Holland was conquered by France, but since 1839 there has been general peace there.


The male inhabitants of the Netherlands are of medium stature, stout form, and fair complexion. The women, tall and handsome, are very domestic in their habits and pay most scrupulous attention to the cleanliness of their houses. Perseverance and industry are striking features of the national character. The male line of the Van Hoosear descendants bear out noticeably the above characteristics, as do also the women, excepting in stature, they being a little under that of the average female Hollander.

The author has never seen the name "Van Hoosear," either in scrip or print, spelled identically as above, except it referred directly to some of the descendants of our early ancestor from Holland. Very many similar names, however, have appeared. In 1874 an association was organized at Hudson, N. Y., called "Van Hoesen Association," whose purpose was to investigate a certain estate left in Holland for the Van Hoesen heirs, as held by tradition. In November, 1876, another meeting was held at Hudson, at which a report was given by Mr. E. B. Humphreys, who had been appointed the Holland agent. An intermediate meeting was held at Catskill, N. Y., in 1875, and another at Gent, N. Y., in February, 1876. At the third meeting Mr. Humphreys reported that his research in Holland had developed that Maretje Jacobs "huisyrouw," or wife of Jacob Arends den Hensden, North Holland, had left several thousand pounds, which had been deposited in the "Weeskamer" (or Orphan Chamber), in 1686, for her children. He also mentioned other estates left for unknown heirs. The next meeting was held at Hudson, in February, 1877, when it was voted to call for the quarterly dues of 50 cents each. [Extracted from circular sent out by this association]. The members are said to have

numbered over 300. In "American Ancestry," vol. IV, pg. 30, appears the ancestry of Wm. S. Van Hoesen, of the above society, whose ancestor was Jan Franse Van Hoesen, ancestor of all the Van Hoesens in America, whose early residence was Fort Orange, which is now Albany, N. Y. He came from a town in Holland, called Huisen, near the Zuyder Zee. His eight children were Jurian, Jacob, Volkert,\* Anna md., Luykas Gerretsen, Styntje md., Jan Tys Goes, Maria md., Hendrick Coenraetse, Catherine md., Frank Hardingh, and Johannes. Jurian's son Jan Jurianse, *his* son Cornelius, *his* son Casper, *his* son Wm. C., *his* son Wm. S., of Saugerties, N. Y., b. 1839.

The following is a copy of a sketch and record of the "Van Hoesen Family," prepared for one of the within Van Hoosears, by Wm. S. Van Hoesen, Prest. of the above association.

It is printed at the request of some of the family, which think that the Reynier mentioned is the same person known to us as the ancestor who has been given the number 2.:

"Jan Franse Van Hussum was the first Van Hoesen that came to America. Documents represent him, his son Jurrian and wife, Volkie Jurriaanse, to have settled at Fort Orange and Beverwick (now Albany) as early as 1645, where he also made several purchases. His principal purchase was that of the Claverack land, made June 5th, 1662, amounting to several hundred acres, lying along the Hudson River, above and including the site on which the City of Hudson now stands, owned by two Indians, one named Pametepiet, (his signature thus, X —), the other Tantankenaut, (his mark ) both being owners and commissioned by another Indian, and owner, named Sickaneeck, (alias Tunis), Jan Franse Van Hussum's signature was †. He does not seem to write. He died about 1667, and letters of administration were issued to his son Juerian, August 2d, 1703. (Book of Deeds VI, page 199, in Albany County Clerk's Office, State of New York, U. S. A.) At this time the following heirs were living, namely:

\*Folkert Van Hoesen and wife, Teuntie, sells dwelling house, mill, mill dam, &c. to low water mark as far as a place called Kortees Kill being upon the Island "Nassaw" (formerly called Long Island) known by name of Red Hook, 1749. [Lib. 5, pg. 176, Kings Co. L. Rec'ds.] Johannes Bergen and wif, Rachel of "Brookland," Kings Co., on Nassau Island, sells to Cornelis Van der Hoeven, of same place, 1721. [Vol. 4, pg. 287, Kings Co. L. R.]



Jurrian, the oldest son, Jacob, Volkert, Anna, wife of Lay Kas Gerrites, Styntie, wife of Jan Tys Goes, Maria, wife of Hendrick Coenraetse, Catherine, wife of Frank Harding, and Johannes, who was an old man, living at Claverack in the year 1724. Jurrian, the oldest son of Jan Franse, by the laws of premageniture, became seized of the land, but amiable petition was made by which he conveyed the lands adjoining the Hudson River, southerly of the ferry, to his brother Johannes, and northerly to his brother-in-law, Francis Harding, and wife Catherine, and brother, Jacob Jans Van Hoesen. The deed was executed 7th of January, 1704, and recorded in Deed Book D, pages 282: 3, 4 and 5, at the Albany County Clerk's Office, State of New York."

Generation 1st. Jan Franse Van Hussum, came to Albany in 1645, married, in Holland, Volkie Jurriaanse, both of Holland. He died about 1667, she, about 1703. Their children were Jurrian, Jacob, Volkert, Anna, Styntie, Maria, Catherine, Johannes.

Generation 2d. Johannes Van Hoesen born in Albany, N. Y., md., 1st, Jannetje Jaus. Derike, md., 2d, Willimpie Vill, June 19, 1709. Children, Jan, Johannes, \*Harmon, Garret, Jacob b. Aug. 18, 1699, Franciscus b. June 13, 1703, Maria b. June 7, 1706, Gerritje b. Aug. 20, 1710.

Generation 3d. \*Harmon Van Hoesen born in Albany, md., Goessia — b. in Albany, N. Y. She d. April 11, 1746. Children born in Albany, Jan, Volkert, Rinder, \*\*Hendrick, Luhs, bap. April 17, 1725, "R. 6." (Record).

Generation 4th. \*\*Hendrick Van Hoesen b. Albany, N. Y., md., in Albany, Cathalina Vandenburg, b. Albany, July 2, 1744. Children, Geesje, b. Albany, Aug. 10, 1746, Hendrick, bap. Nov. 6, 1748, was called Van Houser in N. Y. State early marriages. Reynier, b. about 1753. In Rev. service was called Rynier Van Hoser, and afterwards Rinear Van Hoesen, Van Hosen and Van Usen. He died April, 1820, and his wife, Marsey, in the fall of 1827. [Then follows his children as we know them, which he secured from the descendants of the Conn. Rinear).

The reader will see there is no proof that the Albany Reynier Van Hoesen and the Conn. Rinear Vanhosear is the same person, or that he did not spell his name as it should be. The above Van Hoesen also states Maria, Reynier's daughter, was bap. July 27, 1789. See record of her

[No. 5] tombstone. Her grandson also says, I have heard "her say she was 15 years, 2 months and 15 days older than Antionette. Bible record of Antionette says she was born Aug. 20, 1806."

In a volume compiled by L. Van Alstyne, of Sharon, Ct., a descendant of Lambert Janse Van Alstyne, pg. 23, he states Hilletje Van Alstyne, b. Jan. 5, 1752, m. May 25, 1776. Abraham, 1st Van Hosen of Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., son of Jurger Van Hoesen and Marritje Burgert. Their children were: William, b. 1777, Maria, b. 1779, Jurian, 1782, Christyntje, bap. 1786, Johannes, 1789, Abraham, 1791. He quotes Munsell's, that the above Abraham 1st descended from Jan Franse Van Hoesen, the Holland settler at Beverwyck (Albany), who soon after bought of the Indians, land at Claverack, Columbia Co., N. Y., and that direct descendants reside at Stuyvesant Falls now.

A few names are given below which the author has found most resembling the Van Hoosear surname:

Lydia Vanhooser, minor, [U. S. Gen. Stat., 1877-8, pg. 67].

Frank Van Hooser, was P. M., 1881, Mechanicsville, O. [Vol. 11, Official Register of U. S.]

Gal Van Hoozer, Rev. War [Archives of Library, Albany, vol. 1, pg. 226].

Van Housen, lot 24656; Van Hosen, lot 39877, and several by name of Van Dusen, etc., appear on the Register of Greenwood cemetery, N. Y.

Garret Van Hooser, Fishkill, N. Y., 5th Reg., 1780 [N. E. Hist. M. S. Rev. papers, vol. 2, pg. 352].

In the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., the records of 1899 mention John N. Vanhooser, Res. Dadeville, Mo. In Robert's "N. Y. in the Revolution," (which copy contains the Wilton "Rinear," with Van attached), there appears three of the name Hoosen, 36 Hoesen, Husen, Hasen, Hensin, Hoesin, Hosen, Hozen, Huesen, Huson, Huysen, Housen, etc.

## EXPLANATION OF ARRANGEMENT.

Each person descending from the settler has a number near the left hand margin, and if their children are represented, a number opposite near the right hand margin refers to their eldest child, and carried forward to the left hand margin in the next generation.

## FIRST GENERATION.

1. ——— VAN HOOSEAR was probably born in Holland before 1736, and married before 1856-7. Tradition firmly asserts that this was his home, and that his marriage also was consummated while in his native country, or in England, before he came to America. He, with his wife and probably children, it is stated, emigrated to America in one of three ships, eventually settling with his family somewhere on the south side of Long Island; and that he followed the occupation of tanner and currier. The same traditional evidence asserts that he had at least two daughters, one marrying a Van Rensselaer\*, who settled on the Hudson River, below Albany, "on the flats," and the other being unmarried when the only son, Rinear, left home at the early commencement of the Revolution.

The "Van Rensselaer Family," by May King Van Rensselaer, N. Y., 1888, states Kilian Van Rensselaerswyck in America "was a man of character and substance," a merchant of Amsterdam, was wealthy, etc. Early in 1630 he was sent as agent from Holland to make purchases from Indian owners, etc. Other purchases were made in 1637, when his tract of land covered 24 miles in breadth, by 48 miles long, containing over 700,000 acres, comprising the present counties of Albany, Rensselaer, and part of Columbia. He then came to America to care for the colony. The Bouton Genealogist remarks that he was a rich jeweller, of Dorp, Holland, and that his purchases included land on the east and west sides of Hudson River, where now is Troy, Lansingburgh, etc. He says that he and son

\*A family of Van Rensselaers are said to have come to America in the vessel with this family.