

EARLY NEW YORK HISTORY WITH ANCESTOR ARRIVALS

- 60,000-15,000 years ago stone age people crossed from Siberia to Alaska on land bridge
25,000 years ago the last glacier was gone
14,000 years ago paleo indians lived in north America
7,000 to 1,000 BC archaic hunters lived (paleo indian descendents) ancestors of iroquois
1001 Lief Erickson founded colony in Newfoundland (Vinland) Site located in 1960
986 Herjulfson, Norse navigator from iceland to greenland driven by storm to Labrador (no landing)
1007 Thor Finn sailed from Greenland to what is now Rhode Island
1492 Columbus discovered Cuba and Haiti
1497 Amerigo Vespucci lands at Cape Hatteras, NC Cabot discovered Labrador and saw North America
1524 John Verazzani (France) discovered NY bay and landed. First europeans to see NY
1535 Cartier discovered St Lawrence river. Found Mohawks living in Montreal
1570 Algonquin indians drove Mohawks out of Montreal to Vermont until 1600 Iroquois confed formed
1580 Gangaono (pre Mohawk) indians first arrived in Mohawk valley from Vermont
1600 Iroquois nation under control of Adirondack tribe and rebelled in war. Were defeated by Adirondacks and resettled on Mohawk river near Ft Plain and big nose below Sprakers.
1607 Samuel de Champlain (France) explored St Lawrence river and discovered lake Champlain gave guns to indians for first time to enable algonquin indians to defeat Iroquois who they were fighting at that time. Iroquois hatred for French started
1609 Henry Hudson (Dutch East India Co of Holland) discovered the Hudson river to Albany and traded with New Jersey indians. Also Champlain shot at Mohawks for first time at Crown Pt
1610 Mohawks located in Ft Plain in 3 villages
1612 New Amsterdam (Dutch) was established on the tip of Manhattan island. The whole area was called New Netherlands. A trading post and small fort was erected. A peace treaty was signed with the 5 nations of indians (Iroquois). Fur trade with NY indians started.
1613 Dutch traders start trading at Albany
1615 Champlain and Huron indians battle the Oneida (or Onondaga) indians at nichols pond (Cazenovia)
1621 Holland granted new charter to Dutch West India Co to colonize for 20 years
1623 Holland sent ^{ship} to colonize Albany built Ft Orange there
1626 new Gov arrived from Holland. bought Manhattan from indians for \$24 plus trinkets
1630 ancestor John E Van Epps born in Schenectady. Married Eliazbeth Bouw 6 children
1633 Dutch and English fur traders in dispute. Dutch Gov ejects english with ship
1634 1300 Mohawks were living in the Ft Plain - Nelliston area
1638 The new Dutch Gov started cruelty to indians and war started
1642-1666 Mohawk indians living near Fultonville and Sprakers but all villages were burned in DeTracys raid from Canada in 1666. Indians suffered great losses & never recovered
1642 first white men see lake George where Jesuit father Jogues and companions Gou-ill and Coutre were taken over the lake as prisoners of Mohawks. All were tortured, maimed and bleeding
First French and indian war ended: (war of 1642)
1643 ancestor Evertszen Wessel and Gertie Bouwkens married 15 Mar in NYC (from Holland)
1644 ancestor Lambert Van Valkenburg bought house and 50 acres near bowry in NYC
1645 Dutch made peace treaty with indians Gov who started war recalled
1647 ancestor Lambert Van Valkenburg received grant from Dutch West India Co to a lot south of Ft Amsterdam (NYC)

- 1647 new Dutch Gov Peter Stuyvesant arrived in NYC
- 1648 ancestor Evert Wessels born in NYC. married Jannetje Claes Jansen in 1671
- 1650 3000 Oneida indians lived in their territory but dwindled down to 126 by 1850 Iroquois (5 nations) at this time a terror to all surrounding tribes and overran the country of the Hurons on the east shore of lake Huron. Jesuit father Ragueneau wrote "my pen has no ink black enough to describe the fury of the Iroquois"
- 1652 A municipal government was established in Manhattan
The Iroquois exterminated the Erie tribe along the southern shore of lake Erie
- 1654 Jesuit missionary father Simon LeMoyne from Canada was the first white man to discover salt springs near Onondaga lake with help from friendly indians
- 1664 King Charles II of England granted all land from Conn to Delaware to his brother the Duke of York. The dutch colonists in manhattan and Albany were not willing to fight the English and surrendered their lands. New Amsterdam became New York and Fort Orange at Albany was called Albany. About 6000 inhabitants were involved.
- 1666 1500 French and adirondack indians successfully invaded mohawk country and destroyed 3 castles. The mohawks never fully recovered.
- 1663 ancestor Hendrick Klock was born. He was a mohawk valley pioneer 10 children died age 97
- 1659 a terrible indian smallpox plague at auriesville castle
- 1662 Arendt Van Curler led settlers from Ft Orange to establish a settlement at Schenectady
- 1673 A dutch force regains possession of NYC from the English. Iroquois conquer and destroy indian ancestor Evertzen Wessel baptized in NYC. Married Susanna Van Theinhoven 1692 in NYC
- 1674 English take back NY Duke of York commissions Maj Andros as Gov
- 1668-1693 The defeated Mohawk indians built 3 new castles west of Fonda in 1668 which were burned in 1693 by a raiding party of 625 french and indians (Tionondogue battle) This was a terrific night battle with 30 french killed plus 300 mohawks captured and unknown numbers killed. On the return to Canada the party was overtaken by Col Schuyler and the Albany militia and 50 mohawks were freed in battle. The Mohawks then cooked and ate some of their enemy. An unsuspecting Col Schuyler was invited to eat and fished out a frenchmans hand from the pot and lost his appetite and departed. The Mohawks never fully recovered. Survivors lived at Tribes hill from 1693 to 1700.
- 1676 ancestor Jochem VanValkenburg was living in Kinderhook. had 2 wives 10 children
- 1683 Maj Andros fired as troublemaker. Gov Dongan appointed. 1st colonial assembly of NY convened. Counties established
- 1684 ancestor Evert Van Epps born 12 children probably in Albany.
ancestor Lambert VanValkenburg born in Kinderhook. was married 1773 in Albany
- 1686 French and indian war again broke out until 1695 with 14 years of peace prior
- 1687 French invade Seneca country and erect Ft Niagara. Seneca indians drive out french
- 1689 900 Mohawk warriors swept up lakes George and Champlain to St Lawrence Forts Henry Frey (no relation) from Switzerland built a log cabin at what is now Palatine Br which was the first dwelling built in the wilderness.
- 1690 ancestor Johannes Schaffer Sr born. was a freeholder in Schoharie in 1763. died in 1777 French Gov Frontenac of Canada sent a force to Schenectady which massacred all settlers After Schenectady massacre in Feb, Lt Desthelene and his force was chased by Maj Peter Schuyler with 200 whites and a band of mohawks and took 15 prisoners on lake Champlain In May, the first american congress met at the old fort in NYC and authorized a joint expedition from the colonies under Gen Winthrop who in July marched north to Albany and Saratoga to lake Champlain and raided canadian settlements at Laprairie
- 1691 Maj Schuyler with 260 troops and 80 mohawks again raided Laprairie in Canada.
- 1693 Gov Frontenac attacked- mohawks from Montreal and took 300 prisoners. Albany militia responds and retakes 50 prisoners.
- 1690's Gov Frontenac sent DeVaudreuil with 700 soldiers and indians and fought Oneidas at Oneida Castle

- 1696 Gov Frontenac attacks onondaga indians through Oswego and then west. Iroquois attack Canada as 5 nations force.
 ancestor Luykas Wesselse born in NYC. Married Annetje Schel in NYC 1719
 ancestor Pieter VanValkenburg born. Parents married in Albany in 1693
- 1697 War ends between France and England. English Capt Kidd turns to piracy and conceals his booty on long island. caught by english and executed
- 1700 All Roman catholic priests banished from New York by british. Disobedience punished death ^{by}
- 1709: ancestor Johann Philip Fuchs (Philip Fox) immigrated from Germany to NYC.
 Queen Annes's war began between England and France until 1713. Peace lasted 31 years
- 1710 ancestor Johannes Klock born. son or brother of Hendrick Klock. Kept black african slaves
- 1709 Queen Anne of England sent over to America 3000 Palatine germans to help settle the wilderness. They worked at livingston manor on the hudson river
- 1701-1713 The Henry Frey log house (Pfalatine Br) was used as a fortified British army post called Flrt Frey during Queen Anne's war in 1701-1713. A stone house was built and stockaded in 1739 and was westernmost colonial fort but was not original Ft Frey.
- 1710 ancestor John Peter Wagner arrived in NYC from Germany. He went to Schoharie Co and then to Mohawk valley. He and others received a deed from indians in 1722. Read his bio
- 1710 ancestor Hartman Windecker arrived from Germany and went to Schoharie then to Mohawk valley. He recieved a deed from indians daten 1730 to land in Minden.
- 1710 ancestor Casper Getman (born 1673) arrived in NYC although could have died on way over because wife Maria was listed as head of family on ration list of Gov Hunter in 1710
- 1710 ancestor William Nellis Sr arrived from Germany to east camp on hudson river then settled in Schoharie Co briefly. Fought in war against French in 1711. Married Magdalena Klock? in 1715. Recieved land patent from gov't for meritorious military service in 1723 (Stone Arabia pztent). Wife Magdalena born in Holland. see bio. ^{POSSIBLY MARRIED ANA SABINA DYGERT NOT MAGDELENA OR IN ADDITION TO MAGDEL EWA}
- 1710 ancestor John Evert Van Epps born in Glen (near Amsterdam)
- 177? ancestor Heinrich Fallinger (Henry Failing) born 1684 arrived in Canajoharie from Gernany via England and Livinston Manor (on hudson river) and Schoharie Co
- 1711 English attaaked Quebec with 4000 men and failed. Over 1000 men lost in shipwrecks
- 1711 ancestor Johannes Schaeffer thought to be a volunteer from Palatine to Canada in the war against the french. Born in 1690. Was a freeholder in Schoharie in 1763. Read bio
- 1713 Treaty of Utrecht ends war between France and England. French ceded supremacy to English. Indian hostilities ended. Tuscororas driven out of N Carolina by whites and resettled near Oneida lake at invitation of Oneida indians. 5 nations become 6.
- 1715 ancestor Fredrick Getman became naturalized citizen in Albany. Settled Stone Arabia 1720 was born in 1693 in Germany. Son of Casper. settled in Stone Arabia in 1720. see bio
- 1715 ancestor Johannes Empie naturalized. Moved from NYC to Schoharie. Parents also Naturalized
- 1717 ancestor Johannes Schaeffer Jr born at Schoharie was Rev war ensign 1767
- 1721 ancestor Luykas Wessels born in NYC. Owned 60 acres on manhattan island 1750-1760
- 1715 ancestor Warner Dygert naturalized at Albany. Owner of Stone Arabia patent born before 1665 ^{Germany}
- 1718 ancestor John Failing born in NY
- 1722 ancestor Jurgh Herscheimer (Herkimer) and wife Magdalena, son Col Johan Jost and daughter Magdalena arrived in Mohawk Valley from Germany. read bios
- 1722 An indian trading post was established at Oswego by the English. The French became angry and rebuilt Ft Niagara after approval of Onondagas which was opposed by other tribes
- 1721 English settlement swagem established and 1727 Gov Burnet built Fort Oswego there
- 1723 ancestor Geo Getman born. son of Frederick 5 children died 1789 soldier in Rev war
- 1723 ancestor Ludwig Nellis born at Stone Arabia 8 children Rev war vet battle Lampmans field

- 1722 discontented under british rule, many palatine families pushed up the mohawk river west of Ft Plain ^{cherry, vall} ^{german flatts}
- 1723 ancestor Jacob Kraus came from Germany and settled in Ft Plain and married Catherine Nellis. This was the first known wedding in Ft plain
- 1725 ancestor John Dievendorf, born 1700 in Switzerland, arrived in Canajoharie district. Was one of the original settlers on the mohawk river west of Ft Plain
- 1738 ancestor John Empie Jr born possibly in Stone Arabia. Lived in Sharon after 1800. Died 1810 ^{age 80}
- 1740 ancestor John J Klock born. was in battle of Oriskany 10 children died in 1810
- 1741 ancestor Evert Van Epps born in Fultonville. prisoner in Rev war wounded battle of Oriskany
- 1742 ancestor Johannes Schaeffer born lived in Schoharie Co 12 children
- 1740 War again declared between France and England. War resumed north of Albany with the French and Indians. French garrison at Crown Point on lake Champlain attacked and burned Saratoga with all inhabitants killed or taken prisoner. Fort at Hoosic surrendered.
- 1744 ancestor Nicholas Horning signed a deed for additional land for Stone Arabia church
- 1746 1600 Colonial militia attacked the french at Crown Point and Montreal but failed
- 1748 peace was concluded ending hostilities
- 1754 French and indian war began
- 1754 ancestor Luke Wessels born in Schodack NY married 1779 lived in flat creek (see bio)
- 1748 ancestor Henry John Failing born in Canajoharie. Wounded in battle of oriskany
- 1751 ancestor Fredrick Getman born probably in Stone Arabia Capt Rev war stagecoach driver
- 1754 ancestor Conrad Fritcher Sr born somewhere in NYS taken prisoner to Canada in Rev war ⁸ child
- 1755 -1759 last french and indian war
- 1747 ancestor John Jacob Dievendorf born at Canajoharie. in battle of oriskany 12 children
- 1755 Sir Wm Johnson began his military operations at head of lake george that summer. Changed name of lake from lac St sacrement to lake george, and won victory over french and indians under Baron Dieskau
- 1756 Gen Washington was sent to Ohio with troops and was turned back by french leaving the area west of the alleghenies (Pittsburg) to the french traders only. French Capt DeLery was sent to Canada with 300 french troops from Montreal to attack the fort at Rome on the Oneida portage between the mohawk river and wood creek and killed or captured the garrison which was caught by surprise. French Gen Montcalm attacked Ft Ontario when the garrison ran out of ammo and retreated across the Oswego river to Ft Oswego which surrendered with 1600 men. The Iroquois 6 nations supported the french and deserted the english.
- 1757 Fort Wm Henry with 2200 men surrendered to Gen Montcalm after 6 day seige. Ft demolished
- 1758 English army of 9000 provincials (colonists) and 7000 regular troops fail to attack Ft Ticonderoga with 4000 french troops under Montcalm
- 1759 Ft Oswego repulses french and indian attack and 3000 french and indians defeated at Ft Niagara. Gen Amherst with 12000 men attacked Ft Ticonderoga and the french garrison withdrew to Crown Point which also surrendered to Gen Amherst. The french army was defeated by the english at quebec.
- 1760 A french army of 10,000 defeated an english army of 7000 at Quebec but arrival of english fleet forces a retreat to montreal, which surrenders leaving all Canada to Engl; and
- 1762 ancestor John L Nellis born at Stone Arabia Rev war in battle of Lampmans field
- 1763 France cedes all possessions in Canada to England. End of french and indian war
- 1762 ancestor Peter Kilts naturalized at Albany. lived in the town of Palatine
- 1764 Treaty of Paris signed officially ending the french and indian war
- 1765 ancestor George Horning born near Canajoharie. in battle of oriskany 3 brothers killed
- 1767 ancestor John Saltsman born in Montgomery Co was a farmer in palatine
- 1770 first battle fought between british troops and local citizens at Golden hill

- 1771 ancestor Elizabeth Getman born. Married John Saltsman 1790 4 children father Fredrick
- 1774 Sir Wm Johnson held last great council with Iroquois and died at his home at Johnstown
- 1773 ancestor John J Klock Jr born 3 wives buried 1852 at Morristown NY
- 1775 ancestor Adam Plank (1736-1815) commenced rent from Sir Wm Johnson on 100 acres of land west of Johnstown. Later recieved land grant of 170 acres from Sir Wm. Became naturalized citizen in 1771. Was a Pvt in 3rd reg't NY state militia. Date arrived from Germany unk.
- 1775 British troops kill patriots at Lexington Mass and started as. erican revolution. Continental congress organized. Ft Ticonderoga and Crown Point captured by patriots. Geo Washington appointed commander in chief. NY ordered to raise 3000 men. NYC cannonaded by british warship. Mohawk indians leave homes along the mohawk river to join the canadian british army
- 1776 10,000 british troops with 40 cannon defeat patriots in brooklyn. Gen Washington and remaining troops escape long island rto Manhattan which was taken by Gen Howe and 4000 troops. Americans retreated to Harlem.
- 1777 NY provincial congress approves the declaratrion of independence and adopted the state constitution. Geo Clinton elected Gov
- 1778 In Oct the settlers of Cherry Valley were massacred by Brandt and his tory and indianraider
- 1779 ancestor Peter Empie born in the town of Sharon. Married Catherine Lehman. Lived in Sharon
ancestor Peter I Nellis born in Palatine. Was a farmer in oppenheim Died age 37
- 1780 ancestor Conrad Fritcher Sr of Sharon captured by indians near Ft Ehle, a mile south of Canajoharie and taken to Canada. Married in 1783. wife Polly's gravestone found in the FDritcher cemetery near Slate Hill opposite Wesley C Planck farm. He must be there too.
- 1780 ancestor Wm Werner Dygert (born 1720) was shot and scalped by indians on his farm near the Herkimer homestead at the bottom of Fall hill during Brant's raid on Ft Plain. The Tryon Committee of Safety met at his house, which is why they killed him.
- 1781 British Commander Lord Cornwallis surrendered to Gen Washington at Yorktown ending military threat to the americans.
- 1782 ancestor Gertrud Charity Shaver born. She married Godfrey Planck 1802. lived near Sharon in log cabin
- 1783 Revoludtionary war offically ends
- 1783 Pg 358 of the book Border Warfare of NY during the revolutionis the following: " It was the computation 2 years before the close of the war, that one third of the population had gone over to the enemy, and that one third had been driven from the country or slain in battle, and by private assassination. And yet among the inhabitants of the other third , in June 1783 it was stated at a public meeting held in Ft Plain that there were three hundred widows and 2000 orphan children. No other section or district of country in the United States, of like extent, suffered in any comparitive degree as much from the war of the revolution as did that of the Mohawk. It was the most frequently invaded and overrun and by an enemy far more barbarous than the native barbarians of the forest"