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## JOHN<sup>1</sup> CONKLIN OF FLUSHING, RYE, AND FORDHAM MANOR, NEW YORK

Finding an Elusive Patriarch

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From 1944 to 1949, Conklin Mann published a series of articles in this journal on the early Conklin families of New England and Long Island, beginning with John<sup>1</sup> and Ananias<sup>1</sup> Conklin, apparently brothers, who immigrated in 1638 to Salem, Massachusetts, and subsequently settled in Southold, Long Island.<sup>1</sup> In 1949, Mann first identified John Conklin of Rye, Connecticut (subsequently New York), as the progenitor of a prolific Conklin family of Westchester County and the lower Hudson Valley, New York, by inference from a 1665 deed by which John Conklin and John Morgaine of Flushing, on the Riding of Long Island, purchased land in Rye, Connecticut, from John Budd.<sup>2</sup> Mann concluded that the progenitor of the Westchester County Conklins was this John Conklin of Flushing and Rye, and further that the Flushing-Rye man was likely of the same family as John<sup>1</sup> and Ananias<sup>1</sup> Conklin of Southold.

Extrapolating from given names used in subsequent generations, Mann suggested that John Conklin of Flushing and Rye may have had a wife named *Helena*. Eight members of the next generation, presumed children of John Conklin, were identified as adults in Westchester County land records, court appearances, estate records, marriages, and baptisms. Nevertheless, Conklin Mann was unable to locate proof of the existence of John Conklin of Rye—or of any wife—independent of the single appearance in the 1665 Rye land purchase. This deficit has frustrated Westchester County Conklin descendants, who have struggled to fill in these blanks ever since.

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<sup>1</sup> Conklin Mann, “The Family of Conckelyne, Conklin and Conkling in America,” TAG 21(1944-45):48-58, 133-47; Conklin Mann, “The Line of John Concklyne of Southold and Huntington,” TAG 21(1944-45):210-15, 246-53, 22(1945-46):111-21, 226-36.

<sup>2</sup> Conklin Mann, “John Concklin of Flushing and Rye, New York,” TAG 26(1950):129-43, 234-48.

In 2011, Honor Conklin circulated a paper suggesting an alternate theory for John Conklin's land purchase in Rye.<sup>3</sup> She suggested that the 1665 Rye purchase was made by John<sup>2</sup> Conklin (*John*<sup>1</sup>) of Southold, Long Island. With no documentary evidence to the contrary, Honor Conklin questioned the existence of an independent John Conklin of Flushing and Rye; further, she questioned whether the Westchester County Conklins who appeared in the later seventeenth century were all members of a single family as Conklin Mann had presumed.

Tempering this documentary skepticism, Honor Conklin also reported Y-chromosome DNA profiles of eight subjects with various descents from both the Southold and Westchester County Conklin families. This sample confirmed that descendants of John<sup>1</sup> and Ananias<sup>1</sup> Conklin of Southold shared a male-line genetic origin, but that descendants of the Westchester County Conklins—presumed by Mann to be children of John Conklin of Flushing and Rye—were genetically distinct from the Southold descendants. For Ms. Conklin, this DNA evidence reinforced a conclusion that the 1665 purchaser of land at Rye—likely a member of the Southold family—was a false candidate to be father of the various later Conklins of Westchester County and the Hudson Valley.

Beginning in 2009, a larger group of descendants of Westchester County Conklins has been found to share matching Y-chromosome DNA, reinforcing the presumption that they shared a common male-line origin, but not independently helping to resolve the question of John Conklin of Rye.<sup>4</sup> At the time of this writing, matching DNA has been found among documented descendants of three reputed sons of John Conklin of Flushing and Rye—Nicholas, John, and Deliverance—as well as others who appear in subsequent generations in the Hudson Valley but whose descent from one of John's putative sons is not yet clear. DNA evidence certainly suggests a sibling group in Westchester County which is genetically independent of the Southold family.

Documents in Rhode Island, in print for several years, resolve the question of the existence of the mysterious John Conklin of Flushing and Rye in 1665, name his wife, and link him firmly to a large group of adult children, confirming the family grouping long ago postulated by Conklin Mann. The following power of attorney for an estate division, found in the town records of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and published in *Rhode Island Roots* in 1996, was noticed online in 2013

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<sup>3</sup> Honor Conklin, "Two Colonial Conklin Families in America: Y-DNA Analysis of the 'Long Island Conklins' and the 'Pre-1700 Westchester Conklins,' Including the Origins of the 'John Conklin of Flushing and Rye' Theory" (typescript, 2011, 124 pp.) (online, longislandgenealogy.com).

<sup>4</sup> A group of eleven subjects was tested by 2014 with Ancestry DNA, at 46 markers. Following the discontinuation of Y-DNA testing by that company, these data are no longer available online. A larger Conklin dataset currently available (2016) at familytreedna.com encompasses some but not all of the eleven subjects earlier tested by Ancestry DNA and includes matches for (self-reported) descendants of the same putative sons of John Conklin of Flushing and Rye.

by a member of the Conklin DNA study descended from the Westchester County family:

1701, August 30:

To all Christian People to whom these Presents Shall Come Wee John Conklin Deliverance Conklin Samuel Conklin Garret Jochim & Kathrine my wife Barnt Dutcher and Mary my wife Sendeth Greting in o[ur] Lord God Ever Lasting Whereas wee are Given to Understand that o[ur] Brother Edmond Conkline is Deceased the 28th day of the 4 mo Called June last past And made a Will as by a Letter under the hand of Mr. Joseph Waf[n]ton of Teverton in the County of Bristoll in New England bearing date as by said Letter Extant will appear Now Know Yee that Wee the said John Conklin Deliverance Conklin Samuel Conklin Garret Jochim & Katherine my wife Barnt Dutcher & Mary his wife by these presents do authorize Connstitute & appoint o[ur] Well belovd Brothers Nicolas Conkline [and] Joseph Conklin to be o[ur] true & Lawfull Attorneys for use and in o[ur] names to demand ask levy recover and receive of Mr. Joseph Wanton of Teverton in the County of Bristoll in New England Executor of the last will and testament of our Brother Edmund Conklin all such sum or sums of money which our Brother Edmund Conklin [*words obscured by crease*] either of us by his last Will and testament And upon Receipt of such sum or sums of money to give & to deliver unto the said Mr. Joseph Wanton his Executors or As-signes in Acquittance General for the same Giving and by these presents granting unto o[ur] said Attorneys full power and Lawfull Authority for us and in o[ur] names place & stead to do or cause to be done all & Every such Act acts thing or things as they shall think meet to Requisite to be done Concerning the premises by these presets as if wee all were there then & there personally present and wee shall & will Ratiffy allow & maintain all whatsoever o[ur] Attornys shall Law-fully do or cause to be done in and about the premises In Witness wherof wee the said John Conklin Deliverance Conklin Samuel Conklin Garatt Jochim & Katherine his wife & Barnt Dutcher & Mary his wife have hereunto put to o[ur] hands & seals this thirtieth day of August the thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign Annoque 1701.

Barnt Du[cher?] [ <i>signature</i> ]	the mark of	the mark of
the mark of Mary [M] Dutcher	Samuel [S] Conklin	John [IC] Conklin
the mark of Katherine [K] Jochim	the mark of	the mark of
	Garret [O] Jochim	Deliverance [+] Conclin

Portsmouth on Rhode Island  
[*Undated*]

Then Appeared before me Richard [Sh]uit Esq. Judge of his Majesties Courts of Comon pleas for the County of Westchester in the province of New York The persons of John Conklin Deliverance Conklin Samuel Conklin Garret Jochim Katherin his wife & Barnt Dutcher & Mary his wife did Acknowledge this instrument to be signed sealed and delivered unto Nicolas Conklin & Joseph Conklin their Brothers as their real act and Deed

Ita Testatur Richard Shute  
Justtit & Quorum<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Portsmouth, R.I., Town Hall, “Loose Papers” (probate); photograph courtesy Portsmouth Town Clerk. This text is corrected slightly from the text published in Jane Fletcher Fiske and Sybil Crawford, “Portsmouth ‘Loose Papers,’” *Rhode Island Roots* 22(1996):3–12, 43–53, 73–89, at 78–79. Ms. Fiske narrates (3–4) the history of the “Loose Papers,” a sheaf of miscellaneous original seventeenth- and eighteenth-century probate documents preserved at Portsmouth (R.I.) Town Hall. The “Loose Papers” complement a similar collection of papers, bound in the “Scrap-book,” previously published in abstract [see next note].

This document confirms that John, Deliverance, Samuel, Katherine, Mary, Nicholas, Joseph, and Edmund Conklin were indeed siblings, as Conklin Mann had identified. The source of this document is a sheaf of miscellaneous late seventeenth- and early eighteenth-century probate papers kept at Portsmouth Town Hall but never indexed with the main probate series for Portsmouth. A related source, a scrapbook with similar items, previously abstracted in *Rhode Island Roots* in 1983, was then found to contain an even more important related document:

[No. 123.] Certificate signed 30 Aug. 1701 by Edward Collier, recorder of the Borough and Town of Westchester, (N.Y.) that Nicolas Conklin, John Conklin, Deliverance Concklin, Joseph Conklin and Samuel Conklin and Katherine Jochim the wife of Garret Jochim and Mary Dutcher the wife of Barnt Dutcher are the brothers and sisters of Edmund Conklin & are the Sones and Daughters of John and Elenor Conklin deceased and are all living in the County of Westchester & Province of New York.<sup>6</sup>

Unlike the power of attorney in the “loose papers,” quoted above, this affidavit by the heirs in the scrapbook supplied the key information sought for more than a half-century: the parents of the Westchester County Conklin siblings, here explicitly identified as John and Elenor (—) Conklin.

In addition to this affidavit by his siblings, the scrapbook also includes a copy of the inventory of their dead brother, Edmund Conklin:

[No. 37.] Inventory of Edmond Conklin resident in Portsmouth who deceased 28, 4th month 1701, taken at the house of William Wanton 14, 5th mo. By Joseph Sheffield and John Anthony: 528:13:00. Includes 544 pieces of Christian Gould at 10s per piece; a quarter part of a Brigantine, and a Negro man, rum, etc. Sworn to by Joseph Wanton, executor, 14, 5th mo.<sup>7</sup>

Finally, using the date of Edmund Conklin’s death as noted in his inventory, a will was located in the regular Portsmouth probate series as abstracted in 1982 in *Rhode Island Genealogical Register*:

CONFIN [*sic*], Edmond of Bristol. Will dated 24 June 1700, proved 14 June 1701, pg. 261. Mentions: 5 Brothers Nicholas Confin, John Confin, Deliverance Confin, Joseph Confin & Samuel Confin. 3 Sisters Katherine Confin, Mary Confin, & Sarah Confin. Friends Joseph Wanton and William Wanton. Benjamin Belsher formerly an apprentice of William Wanton.<sup>8</sup>

The published abstract’s obvious transcription errors—*Confin* for *Conklin*—perhaps explain why no one interested in the New York Conklins had previously noticed Edmund Conklin’s Portsmouth will. Only by tracing backward from the

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<sup>6</sup> Jane Fletcher Fiske, “The Portsmouth ‘Scrapbook,’” *Rhode Island Roots* 9(1983):33–36, 57–60, at 60.

<sup>7</sup> Fiske, “The Portsmouth ‘Scrapbook,’” *Rhode Island Roots* 9(1983):36 [previous note].

<sup>8</sup> Abstract as published by Nellie M. C. Beaman, “Abstracts of Portsmouth Wills,” *Rhode Island Genealogical Register* 5(1982):47.

relatively obscure Portsmouth probate loose papers in *Rhode Island Roots* using Edmund Conklin's *date of death* did this error come to light.

The recorded will and its related probate documents were located and photographed in Portsmouth Town Hall. The power of attorney was transcribed fully in *Rhode Island Roots*, but the affidavit of the heirs was not. A full transcription is given here, providing additional detail:

These may certify all persons whom the presents may concern or come that Nicolas Conklin John Conklin Deliverance Concklin Joseph Conklin & Samuel Conklin and Katherine Jochim the wife of Garret Jochim & Mary Dutcher the wife of Barnt Dutcher are the Brothers and Sisters of Edmund Conklin and are the Sones and Daughters of John and Elenor Conklin Deceased and are all living in the County of Westchester & Province of New York[.] In Testimony whereof we whose names are underwritten have hereunto put our hands this thirtieth day of August in the thirteen year of his Majesties Raigne Annoque Dni 1701.

teste: Richard Shute	Edward Collier [ <i>signature</i> ] Recorder of the
Justit and Quorum	Borough and Town of Westchester
Judge Of the Courte	Mary Collier [ <i>signature</i> ]
of Common Pleas for the	
County of Westchester	
Susanah Shute [ <i>signature</i> ]	
The mark of Ebenezer [W] Jones	
Sarah Sherwood [ <i>signature</i> ] <sup>9</sup>	

Edmund Conklin's will is here given in full:

The last will and testament of Edmond Conklin formerly belonging to Westchester in the Province of New York in America: Now lying very sick in Tiverton in the county of Bristol in New England in America aforesaid: is as followeth: To all people whom these presents may concern: Know yee that I the said Edmond Conklin through the mercy of God being of a perfect mind and sound memory praised be his holy name, but being very ill and weak in body for the preventing future trouble amongst my friends and relations do make this my last will and testament as followeth:

In primis my mind and will is that all debts justly due unto me from any person or persons may be received and all debts due from mee to any person or persons may be truely paid by my executer hereafter named. Item: I do give and bequeath unto my five brothers and three sisters all my money which is in my Executors hands to be equally divided between them viz: to Nicholas Conklin John Conklin Deliverance Concklin Joseph Conklin Samuel Conklin Katharine Conklin Mary Conklin and Sarah Conklin to each of them an equal part: Item: I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Belsher formerly being an apprentice unto William Wanton his heirs and assigns for ever all that my house and land thereunto belonging which I purchased of William Wanton as by a deed thereof under his hand and seal may more fully appear situated in this township of Portsmouth on Rhode Island being bounded as by the said deed may appear with all priviledges thereunto belonging. Item I give to and bequeath unto my brother Nicholas Conklin my negro man Joney to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving friends Joseph Wanton and William Wanton my one quarter part of the Briganteene Grayhound now riding in this harbour of Tiverton aforesaid with

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<sup>9</sup> Portsmouth, R.I., Town Hall, "Loose Papers" (probate); photograph courtesy Portsmouth Town Clerk.

all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to be equally divided between them their executors administrators or assigns and my mind and will is that my loving friend Joseph Wanton do take care and see this my last will and testament in all things performed fulfilled and kept and he I do ordain constitute appoint and make my whole and sole executor to see this my last will and testament in all things performed fulfilled and kept according to the true intent and meaning of the same. In witness whereof I the said Edmond Conklin have hereunto set my hand and seal the seven and twentieth day of the fourth month called June in the year of the Lord one thousand seven hundred and one: 1701. With the words (may be received) in the eighth line and the word (and) in the twelfth line entered before signing and sealing hereof. signed sealed and declared by the abovesaid Edmond Conklin in presence of

Job Allmy  
 Joyliffe Price  
 Job Allmy Junr  
 Edmond Conklin his [+] mark [seal]

Job Allmy and Job Allmy Junr being witnesses to the above written will and being engaged according to law testifieth that they saw the abovesaid testator Edmond Conklin sign and seal the above written and heard him declare it to be his last will and testament and that then he was of perfect memory according to the best of their understanding and that Joyliffe Price was a witness also taken upon oath this 14th day of June in the year 1701 before us

Joseph Sheffield assistant  
 Benjamin Hall assistant his [R] marke

The above written a true copie of the original entered and recorded this 21st of the 5th month 1701 per me John Anthony town clerk<sup>10</sup>

The full text of the will adds a previously unknown third sister, Sarah Conklin, who does not appear in the power of attorney or certificate among the probate papers; nor does she appear as a conjectured family member in Conklin Mann's earlier reconstructions of this family. The presumption must be that she died without issue between the creation of Edmond's will and its probate.

Of the non-familial connections named in Edmund's will, the most significant are the Wantons, who became a prominent Newport family. Edmund bequeathed a house and land to Benjamin Belcher, former apprentice of William Wanton. Edmund also left a one-quarter share in the brigantine *Greyhound* to Wanton. William and Joseph Wanton, brothers, were sons of Joseph<sup>1</sup> Wanton, Quaker shipbuilder of Scituate, Massachusetts. William<sup>2</sup> Wanton's subsequent career as a privateer and later governor of the Rhode Island Colony—an office held by four others in his family in the eighteenth century—is well known.<sup>11</sup>

These documents show Conklin Mann to have been prescient in presumptively linking the Westchester County siblings to a father, John Conklin of Flushing and Rye, distinct from the Southold Conklin family. With his identity confirmed in

<sup>10</sup> Portsmouth Town Council and Probate Book 2, 1697–1725, p. 261.

<sup>11</sup> See, for example, John Russell Bartlett, *History of the Wanton Family of Newport, Rhode Island*, Rhode Island Historical Tracts, 3 (Providence, 1878), 23–34.

the Portsmouth, Rhode Island, records, it is worthwhile to reexamine the deeds which allow him to be traced between 1665 and 1678.

#### JOHN<sup>1</sup> CONKLIN IN DEEDS

On 19 July 1665, “John Morgaine and John Concklin of the Towne of Flushing in the County of Yorkesheir upon Longe Island” purchased from “John Budd Senior of the town of Rye in the Jurisdiction of Connetecut in New England” a parcel of land of unspecified size, “part of a neck of land” on the “Mamorronock River” in Rye. The deed was signed in the presence of Elias Doughty and Edward Fisher (Doughty was a constable of Flushing in 1665).<sup>12</sup> The copy of this deed as entered years later in the second volume of Westchester County deeds carries Conklin’s story forward in successive stages: on 27 February 1676[/7], “John Concklin of Rye in the County of Feirfeild” acknowledged and signed over all his right and title to that parcel of land to John Horton and Joseph Horton, also of Rye; he signed by mark, with witnesses Benjamin Collier and Richard Walter. This assignment was recorded in Rye by John Brundage with no date of record, but perhaps in 1677. The assignment to the Hortons was then formally acknowledged again in 1678: “This bill of sale on the other side is acknowledged to be signed over to John & Joseph Horton by John Concklin as appears by a note under his hand in Stanford, Aprill the 25th 1678 before me Richard Law, Commissioner.” Finally, the whole chain was not recorded in Westchester County records until 18 March 1691/2, along with a letter from the Hortons dated 22 February 1691/2 requesting recording at Rye (in the interim, Rye had been ceded by Connecticut to the New York Colony in 1683).<sup>13</sup>

In 1678, the same year John Conklin acknowledged his transfer to the Hortons while in Stamford, Connecticut, another land transaction suggests that John Conklin relocated twelve miles to the southwest in Fordham Manor, subsequently part of Westchester County (now Bronx, New York City). On 20 November 1678, as part of a series of sales of land within the original patent of Fordham Manor, John Archer, together with Cornelis Stanwyck (who held mortgages on the manor land), sold to John Conklin a partly cultivated tract of unspecified size with a dwelling house, outbuildings, and orchards:

Mr. John Archer his Bill of Sale to John Conklin.

<sup>12</sup> E[dmund] B[ailey] O’Callaghan, ed., *Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York*, 15 vols. (Albany, N.Y., 1853–87), vol. 14, B[ernold] Fernow, ed., *Documents Relating to the History of Early Colonial Settlements Principally on Long Island*, p. 566.

<sup>13</sup> Westchester Co., N.Y., Deeds, B:101–2 (images, familysearch.org); see also Charles W. Baird, *Chronicle of a Border Town: History of Rye, Westchester County, New York, 1660–1870* (New York, 1871), 40. Joseph Horton was a son-in-law of John Budd; both were earlier in Southold, Long Island.

A parcel of Land the bounds beginning at the head of a Little creeke & so up a Runn to a great Rock & from thence up the Hill by the field fence to a white oake tree marked with three notches a little without the fence then from the sd white oake South and by west by a marked black oake to a marked beach tree in a Swamp and from the sd beach tree south west and by west by a marked black oake tree girdled and splitt at the topp from thence upon the sd line of southwest and by west to the root of a great chestnut tree lying upon the ground and from the sd chestnut tree upon a straight line the same course to a bounded white oake a little without the field fence and from the sd white oake by a straight line of marked trees toward the creeke by the edge of the salt meadow by the upland, & from thence along by the edge of the salt meadow to the head of the little creeke where the runn of water descends into it being the first bounds together with a dwelling house & orchard upon the sd land with all other edifices & buildings thereon with the fencing and fencing stufte allwayes provided and is reserved that there shall bee a way between the sd runn & the house for Cattle to goe in at a paire of Barrs to the salt meadow behinde the house also a foot path for people with six acres of land behind the Nursery Swamp and two acres and a half of salt meadow bounded at the front by the highway at the Reare by the great Creeke to the Southward by a little creeke with a share of the fresh meadow as it is staked out lying about the hill by the Nursery swamp round the Hammock All which land aforesd being within the bounds of the Mannor aforesd with Commonage answerable to one hundred pound lott being the third part of the lands within the patent laid out for perpetuall Commons with convenient high-ways to the Commons & Meadow & all other Priviledges &c Yeilding & paying &c To the Proprietor John Archer at his Mannor house in Fordham upon every Shrove Tuesday &c And the sd John Archer for himself &c 20 of November 1678.<sup>14</sup>

On the same date, Archer executed other sales of Fordham Manor lands to Thomas Stantham, Roger Barton, Jerimiah Canniffe, William Jones, Jonathan Hudson, and Nathaniel Stevens. Of these other purchasers, at least Stantham,<sup>15</sup> Barton,<sup>16</sup> and Hudson<sup>17</sup> were previous inhabitants of Rye, presumably acquainted with John<sup>1</sup> Conklin.

A portion of the tract that became Fordham Manor in 1671 was included in the patent for Yonkers originally held by Adrian Van Donck.<sup>18</sup> A subsequent patent was granted to Hugh O'Neall and his wife Mary (Van Donck's widow and Elias Doughty's sister).<sup>19</sup> O'Neall then transferred this land to his brother-in-law Elias Doughty, who later sold off portions to John Archer, George Tippetts, William Betts, and John Heddy. Tippetts, Betts, and Heddy are later referred to as owners of three farms that bordered John Archer's land to the north.<sup>20</sup> A later patent<sup>21</sup>

<sup>14</sup> New York Colony deeds, 6:121–22 (N.Y. State Archives, Albany); briefly noted in Harry C. W. Melnick, *The Manor of Fordham and Its Founder* (New York, 1950), 93.

<sup>15</sup> "Records of the Town of Eastchester," 9 vols. (typescript, Eastchester, N.Y., Historical Society, 1964), 2:21 (images, ancestry.com).

<sup>16</sup> Baird, *Chronicle of a Border Town: History of Rye* [note 13], 396.

<sup>17</sup> Frederick Shonnard and W. W. Spooner, *History of Westchester County, New York: From Its Earliest Settlement to the Year 1900* (New York, 1900), 125.

<sup>18</sup> Jerold Seymann, *Colonial Charters, Patents and Grants to the Communities Comprising the City of New York* (New York, 1939), 47.

<sup>19</sup> Seymann, *Colonial Charters, Patents and Grants* [previous note], 432.

<sup>20</sup> Thomas H. Eadsall, *History of the Town of Kings Bridge Now Part of the 24th Ward, New York City* (New York, 1887), 14.



awarded to Thomas Delavall, Fred Phillips, and Thomas Lewis further divided Van Donck's land and mentions a previous transfer to Francis French and Ebenezer Jones of a portion of this land called Mile Square.<sup>22</sup> Much of this land is later encompassed by the land patents awarded for the settlements of Philipsburg and Cortland Manor. As the following genealogical summary shows, John<sup>1</sup> and Elenor (—) Conklin's children were at first settled near these places, and it is obvious that they were acquainted with the individuals mentioned above. The following summary builds on that published by Conklin Mann, adding additional information and sources.

#### GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

JOHN<sup>1</sup> CONKLIN flourished from 1665 to 1678. His wife and the mother of his children, as identified in the probate records for their son Edmund<sup>2</sup> Conklin, was ELENOR —. Land records (discussed above) place him as a resident of Flushing, Long Island, in 1665, then of Rye, Connecticut (later New York), until 1678, with at least a casual appearance in Stamford, Connecticut, that year. Although he was associated, while in Rye and Fordham Manor, with other men originally from Southold, Long Island, Y-chromosome DNA profiles distinguish his descendants genetically from those of John<sup>1</sup> and Ananias<sup>1</sup> Conklin of Southold. In 1678, John Conklin purchased land and a house in Fordham Manor, where he likely settled; no record of further movements has been found. Both John and Elenor (—) Conklin were dead by 1701, as noted in the Rhode Island probate records of their son Edmund<sup>2</sup> Conklin.

Children of John<sup>1</sup> and Elenor (—) Conklin:

- i NICHOLAS<sup>2</sup> CONKLIN, b. ca. 1661 (testified in a land description of 13 April 1714, "aged about fifty three years or thereabouts"),<sup>23</sup> d. after 1724; m. SARAH HUNT, bp. 1673, living 1722, daughter of John and Elsje/Alice (Baxter) Hunt and stepdaughter of Grace Hunt (Grace's 1722 will refers to her "daughter-in-law Sarah Conklin").<sup>24</sup>

As documented by Conklin Mann, Nicholas Conklin settled, in the 1680s, in the Town of Eastchester, and lived there for over thirty years.<sup>25</sup> He is first found as a witness in a 1682 memorandum of a debt from Thomas Veale to William Roe.<sup>26</sup> In 1687, he witnessed two deeds from Joseph Hadley and Mehitabel his wife to Thomas Williams<sup>27</sup> (Mehitabel was the daughter of George Tibbetts; she later married Nicholas's brother John<sup>2</sup> Conklin). In 1689, Nicholas witnessed a land transfer from Hopetil Betts (a Fordham neighbor) to Joseph Lee for 60 acres in Mile

<sup>21</sup> Seymann, *Colonial Charters, Patents and Grants* [note 18], 434.

<sup>22</sup> Seymann, *Colonial Charters, Patents and Grants* [note 18], 435.

<sup>23</sup> Westchester Co. deeds, E:63 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>24</sup> William Smith Pelletreau, *Early Wills of Westchester County, New York, from 1664 to 1784* (New York, 1898), 49–50.

<sup>25</sup> Mann, "John Conklin of Flushing and Rye" [note 2], TAG 26:131–34.

<sup>26</sup> Westchester Co. deeds, A:291 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>27</sup> Westchester Co. deeds, A:204–9 (images, familysearch.org).

Square that Elias Doughty sold to Frances French, Ebenezer Jones, and John Westcott, including land that “Issaac Dickermans sold to John Archer.”<sup>28</sup> On 1 March 1691[1/2], Nicholas witnessed the sale by Nathaniel Underhill and Mary his wife to John Haden Sr. of land near Froggs Neck and Roe (Rose or Row) Hill.<sup>29</sup> (Nathaniel Underhill later m. Mary Hunt, a stepsister of Sarah (Hunt) Conklin, wife of Nicholas.)

In Sept. 1691, Nicholas bought 28 acres of land “in a place known by the name of Mount Hope” from Richard and Mary Headly.<sup>30</sup> The witnesses, Edward and Mary Collier, also witnessed the affidavit filed by the Conklin siblings for probate of the brother Edmund’s estate in Rhode Island. In 1698, Nicholas Conklin signed an oath of allegiance in Eastchester.<sup>31</sup> In the same year, Nicholas Con(c)klin appeared in the Eastchester census, along with his wife, Sarah, and children John, Elias, Edmund, and Sarah.<sup>32</sup>

Nicholas appears in Eastchester land allotment records. One record of 1700 referred to 60 acres of land to be laid out to “Thomas Veal, Nichollas Conkellen, John Larance and Noah Barton.” Another of similar date mentions that Nicholas shall have his division laid out “on the west side of the northeast line of our patten by Brunkes river.”<sup>33</sup> In another Eastchester town record, Nicholas was chosen as assessor for Eastchester along with “Isek Tayeller” for the “ensuing year.”<sup>34</sup>

In May 1701, Nicholas Conklin and his wife, Sarah, sold to Joseph Barton (son of the Roger Barton who had purchased Fordham lands on the same day as John Conklin) “our house and home lot and orchard” with 5 acres of land in the 3rd division of the northeast line of the Eastchester Patent, bounded by Richard Shute and Edward Avery, including a £25 privilege in 15 acres of land lying in an area known as north field. Witnesses were Noah Barton (son of Noah Barton who purchased Fordham Manor land at the same time as John<sup>1</sup> Conklin) and Alec Flockhart.<sup>35</sup> In Nov. 1701, Nicholas bought 120 acres from Samuel Ward “that were purchased from Nathan Adams, formerly given to Adams by Joseph James . . . within a place commonly called the Mile Square.”<sup>36</sup> Nicholas sold the same 120 acres of Mile Square to Noah Barton in 1708.<sup>37</sup>

Nicholas Conklin appeared in Westchester Co. court on 5 May 1712, to “take in his bond” for the appearance of Ann Winn, servant of Joseph Budd, Esq. (grandson of John<sup>1</sup> Budd of Rye, who sold land to John<sup>1</sup> Conklin in 1665).<sup>38</sup> In 1711, 1713, and 1715, Nicholas appeared on the list of jurors for Westchester Co. In 1717 and 1719, Nicholas was a vestryman for the parish of Rye.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>28</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, B:54 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>29</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, B:384 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>30</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, B:96 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>31</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, C:7 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>32</sup> “Census of Inhabitants of the Town of Eastchester, 1698,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* [NYGBR] 38(1907):134–35.

<sup>33</sup> “Records of the Town of Eastchester” [note 15], 3:28.

<sup>34</sup> “Records of the Town of Eastchester” [note 15], 3:21.

<sup>35</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, C:99–100 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>36</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, C:308–9 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>37</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, D:274–75 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>38</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, D:19–20 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>39</sup> *Services in Commemoration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First Election of Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish of Rye, New York: Held in the Parish Church, Thursday, February 28, 1895* (New York, 1895), 83.

Conklin Mann determined that sometime before 1720 Nicholas had moved to Orange Co., N.Y. (which then included all of what later became Rockland Co.), and settled on land known as the Kakiate Patent.<sup>40</sup> Although Nicholas does not appear among the first Kakiate patentees, in 1720 and 1722 his sons John and Edmund were married in the Dutch Reformed Church of Tappan, Orange Co.,<sup>41</sup> with both records mentioning that John and Edmund were “born in Eastchester now living in Kakiate.” In 1724, about 1800 acres of the Kakiate Patent was listed as surveyed to Nicholas Conklin.<sup>42</sup> Individual Orange Co. deeds in which Nicholas sold Kakiate lands include sales of 100 acres to his son Edmund in 1724 (deed recorded in 1746),<sup>43</sup> 200 acres to William Campbell in 1726,<sup>44</sup> and 100 acres to John Palmer in 1727.<sup>45</sup> Additionally, there is a 1724 deed which lists Nicholas among others as “purchasers proprietors & owners of a certain tract of land called and known by the name of Cackiate,” of which 400 acres was sold to Jacobus Brinkherhof and Jacobus Hendricksen Banta.<sup>46</sup>

Children of Nicholas<sup>2</sup> and Sarah (Hunt) Conklin:<sup>47</sup> 1. *John<sup>3</sup> Conklin*, b. ca. 1692; m. 1720, Geertje Depew. 2. *Elias Conklin*, b. ca. 1693; m. 1717, Christina Ecker.<sup>48</sup> 3. *Sarah Conklin*, b. ca. 1695. 4. *Edmund Conklin*, b. ca. 1697; m. 1722, Barbara Hogencamp.<sup>49</sup> 5. *William Conklin*, b. say 1700. 6. (poss.) *Helena Conklin*, b. say 1702. 7. *Isaac Conklin*, b. say 1705. 8. *Joshua Conklin*, b. 2 Oct. 1707; m. Mary Secor.

- ii JOHN CONKLIN, b. say 1663–65; m. (1) MEHITABEL (TIBBETS) HADLEY,<sup>50</sup> m. (2) by 1705, LYDIA — John first appears on 7 Dec. 1694 in records of a distribution from Mehitabel’s deceased husband’s (Joseph Hadley) estate; she was then “now the wife of John Conkline of the Younkers.”<sup>51</sup> John<sup>2</sup> appears in the 1698 census for Fordham with wife Mahetabell and four children, Josuf, John, Mahetabell, and Chearrate [i.e. Charity].<sup>52</sup> Also appearing in the same census are John Archer, Samuell “hichkocks” (Mehitabel’s stepfather), “Joarge Tippit” (her brother), Samuell Betts (Mehitabel’s uncle or cousin), Thomas “Sherred” (Sherwood), and “Ebinnese Joes” (Ebenezer Jones). Sarah Sherwood and Ebenezer Jones both signed as witnesses for the affidavit of John<sup>1</sup> Conklin’s children for their brother

<sup>40</sup> Mann, “John Conklin of Flushing and Rye” [note 2], TAG 26:133.

<sup>41</sup> Tappan and Clarkstown Dutch Reformed Church records (Holland Society of N.Y.) (images, ancestry.com).

<sup>42</sup> George Budke, *Abstracts of Early Deeds, Patents, Mortgages and Other Instruments Affecting the Land Titles of Rockland County* (New York, 1975), unpaginated.

<sup>43</sup> Orange Co., N.Y., Deeds, C:52.

<sup>44</sup> Orange Co. Deeds, B:270.

<sup>45</sup> Orange Co. Deeds, B:297.

<sup>46</sup> Orange Co. Deeds, B:337.

<sup>47</sup> Further treated by Mann, “John Conklin of Flushing and Rye” [note 2], TAG 26:134, 234–40.

<sup>48</sup> Tarrytown, Dutch Reformed Church records (Holland Society of N.Y.) (images, ancestry.com).

<sup>49</sup> Tappan and Clarkstown, Dutch Reformed Church records (Holland Society of N.Y.) (images, ancestry.com).

<sup>50</sup> Mann, “John Conklin of Flushing and Rye” [note 2], TAG 26:135.

<sup>51</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, B:196 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>52</sup> “Census of Inhabitants of the Town of Eastchester, 1698,” NYGBR 38(1907):134–35. Of these children, Joseph and Mehitabel were almost certainly Hadleys, children of their mother’s first marriage to Joseph Hadley (William Solyman Coons, “The Tibbits or Tibbets Family,” NYGBR 50[1919]:354–64, at 364).

Edmund's Rhode Island probate. By the time of the baptism of John's child Lewis in 1706, John was married to a second wife, Lydia (—).

No direct land records for John<sup>2</sup> Conklin are found. There is, however, mention of a 1699 transfer of 75 acres by John Conklin—presumably John<sup>2</sup>—to Jacobus Van Cortland, noted in a description for a 1719 deed from George Tippetts (brother of Mehitabel) to Jacobus Van Cortland.<sup>53</sup> At or after this time, he presumably moved to Philipsburg, where he was appointed tax collector in 1717.<sup>54</sup>

There is also a presumption that John Conklin, like his brothers Nicholas and Samuel, was in Orange Co.: In a 1712 census, “Jan Kunkelyen” was among the householders in “Orange Towne,” with 3 males under 16, one female 16–60, one female under 16, and one slave.<sup>55</sup> On 27 Feb. 1707[8], John Conklin witnessed a deed in Bergen Co., N.J. (disputedly overlapping with Orange Co., N.Y.).<sup>56</sup>

Children of John<sup>2</sup> and Mehitabel (Tibbetts) (Hadley) Conklin (1698 Census):<sup>57</sup> 1. *John Conklin*. 2. *Charity Conklin*.

Children of John<sup>2</sup> and Lydia (—) Conklin:<sup>58</sup> 3. *Lewis Conklin*, bp. 25 March 1706. 4. *Joseph Conklin* (again), bp. 1 June 1708. 5. *Hendrick Conklin*, bp. 21 March 1710/1. 6. *Maritie Conklin*, bp. 4 Nov. 1713. 7. *Helena Conklin*, bp. 19 June 1716. 8. *Lydia Conklin*, bp. 21 April 1719. 9. *Annatie Conklin*, bp. 30 Aug. 1722. 10. *Jannetie Conklin*, bp. 4 Sept. 1725. 11. *Jonathan Conklin*, bp. 27 April 1722.

- iii KATHERINE/CATALYNTJE KONKLIN, b. say 1667; m. GERRIDT/JOCHIM VAN WAERT of Philipsburg. They are frequently found in the records of the Dutch church of Tarrytown, where their children were baptized and where they sometimes sponsored or witnessed the baptisms of children of Katherine's sisters and brothers.

Children (birth order uncertain):<sup>59</sup> 1. *Helena van Waert*, b. May 1692. 2. *Jan van Waert*, bp. 21 April 1697. 3. *Jannetje van Waert*, b. ca. 1700. 4. *Jochem van Waert*, b. ca. 1701. 5. *Jochem van Waert*, b. ca. 1702. 6. *Margaret van Waert*, bp. 28 March 1705[6]. 7. *Jacob van Waert*, bp. 26 May 1714. 8. *Christina van Waert*. 9. *Gerrit van Waert*. 10. *Abraham van Waert*. 11. *Marytje van Waert*. 12. *Jacob van Waert*.

- iv EDMUND KONKLIN, b. say 1672, d. 1701. Not seeing a man of his name in Westchester Co. records, Mann presumptively placed the contemporary Edmund Conklin who is seen with a maritime career (including the picturesque privateering case of the ship *Prophet Daniel* in 1698, summarized by Mann and also mentioned elsewhere in print) as a son of John, “because Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Deliverance<sup>2</sup>, and Samuel<sup>2</sup> each named a son Edmund”<sup>60</sup>—a presumption vindicated with the discovery of Edmund's Rhode Island estate records. Mann also tentatively assigned to this Edmund a son, Tobias Conklin, who appears in Westchester Co. in the succeeding years. Edmund's Rhode Island estate papers show that he had no surviving wife or children, and the correct placement of Tobias Conklin—if he belongs in this family—remains unresolved.

<sup>53</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, E:301 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>54</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, D:71 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>55</sup> “List of Inhabitants and Slaves in the County of Orange,” *Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County, New York* 12.2(1997):19.

<sup>56</sup> John David Davis, *Bergen County, New Jersey Deed Records, 1689–1801* (Bowie, Md., 1995), 1.

<sup>57</sup> Children explored further in Mann, “John Conklin of Flushing and Rye” [note 2], TAG 26:136–37, 240–44.

<sup>58</sup> Philipsburg Dutch Reformed Church records (Holland Society of N.Y.) (images, ancestry.com).

<sup>59</sup> David Cole, *First Reformed Record Book of the “Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow,” Organized in 1697 and Now the First Reformed Church of Tarrytown, NY* (Yonkers, N.Y., 1901), *passim*.

<sup>60</sup> Mann, “John Conklin of Flushing and Rye” [note 2], TAG 26:137–38.

- v DELIVERANCE CONKLIN (male), b. Rye, probably ca. 1672, d. Philipsburg, N.Y., ca. 1752.<sup>61</sup> His marriage record indicates he was of Rye when he registered an intention to marry on 2 Sept. 1695, at the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam;<sup>62</sup> he m. 2 Oct. 1695, ENGELTJE BUCKHOUT/BOECKHOUT, daughter of Matthys Janszen and Elizabeth (Ellsworth) Boeckhout of Lower Yonkers and Sleepy Hollow.<sup>63</sup> The same Reformed Dutch church records show the baptism of a daughter, Helena, on 28 Oct. 1696.<sup>64</sup> Deliverance and Engeltje then moved to Tarrytown, where the baptism of a son, John, is recorded in 1700.<sup>65</sup> Further children were baptized in the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown church (no baptism for their son Matthys has been found). Deliverance was a deacon of Sleepy Hollow Church from 1718 to 1735. He and his wife, Engeltje, appeared there many times as sponsors at other Sleepy Hollow baptisms. Among these was one in which he was a witness with Antje Kenniff (Antje was daughter-in-law of Jeremiah Canniff, who had purchased land in Fordham Manor at the same time as John<sup>1</sup>). The last appearance of Deliverance and Engeltje was on 29 Nov. 1736, when they were sponsors for their grandson Deliverance<sup>4</sup> Conklin, son of Abraham<sup>3</sup> and Maritje (Brouwer) Conklin. MacKenzie surmised that Deliverance probably lived on the lower part of the Pocantico River on the 305-acre leasehold later occupied by his grandson David Conklin.<sup>66</sup>

Children of Deliverance<sup>2</sup> and Engeltje (Boeckhout) Conklin: 1. *Helena Magdalena*<sup>3</sup> Conklin, bp. Haarlem, N.Y., 28 Oct. 1696. 2. *Matthys Conklin*, b. ca. 1698. 3. *John/Jan Conklin*, bp. 20 Aug. 1700. 4. *Edmund/Heydeman Conklin*, bp. 10 March 1704[/5]. 5. *Deliverance Conklin*, bp. 22 Aug. 1705. 6. *Engeltje Conklin*, bp. 22 Aug. 1705. 7. *Catherina Conklin*, bp. 16 Aug. 1710. 8. *Abraham Conklin*, bp. 12 March 1712[/3]. 9. *Sara Conklin*, bp. 25 May 1714.

- vi MARY (MARRITJE) CONKLIN, b. say 1674, d. between 1714 and 1717; m. (as his 1st wife) BARENT DUYTSE/DUTCHER of Philipsburg; he m. (2) 29 Dec. 1717, Kirkje (Smit) Lammerse. Walter Kenneth Griffin's compiled genealogy of the Dutcher family documents the Conklins' continuing presence in eighteenth-century Philipsburg, including the baptisms of Dutcher children at Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow, many with Mary's Conklin sisters or brothers as sponsors.<sup>67</sup>

Children of Barent and Marritje<sup>2</sup> (Conklin) Duytser, bp. Tarrytown, recorded by Griffin: 1. *Helena*<sup>3</sup> Duytser, bp. 1701. 2. *Johannes Duytser*, bp. 10 March 1704[/5]. 3. *Margrietje Duytser*, bp. 13 Aug. 1706. 4. *David Duytser*, bp. 2 Nov. 1708. 5.

<sup>61</sup> Mann, "John Conklin of Flushing and Rye" [note 2], TAG 26:138, reporting "several manuscript genealogies" with no source.

<sup>62</sup> Samuel S. Purple, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York: Marriages from 11 December, 1639, to 26 August, 1801*, Collections of the NYGBS, 1 (New York, 1890), 80.

<sup>63</sup> Howard S. F. Randolph, "The Elsworth Family of New York City, with the Related Families of Rommen-Romme-van Langstraat, and Romme," NYGBR 64(1933):160. Engeltje was also the sister of Jan Boeckhout (Terry Street, "Jan Boeckhout (John Buckhout) of Mespath Kills, Newtown, Queens Co., N.Y." [typescript, 1999, [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~streeter/buckhout.pdf](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~streeter/buckhout.pdf)]).

<sup>64</sup> Thomas Grier Evans, *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York: Baptisms from 25 December, 1639, to 27 December, 1730*, Collections of the NYGBS, 2 (New York, 1901), 239.

<sup>65</sup> Cole, *First Reformed Record Book of the "Old Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow"* [note 59].

<sup>66</sup> Unpublished notes of Grenville C. MacKenzie, Westchester Co. Archives, Elmsford, N.Y.

<sup>67</sup> Walter Kenneth Griffin, "The Dutcher Family: To the Births of the 5th Generation, . . ." NYGBR 41(1910):44-54, 109-20, 240-55, at 51-52.

- Helena Duytser*, bp. 25 March 1712. 6. *Barent Duytser*, b. 15 Aug., bp. 12 Oct. 1714.
- vii SAMUEL CONKLIN, b. say 1676, d. perhaps before 1745, when his son Deliverance Conklin married and moved to Wawayanda.<sup>68</sup> As documented more fully by Mann, Samuel m. (1) 4 May 1701, ANNATJE JOACHIMS VAN WEERT, daughter of Joachem and Christina (Jans) Van Woerd of Flatbush, and sister of Gerridt Van Waert, husband of Samuel's sister Katherine; m. (2) by 1709 (1st child baptized), IMMETJE HEW or HAY. Mann states that around 1700, Samuel moved to the south bank of Murderer's Creek (Moodna Creek), Cornwall, Orange Co., N.Y. Samuel witnessed two important Indian deeds in Orange Co. for land included in the Wawayanda Patent in 1702/3 and the Cheesecocks Patent in 1703.<sup>69</sup> This, along with his listing in the 1702 census of Orange Co., indicates that he was among the earliest settlers in that area.<sup>70</sup>
- Child of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Annatje Joachims (VanWeert) Conklin:<sup>71</sup> 1. *Rachel<sup>3</sup> Conklin*, bp. Sleepy Hollow, 19 Aug. 1702.
- Children of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Immetje Hew (Hay) Conklin (all except 4 bp. Quassaic Church): 2. *Peter Samuel Conklin*, bp. 19 July 1709. 3. *John Conklin*, bp. 19 July 1709. 4. *Deliverance Conklin*, bp. Dutch Church, New York City, 3 Sept. 1714. 5. *Edmund Conklin*, bp. Sept. 1717. 6. *Catherine Conklin*, bp. 20 June 1718.
- viii JOSEPH CONKLIN, b. say 1680; m. REBECCA HYATT, descendant of Thomas Hyatt, of the founding settlers of Stamford, Conn.<sup>72</sup> Mackenzie says that Joseph and Rebecca settled in Philipsburg before 1701, where they lived next to Thomas Hughson.<sup>73</sup> Joseph was appointed an assessor for Philipsburg in 1718.<sup>74</sup>
- Children of Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Rebecca (Hyatt) Conklin, recorded at the Dutch Church of Sleepy Hollow: 1. *Maritie<sup>3</sup> Conklin*, b. say 1705. 2. *Jan/John Conklin*, bp. 25 March 1707. 3. *Joseph Conklin*, bp. 29 June 1709. 4. *Abraham Conklin*, bp. 17 Jan. 1711[2]. 5. *Isaac Conklin*, bp. 24 March 1713[4]. 6. *Helena Conklin*, bp. 25 May 1714. 7. *Janet Conklin*, bp. 23 April 1717. 8. *Jacob Conklin*, bp. 21 April 1719. 9. *Thomas Conklin*, bp. 8 April 1721. 10. *Gilbert Conklin*, bp. 4 Sept. 1725.
- ix SARAH CONKLIN, named in Edmund Conklin's will of June 1701 but not in the probate affidavit later that year; presumably therefore d. in or shortly before 1701.

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<sup>68</sup> Mann, "John Conklin of Flushing and Rye" [note 2], TAG 26:139–42.

<sup>69</sup> Cheesecocks deed, Orange Co. Deeds, B:451 (images, familysearch.org); Wawayanda deed, Orange Co. Deeds, B:23–24 (images, familysearch.org).

<sup>70</sup> George Budke, "Family groups in the 1702 Orange County Census," *The Rockland Record* 2(1931–32), reprinted online, dutchdoorgenealogy.com.

<sup>71</sup> Mann, "John Conklin of Flushing and Rye" [note 2], TAG 26:142.

<sup>72</sup> Mann, "John Conklin of Flushing and Rye" [note 2], TAG 26:142–43.

<sup>73</sup> Unpublished notes of Grenville C. MacKenzie [note 66].

<sup>74</sup> Westchester Co. Deeds, D:58 (images, familysearch.org).