

Nicholas Bonesteel Sr., & Anna Margaretha Kuntz (Family Group Records)

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Husband	Nicholas BONESTEEL Sr. [5386]				
Born	1689	Bischmesheim, Saarbruecken, Germany			
Died	<1758>	Red Hook, Dutchess Co., New York			
Marriage	Oct 1710	Germantown, Schoharie, New York [MRIN:1949]			
Other Spouse	Anna Catharina [3549] (1693-) 1706 - Germany [MRIN:1360]				
Wife	Anna Margaretha KUNTZ (Kuhns) [5388]				
Born	31 Mar 1689	Bischmesheim, Saarbruecken, Germany			
Died	<1758>	Red Hook, Dutchess Co., New York			
Father	Mathias KUNTZ [1217] (1665-) [MRIN:546]	Mother	Anna Margaretha LUCKEN [1218] (-1704)		
Children					
1	F	Anna (Elisabetha) BONESTEEL [1200]			
Born	13 Feb 1713	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Died	1790	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Spouse	Balthasar SIMON [1201] (1714-)	<1735> - Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York [MRIN:537]			
2	F	Susanna Margretha BONESTEEL (Jerusha) [1203]			
Born	5 Nov 1714	West Camp, Ulster Co., New York			
Died	1783	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Spouse	Georg Andreas MICHEL [1204] (1714-)	30 May 1739 - Athens Greene Co., New York [MRIN:539]			
3	F	Anna Barbara BONESTEEL (Barbel) [1205]			
Born	Bef 13 Feb 1716	West Camp, Ulster Co., New York			
Died	1769	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Spouse	Michel SIMON [3365] (1717-1762)	1735 - Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York [MRIN:540]			
4	M	Nicholas BONESTEEL Jr. [1206]			
Born	17 Mar 1722	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Died	Bef 5 Sep 1809	Troy, Rensselaer Co., New York			
Spouse	Anna Elisabetha TREBER [1207] (1722-)	<1742> - Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York [MRIN:541]			
5	M	* Johan David BONESTEEL Sr. [5340]			
Born	27 Apr 1725	Eagle Mills, Rensselaer Co. New York			
Died	1790	Claverack, Columbia Co., New York			
Spouse	Anna Barbara (Barbel) HAGEDORN [5341] (1726-1790)				
Marr. Date	1 Apr 1749 - Eagle Mills, Rensselaer Co. New York [MRIN:1932]				
6	M	Johann Peter BONESTEEL [1208]			
Born	<1728>	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Died	1794	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Spouse	Anna Elisabetha (Lisabeth) SIMON [3789] (Bef 1740-)	<1754> - Redhook, Dutchess Co, New York [MRIN:542]			
7	M	Johann Phillip BONESTEEL Sr. [1210]			
Born	18 Jan 1730	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Died	15 Aug 1798	Dutchess Co., New York			
Spouse	Elisabetha HAGEDORN [1211] (1730-)	1751 - Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York [MRIN:543]			
8	M	Johann Frederich BONESTEEL Sr. [1212]			
Born	6 Mar 1732	Lower Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			
Died	After 6 Jun 1802				
Spouse	Catharina (Catrina) MEYER [1214] (1734-)	<1752> - Red Hook, Dutchess Co., New York [MRIN:544]			
9	F	Anna BONESTEEL [8119]			
Born	<1735>	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York			

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Children (cont.)		
Died	<1770>	Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York
Spouse	Zacharias NEHER [8122] (-)	<1764> - Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., New York [MRIN:2922]
General Notes: Husband -		
BOHENSTIELEN / BOHNENSTIEL / BONESTEEL / BONISTEEL / BONSTELLE / BONSTEEL		
PALATINE IMMIGRANTS INTO NEW YORK (1710)		
Listed on the 1716-1717 ULRICH SIMMENDINGER REGISTER (SIMMENDINGER LIST)		
Nichlaus (Bohnenstehl) Bonesteel died Red Hook, Dutchess County New York. He married Oct. 1710/11 Anna Margaretha Kuntz (Kuhn-Coon) b. abt. 1689.		
Dave Rinsem says that Nicholas arrived in America from Nubach Kaiserslauten, Germany, in 1710.		
Came to this Country (America) around 1709/10. Was among the very early settlers of what is now the town of Red Hook, Dutchess County New York.		
His name is among the people taxed in the North Ward in 1723 at which time it is believed he held a life lease. This farm bounded on the North by the woods leading to Barrytown, easternly by the Post road. A portion of the Town of Red Hook is now on the easternly part of his farm.		
This remarkable couple had 9 known children who grew up and married and probably had 90 - 100 grandchildren.		
Their descendants must now number many thousand of people including a very large Bonesteel Family and very numerous families named Simon and Michel.		
The latest reference to Anna Margaretha Bonesteel was Jan. 15, 1758.		
GENEALOGICAL & FAMILY HISTORY OF SOUTHERN NEW YORK, VOL. III, LEWIS HISTORICAL PUBLISHING CO. N.Y. 1913 ---		
Nicholas Bonesteel, the immigrant ancestor of the Bonesteel and Bonstel family in America, was born either in Germany or Holland, died at Red Hook, Dutchess County New York.		
He came to this country with his wife and family in the year 1710 and was among the earliest settlers of what is now the town of Red Hook, Dutchess county, shortly after his arrival.		
His name is among the people taxed in the north ward in 1723, at which time it is believed he held by life lease the farm bounded northerly by the wood leading to Barrytown, easterly by the post road. A portion of the village of Red Hook is now on the easterly part of the farm. He married Anna Margaretha Kuhns who had already presented him with several children before coming to this country. The children were: Barbel, married Michael Simon; Elizabeth married Balthaser Simon; Jerusha, married Andries Michel; Nicholas Jr., mentioned below; Anna Barbara, married Jacob Meyer; John Peter, married Elizabeth Simon; Philip married Elizabeth Hagedorn; Frederick, married Catherine Meyer.		
BONISTEEL FAMILY HISTORY (By Warren Bonisteel)		
Niclaus Bonenstiehl arrived in North America in 1710 from the Palatine area of Germany. We have been unable to trace the ancestry prior to Niclaus, so we will start there.		
The Palatine area of Germany extends from Lautenburg on the south to Mainz on the north, and lies mostly to the west of the Rhine river bordering France. The people tended vines and orchards along the tributaries of the Rhine, including the Neckar, Glan, Lauten, and Alseny rivers.		
During two wars, {1688 to 1697} and {1702 to 1713} The armies of Louis XIV overran the area, and the people suffered from the devastation, and occupation. Their farms were ruined, and they were taxed heavily to pay for the wars. This was recorded in many instances: (by the pastor at Kroffelbach) "On Friday 21 December 1688, a large French force came and plundered everything here and		

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at Oberwetz, Niederwetz, Reisenkirchen, and several other villages. They demanded a contribution, then left and crossed over the Rhine". (By the pastor at Ginsheim in 1689) "Because of the soldiers remaining so long in our land with the French occupying the city of Mainz for two years, the people complain about the troop movements back and forth. The Saxon and Bavarian armies are encamped in Niederfeld with 24000 horse and foot (soldiers), The Hessians are on the other side of Mainz, and the Emperors Lethringian troops are on the other side of the Rhine below the city."

In addition to the problems caused by troops raging across the land, early 1709 saw a severe winter set in as reported by the Pastor at Berstadt. "There has been a terrible cold, the like of which is not remembered by the oldest parishioners. It spreads not only through the country, but also through France, England, Holland, Saxony and Denmark, where many people and cattle have frozen to death. The mills in all villages around here also are frozen in, so that people must suffer from hunger. Most of the fruit trees are frozen too as well as most of the grain

In early 1700, England was trying to colonize their North American possessions to counteract the large French population in Canada. Notices were sent into the Palatine region offering transportation and assistance to settle in North America. Many Palatines decided to leave the area, and traveled down the Rhine river on flat bottomed scows to Rotterdam. This took several weeks, and they were pestered by German officials who did not wish to see them leave. Niclaus was born in 1685 at Nu Bhach, so he was 24 years old when he set out for Rotterdam in 1709.

The trip down the Rhine was no easy matter as reported by Hans Stauffer in his notebook. "We set sail from Wiesenau on the 8th day of November, at Bingen we remained one day, and we left on the 10th. At Hebstet, we set sail on the 11th, and at Neuwied, on the 12th, at Erbsen on the 13th, and came to Millen, where we had to remain one day. On the 15th we left Millen for Eisen where we lay two days. On the 17th we sailed to Erding. On the 20th of Nov. we left Erding, and on the 21st we had to go ashore and remain until the wind became calm. On the 22nd, we sailed as far as Emrig, There we had to remain until the wind became calm, and on the 24th we left Emrig, and came to Schingen and sailed to Arm. During the night to Rein, and on the 28th Nov. to Weig, and thence we came to Ghert on the 29th Nov. On the 1st Dec. we came to Amsterdam, and on the 17th Dec. we left Amsterdam and sailed for half an hour before the city. There we had to remain until the wind became favorable, and on the 19th day of December, we came to Rotterdam. There we had to remain for 17 days until the tide was ready for sailing. On the 29th of Dec. we sailed from Rotterdam nearly to Brielle. There we had to remain until the wind was favorable. On the 20th day of Jan. we left Brielle, and sailed 6 days to London.

The English used troopships, and commissioned Dutch shipowners to provide transportation to England. Niclaus, his wife and 2 children, were in the fifth party sailing from Holland to England 3rd July, 1709 on the ship captained by Johan Unthank [1] The English were not prepared for the large influx of immigrants, and set up camps near London with tents for housing, and many of the Palatines, including Niclaus spent the winter in England.

Conditions in the camps were very bad. There was poor sanitation, little food, no heat, and poor water. A fleet of 10 ships with 3000 Palatines sailed from London in January 1710 [2], with them was Robert Hunter, the newly appointed Governor of New York. On this voyage of 6 months, 480 passengers died, and one ship was wrecked on the American coast. It appears that one of the victims was Niclaus first wife, as he arrived in what is now New York in 1710, and married Anna Margaretha Kuhns in 1712. Margaretha was born in 1689 at Bischmisheim, Germany, so it is safe to assume that she was one of the Palatine immigrants as well.

Many of the Palatines, including Niclaus were taken up the Hudson river to a location above Poughkeepsie, where they were provided with tools and equipment to build bunk houses, and a plant for the manufacture of turpentine. This was made from the pine trees, and the tree trunks were taken down river to be used as masts for ships. For various reasons the turpentine industry was a failure, and after several years, the Palatines were given land grants and allowed to make it on their own. Niclaus settled on the East side of the river near the present town of Rhinebeck.

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General Notes: Wife -

Other information says Anna Maaretha was born in Saarbuckon, Rhineland, Purssia.

Anna lived in Claverack, Columbia Co., New York.

As per the Kuntz family history Anna Margreth (or Margaretha) who was probably born early in 1689, and was confirmed on Good Friday 1704. She married Nicholas Bonesteel at some time during Oct. 1710, to early 1714, and they were among the earliest settlers

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in the Rhinebeck Colony, locating on a large farm at Lower Red Hook. This remarkable couple had 9 children who grew up and married and had prob. from 90 to 100 grandchildren. Their descendants must now number many thousands of people, including a very large Bonesteel family and very numerous families named Simon, Michel, etc. Our latest reference to Anna Margaretha Bonesteel is dated Jan. 15, 1758. (See W. C., N., and L. and Rh. G.R.)

From the Palatine Families of New York 1710 Anna margaretha was sponsored by Hans Michael - Son of Matthis Scherer, Anna Margaretha - single d/o of Pfr. G. Grath, and Anna Maria - d/o the late Barthel Kuntz (Bischmisheim Churchbook). She was confirmed as a daughter of Matth. Kuntz in 1704, aged 15 years (Bischmisheim Churchbook.) Anna Margaretha married the New York 1709er Nicolaus Bohnenstiehl (HJ).

Anna Bonesteel, who married ZAcharias Neher or Neer before 1764. As this Anna Bonesteel could not have been a granddaughter of A. Margaretha Kuntz Bonesteel, she was evidently a younger dau., prob. b. abt. 1735-40. She seems to have lived near the Rh. L. church and we have found the baptismal records of 7 of her children, but there may have been at least 5 or 6 more. We have not learned the history of any of her children. It must be admitted that there is some difficulty in accepting the above theory concerning Anna's identity, since it requires us to assume that both she and her mother were nearly or quite 50 or more years. old when the youngest known child of each was born. But we can find no better explanation, for the daus. of Nicholas Jr., Philip and Peter, named Anna, were all too young to be this Anna, who could not have been born later than 1750 and was prob. b. during 1735-1740. Moreover, if David had such a dau. b. abt. 1748, he surely would have mentioned her or her children in his will, and even if we had no evidence that Frederick had a dau. Anna who married Jeremias Smith, it is extremely unlikely that he could have had a dau. old enough to marry in 1763. Besides there is no mention in the records of any other Bonesteel family except that of Nicholas Sr., and no reference to any other pos. son of Nicholas Sr., Although the sketch of the Bonesteel family found in Smith's history of Rhinebeck states that some Jacob and Michael Bonesteel are also mentioned in the old Rh. L. records, a careful examination of the original items shows that this family name was Brenenstuhl, not Bonesteel. Smith also calls Susanna, "Jerusha, " and mistakenly regards Anna Barbara or Barbel as 2 different daus. He calls Jacob Meyer's wife Anna Barbara Bonesteel, where as her name was actually Anna Barbara Winter (see Rh. G.R., April 24, 1753). This Anna Neer's known children were as follows (see Rh. L., & Rh. G.R.):

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