

# Cornelius Janse Pootman

Known also as Cornelius Potman, Putman, and Putnam

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Cornelius Johannes Pootman, or Putman, was born in Schenectady, NY, about 1685, and was the youngest son of Johannes Pootman and Cornelia Arentse Bradt. It seems that occasionally, descendants of Cornelius J. Pootman used that last name Poortman or Portman, particularly those of his son Teunis.

Cornelia Bradt, Cornelius J. Pootman's mother, was the daughter of Arent Andriese Bradt and Catalyntje Andriese De Vos. Arent De Vos was at one time the magistrate for the patroon of Rensselaerwyck, which was located along the upper Hudson River in the current State of New York.

Cornelius Pootman's siblings were probably born in the following order: Arent Janse Pootman, Victor Janse Pootman, David Janse Pootman (or Pateman), and Maria Janse and Catalyntje Janse Pootman.

Following the Dutch naming pattern, Arent Janse Pootman was named for his maternal grandfather—Arent Bradt; since Victor was not used in the children's material side, Victor was named for a paternal, or Pootman, grandfather; David, it seems, was named for a paternal great grandfather; and Cornelius was named, it seems, also for a paternal great grandfather probably Johannes Pootman's mother's father.

Maria Johannes Pootman seems to have been named for after Johannes Pootman's mother while Catalyntje Janse Pootman was named for her maternal grandmother, Cornelia Bradt's mother who was Catherine De Vos.

Cornelius Johannes Pootman married Jacomyntje Teunise Viele the daughter of Teunis Pieterse Viele and Elizabeth Janse Van Eps the daughter of Johannes Dirckse Van Eps.

Jacomyntje Viele was baptized April 11, 1694, at the Dutch Reformed Church. Her witnesses were Gysbert Garret Van Brockelen and Elizabeth Janse [Van Eps?].

Teunis Pieterse Viele's father was Peter Cornelius Viele who married Jacomyntje Teunise Swart. Jacomyntje Teunise Swart was a daughter of Teunis Corneliuse Swart and Elizabeth Johannes Dirk Van Der Linda.

Peter C. Viele and Jacomyntje Swart had two sons—Teunis and Lowys Viele and a number of daughters.

In 1670 Peter Cornelius Viele in company with Elias Van Gyseling purchased Bastion de Winters farm in Schenectady.

Pearson in *Genealogies of the First Settlers of Schenectady* says that just before coming to America Bastion was a native of Middleburg, Zealand, and arrived here about 1662. He became sick in 1670 and returned to Middleburg to sell property. Before leaving, he sold his house lot in Schenectady and his farm on the Groot Vlachte (Large Flats) to Jan Labadie, Joris Aertse Van Der Bast, and Elias Van Guysling. He intended to return to Middleburg but died before he was able to leave. So, it seems that Peter Cornelius Viele purchased what was also called Forte's Island. Jan Labadie was called Van Der Forde while Joris Aertse it seems was also called Van Der Voerd.

It maybe the ancestor's of the Pootman family were from Voerde, Germany, where there were a number of Pootman families in the early 1600s.

"Genealogies of the First Settlers of Schenectady" says that Peter Cornelius Viele's brother, Cornelius Cornelison, was also an early settler in Schenectady where in company with Claas Frederickse Van Petten, he bought Marten Cornelise Van Isselsteyn's farm or bowery in 1668. In 1670 he sold his moiety consisting of 12 morgens, 130 rods, with house, barn, two ricks, and garden, to Jurian Teunis Tappen of Albany taking in exchanged a house and lot in Albany on the west corner of State and Pearl Streets. In 1671 he was a licensed tapster, or innkeeper, in Schenectady. His wife was Suster ....., and they had children: Arnout, Cornelis, Pieter, Vokert, Jannetie, and Debra wife of Daniel Ketelhuyn.

The Van Petten, Van Eps, Bradt, and it seems the Johannes Pootman were employed in the brewing trade. Johannes Pootman worked for Philip Hendrickse Brouwer [Brewer] and in 1664 Jan Dirckse Van Eps purchased the property of Brouwer.

The family name Viele seems to refer to sail making or vellum. The Viele family likely were weavers of vales or sails. Victor Johannes Pootman, Cornelius Pootman's brother, was known to be a weaver.

Early on in early Schenectady Pootman family, the given name Jacomyntje was only seen in the descendants of Cornelius Johannes Pootman and Jacomyntje Peter Viele, which aids in identifying their descendants.

Cornelius Pootman held a position as freeholder in the Village of Schenectady in 1720 when the census was taken. On one side of him in the census was Daniel Danielson who appears to have been the son of Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen. On the other side of Cornelius Janse Potman was Samual Hagadoring.

According to tradition, Cornelius and Jacomyntje Potman removed to Schoharie Creek not far from Fort Hunter in 1724.

In the year 1730, Cornelius Janse Potman contributed 3 guilders to help build the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY. The church was probably at that time the only Dutch Church east of Albany, NY.

It seems that Cornelius was connected with the Indian or fur trade. Aernoudt Cornelius Viel, Cornelius Putman's uncle-in-law was a famous interpreter of the Indian languages and was a free trader who went as far west as Mackinaw Island, Michigan. Also, Elizabeth Janse Van Eps, Cornelius Potman's mother-in-law was a sister of Jan Baptist Van Eps who was also an Indian trader, and we see Cornelius' son Teunis providing rum to Sir William Johnson, and Indian agent, about 1769. Cornelius Potman's son Johannes was killed with a group of Native People on an excursion into Canada, near Montreal, in 1747. Cornelius had other son who are unaccounted for and who may have died in the trade.

Cornelius' son Arent, who married Clara Veeder, was a butcher in the Commissary Department during the Revolution, and Cornelius' daughter Catherine married Ludovicus Clement a member of the British Indian Department. His sons Teunis and Lewis married granddaughters of Jan Dirckse Van Eps, which shows that this side of the Putman family seems to have supported the Indian trade of Western New York.

Perhaps, Cornelius Potman's children were known as Poortman's as they may have been carters or porters of supplies into and out of the west.

### **Children:**

- 1. Cornelia.** She was baptized November 14, 1713, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 2. Teunis.** He was baptized March 31, 1716, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 3. Elizabeth.** Elizabeth was baptized December 30, 1717, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 4. Johannes.** He was baptized March 18, 1720, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 5. Lewis.** Lewis was baptized December 1, 1722, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.
- 6. Maritie.** Mary was baptized March 14, 1724.

**7. Catalyntje.** Catalyntje was born May 4, 1724, and baptized May 5, 1726, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

**8. Jacob.** He was born July 6, 1729.

**9. Margarita.** She was born January 13, 1732, and baptized January 30, 1732, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

**10. Eva.** Eva was born December 16, 1734, and baptized December 22, 1734, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

**11. Arent.** Arent was baptized July 31, 1736, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

**12. Gysbert.** Gysbert was baptized June 28, 1741, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

## **Cornelia (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Cornelia Corneliuse Potman was baptized November 14, 1713, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. As her sponsors, she had Arent Janse Pootman, her paternal uncle, and Maritje Bradt.

August 1, 1734, Cornelia married Johannes J. Barheit, the son of Jeronimus Barheit and Catharine Janse Gilbert.

At the baptism of Cornelia's son Teunis Barhiet, Teunis Poortman was a sponsor. Teunis Poortman was Cornelia's younger brother.

Johannes Barheidt was born in Albany, NY, and baptized May 16, 1703, in Albany at the Dutch Reformed Church.

John Barheit and Cornelia Potman lived in Schenectady, NY

### **Children:**

**1. Johannes.** John was born in 1735 and baptized June 7, 1735.

**2. Cornelia.** Cornelia was born in 1737 and baptized December 21, 1737.

**3. Catherine.** She was baptized 14 June 1740 and married Charles Dennison.

4. **Teunis.** He was born in 1742 and baptized October 30, 1742.
5. **Eva.** Eva was born in 1744 and baptized November 25, 1744. She married John Coman.
6. **Jacomyntje.** She was born in 1747 and married Wouter I. Vrooman.
7. **Annatje.** Anna was born in 1750 and baptized June 10, 1750 and married William Hall.
8. **Jacobus.** Jacob was born in 1753 and baptized February 9, 1753. He married Maria Bovie.
9. **Lowys.** Lewis was born in 1755 and baptized December 21, 1755, and married Elsie Barheit.

## **Teunis (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Teunis Corneliuse Pootman was baptized March 31, 1716, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

Teunis' sponsors at his baptism were Gysbert Van Brooklyn and Grientien Pootman. It appears that Grientien was Gretje Mabie Pootman, the wife of Uncle Victor Johannes Potman.

Teunis Pootman was named for his maternal grandfather Teunis Viele.

On October 20, 1750, Teunis C. Putman married Rebecca Arentse Van Antwerpen, the daughter of Arent Van Antwerpen and Sara Janse Van Eps.

Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen was the first of the family to be recorded in the records of New Netherlands, now New York. The Van Antwerpen family gained its family name from the town in Belgium called Antwerp.

It appears Rebecca's father, Arent Danielse Van Antwerpen, was the son of Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen.

In a baptismal record in Schenectady, New York, in 1742, for a child of Johannes Barheit and Cornelia Pootman, Teunis used the last name Poortman.

When the 1763 Schenectady Census began a record, Teunis Corneliuse Pootman and Rebecca Arentse Van Antwerpen lived in the area called Schenectady, NY.

During the American Revolution, Teunis Cornelius Pootman served in the Second Albany County Militia, which included people from Schenectady.

Lewis Cornelius Potman, Teunis' brother, also served in the Second Albany County Militia.

Tradition tells us that Teunis and Rebecca eventually removed to Town of Glen, NY, Montgomery Co., NY, which is located just a short distance west of Schenectady and west of Schoharie Creek.

[One note says: Teunis Corneliuse Pootman died in 1782 in the Town of Glen during the conflicts of the American Revolution. This may not be true.]

### **Children:**

1. **Sarah.** Sarah was born 3 May 1751.
2. **Jacomyntje.** She was born 23 April 1753.
3. **Cornelius.** He was born 15 May 1755.
4. **Daniel.** Daniel was born 15 June 1758.
5. **Johannes.** John was baptized 2 October 1760 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
6. **Johannes.** John was baptized 20 May 1762 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
7. **Arent.** Arent was baptized 10 March 1766 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

## **Elizabeth (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Elizabeth Corneliuse Potman was baptized December 30, 1717, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

Elizabeth's sponsors were Arent Daniel [Van Antwerpen] and Elizabeth Van Voorst.

Elizabeth Potman married Cornelius Abrahamse Groot.

Cornelius was a son of Abraham Symonse Groot and Hester Harmon Vissher.

## Children:

- 1. Abraham.** Abraham was baptized March 11, 1740, at Queen Anne's Church at Fort Hunter. Witnesses were Abraham Groot and William Groot.
- 2. Jacomyntje.** She was baptized March 20, 1743, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. Witnesses were Cornelius Pootman and Jacomyntje Vile.
- 3. Simon.** Simon was baptized November 17, 1745, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. His witnesses were Frans Van Der Bogard and Hester Groot.
- 4. Hester.** She was baptized November 24, 1751, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. Her witnesses were Phillip Reyly and Hester De Graff.
- 5. Eva.** Eva was baptized September 3, 1754, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. Her witnesses were Johannes Potman and Margarita Potman.
- 6. Cornelius.** Cornelius was baptized January 23, 1757, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. Witnesses were Johannes Barhuyt and Cornelia Barhuyt.

## Johannes (Cornelius, Johannes)

Johannes Corneliuse Potman was baptized March 18, 1720, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

Victor Johannes Pootman and Trientien Vedder were baptismal sponsors for Johannes C. Potman.

Unfortunately while a young person, Johannes met with a tragedy that effected both the Potman family and other residents of the Mohawk River.

As a resident of Albany County and while serving as a soldier in the Albany Militia, Johannes took part in a war skirmish that took place on the St. Lawrence River in the northern part of the Colony of New York.

Johannes was only 27 years of age when on June 26, 1747, he and his small group of few soldiers encountered a war party of French Canadians on the St. Lawrence River that had as its leader the Indian Chief Hendrick. The opposing party consisted of about thirty Indian soldiers.

Johannes Potman and his small group of soldiers were returning from a military walk into Canada. Just upstream of Montreal at Bush Island, Hendrick's war party surprised the small band of American soldiers.

During first flurry of gunfire, nine of Hendrick's soldier and four of the New Yorker soldiers fell. The looses on the American side included Cornelius Van Slyck, Johannes Pootman, and Le Roy and Gott Hendrick.

The rest of the New York band and the Canadians escaped.

It appears that Johannes C. Putman did not leave any children.

## **Lewis (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Lowys, or Lewis, Potman, was the third son of Cornelius Janse Pootman and Jacomyntje Viele.

Lewis Cornelius Pootman was baptized December 1, 1722, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

Cornelius Van Der Volgen and Elizabeth Peek serve as his sponsors.

January 3, 1747, Lewis married Sarah Arentse Van Antwerpen. Both were then residents of Schenectady.

Sarah was a daughter of Arent Danielse Van Antwerpen and Sara Janse Van Eps. Both Lewis and Sarah were residents of Schenectady, NY, at the time of their marriage.

Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen was the immigrant ancestor to American of the Van Antwerpen family. It appears Arent Danielse was a son of Daniel Janse Van Antwerpen.

The Van Antwerpen family came to American from Antwerp, Belgium in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

When the American Revolution to place, Lewis Cornelius Potman served as a soldier in the Second Albany County Militia.

Being a member of the Albany Militia places Lewis as a resident in Albany County, which then included the area of Schenectady, NY.

Lewis C. Potman's brother Teunis C. Potman was also served as a solder in the Second Albany County Militia during the American Revolution.



I cannot place Lewis in the 1763 Albany Census nor in the 1790 New York Census.

Lewis was also known as Louis Potterham.

### **Children:**

- 1. Cornelius.** Cornelius was baptized June 14, 1747, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 2. Sarah.** Sarah was baptized December 24, 1749, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 3. Arent L.** He was baptized July 10, 1751, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 4. Jacomina.** Jacomina was baptized December 26, 1753, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 5. Johannes.** John was baptized October 7, 1756, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.
- 6. Sarah.** She was baptized October 21, 1759, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

## **Mary (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Maritie, or Mary, Potman was baptized March 14, 1724, at the Dutch Reformed Church in the City of Schenectady.

She had as her sponsors Johannes Van Vorst and Maritie Vroman.

Maritie Corneliuse Potman married Johannes Claes Van Vranken.

Johannes Claes Van Vranken was a son of Claes Gerritse Van Vranken and Geerty Pieterse Quackenbos.

Van Vranken seems to mean "From France."

Johannes Claese Van Vranken was baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in Albany, NY.

### **Children:**

1. **Jacobus.** Jacob was born about 1753.
2. **Geertruyd.** Gertrude was born about 1756.
3. **Prob. Others.**

## **Catherine (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Catalyntje Corneliuse Potman was born May 4, 1724, and baptized June 5, 1726, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

Jan Baptist and Lena Glen were sponsors at her baptism.

Catalyntje Potman married Lodovicus Cobus Clement.

Lodovicus was a son of Joseph Janse Clement and Anna James Peek and born November 30, 1725.

Lodovicus, or Lewis, and Catalyntje Potman were married June 21, 1748. During the American Revolution they were Loyalists.

Before the American Revolution, Lodovicus and Catalyntje were residents of Tribes Hill, NY, which is situated near the north bank of the Mohawk River.

They lived on a farm, which was contained about three hundred acres, sixty of which had been cleared for cultivation.

As a Loyalist, Lewis found service with the British in England's American Indian Department.

At the beginning of the war, the Department assigned Lewis to a position as a lieutenant and interpreter.

The Clement family removed to Canada during the early part of the American Revolution and settled in Niagara Township, Lincoln County, Ontario.

Lewis as an interpreter until 1781 when he died.

American Patriots in the Mohawk Valley were composed mostly of local Whigs during the early part of the war. The Putman's were known as staunch Whigs.

In 1776, American forces captured Joseph Clement and place him in prison.

A short time later, they released him and allowed him to return to his home in Canada.

By 1777, with thirty or fifty Mohawk Indians, Joseph joined the British General . Burgoyne's Regiment.

Joseph served under Burgoyne until 1779, and in 1779 the British commissioned Joseph a Lieutenant in the Indian Department.

Joseph's younger brothers were John and James Clement. They also went to Canada in 1780.

John Clement like his brother and father also became a lieutenant in the Indian Department.

James became a volunteer for the British.

Cathy Potman reportedly died in 1807 in Niagara Township, Lincoln County, Ontario, in Canada.

### **Children:**

**1. Joseph.** Joseph was born October 24, 1750, and baptized October 28, 1751, by a missionary of the New York Trinity Church. He married Mary Margaret Duffet May 9, 1784 in Montreal, Ontario. He died in Niagara in 1812.

**2. Elizabeth.** She was born about 1762 and married Samuel Thompson in Niagara, Ontario.

**3. Mary Anne.** Mary was born about 1769. She married Andrew Butler about 1792 in Niagara. Mary died May 23, 1804.

**4. Jacomyntje.** She was baptized 9 March 1755 by a missionary of the New York Trinity Church.

**5. John Potman.** John was born December 21, 1759, and died February 11, 1845, in Niagara. He married first about 1779 Margaret Chrysler and second Mary Base.

**6. Jacob.** Jacob was born November 18, 1761, and baptized January 9, 1762, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Stone Arabia, Montgomery Co., NY. Jacobus means James so this Jacobus must have died young before James Jacobus was born.

**7. James Jacobus.** James was born July 15, 1764, and baptized August 4, 1764, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady. He married in 1786 Catherine Chrysler in Niagara, Ontario, Canada. He died March 3, 1813, in Niagara.

## **Jacob (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Jacob Cornelius Putman was baptized July 6, 1729, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

Jacob married a Anna Staats, perhaps Davis. Staats in Dutch means lists, sometimes will. Schaats means to skate. Staats may also mean treasurer.

He may have been living in 1784 in the County of Montgomery, NY, a bit west of Schenectady according to *History of Montgomery County*, by Sims.

There was a Jacob Potman who lived in the area of Schenectady when the 1763 Albany Census came out who may have been Jacob Cornelius Potman.

Perhaps, Jacob C. Potman had a son John Jacobse Potman.

There is a John Putman in Watervleit Town, Albany County, during the 1790 New York Census who is on that record next to Jacob Van Vranken. Jacob Van Vranken may have been John Putman's uncle.

## **Margaret (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Margarita, or Margaret, Cornelius Putman was born January 13, 1732, and baptized January 30, 1732, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

July 17, 1758, at the same church, the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady, Margarita Potman married Jacob Claese Van Vranken.

Jacob was a son of Class Gerritse Van Vranken and Gerty Pieterse Quackenbush.

Claes Van Vranken and Geety Putman lived northeast of Schenectady, NY, in the village of Niskayuna. This was an area where early Putman's resided for many years.

It may be that Jacob Van Vranken and Margaret C. Putman were in the Town of Waterfriet during the 1790 New York Census where John Putman next door to them.

### **Children:**

- 1. Class.** He was baptized February 15, 1761, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY, and died July 20, 1837.
- 2. Cornelius.** Cornelius was baptized October 11, 1767, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.
- 3. Petrus.** Peter was born July 18, 1773.

## **Eva (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Eva Cornelius Putman was born December 16, 1734, and baptized December 22, 1734, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

Eva Putman's sponsors were Andries Van Petten and Maykie Ten Eyk.

## **Arent (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Arent Cornelius Putman was baptized July 31, 1736, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

April 18, 1763, Arent C. Potman married Claartje, or Clara, Harmonse Vedder.

Claartje was a daughter of Harman Corset Vedder and Tryntje Dirk Heemstraat who lived in Niskayuna, NY, a small village situated at the northeast of Schenectady on the road from Schenectady to Albany, NY.

During the American Revolution, Arent C. Potman was a soldier in the New York Line and served two years in the Commissary Department in Schenectady, NY.

When the United States took the 1790 New York Census, Arent C. Putman and his wife Clara Vedder resided in Schenectady, NY, in the area then called South of the Mohawk.

According to Arent C. Putman's Revolutionary War pension application, when Arent died, his wife, Clara, and his two children, Jemima and Christian, were then his survivors.

Christian died a short time later.

Clara Vedder died in March 1837 in Niskayuna, NY, at the age of ninety-six.

At the time of her death, she had but one surviving child—Jemima who married John C. Clute.

The court did not uphold Jemima's claim to her father's pension.

### **Children:**

- 1. Cornelius.** Cornelius was baptized June 15, 1764, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.
- 2. Cornelius.** He was baptized December 25, 1767, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.
- 3. Catarina.** Catarina was baptized April 16, 1769, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.
- 4. Jacomyntje.** Jacomyntje was baptized August 18, 1771, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.
- 5. Christian.** He was baptized December 25, 1774, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

## **Gysbert (Cornelius, Johannes)**

Gysbert Cornelius Putman was baptized June 28, 1741, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

Gysbert's sponsors included Jacobse Vedder and Maria Voorman.

Gysbert C. Putman may not have married and may not have had children.

## **Sarah (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Sarah Teunis Potman was the eldest child of Tunis C. Potman and Rebecca Van Antwerp and was born in May 1751 and baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady, NY.

Much of what we know about Sarah Potman comes from "The Cromwell and Lewis Families of the Mohawk Valley," (NYGBR, 1910).

About 1746, Sarah married John Lewis who during the American Revolution served as a sergeant in the 3rd. New York Regiment commanded by Col. Frederick Fisher.

John Lewis inherited much of his father's land.

On October 24, 1781, just after the funeral of Frederick Putman's [probably a second or third cousin] mother, a British party under Ross and Butler captured John Lewis near the Mohawk River and placed him in prison.

"The Cromwell and Lewis Families of the Mohawk Valley," NYBGR, 1910, describes a noted, almost tragic event that Sarah Potman Lewis experienced during the Revolution:

Sarah Lewis was once walking through the woods near her home carrying her infant son, David, when she met a Tory accompanied by one or more Indians. The Tory seized the child and was about to dash out his brains against a tree, but a less cruel Indian took the baby from the Tory and gave him back to his mother.

On May 10, 1806, John Lewis and Sarah Potman conveyed to Samuel Allen for \$1,250, 152 acres of land in Lot 15 of the Otsego Patent in Otsego Co.

Peter Lewis, John and Sarah's oldest son, remained on the Lewis Homestead after his father.

Peter took care of his parents as they grew old.

John and Sarah died between 1819 and 1829 reportedly within a period of four years.

Relatives and friends buried both on the farm on a hill on the river flats, which was located not far from Yatesville, NY, on the Mohawk River.

There was a bridge across the Mohawk River directly back of the house, and later the State of New York build part of the Erie Canal along a piece of ground just behind the John Lewis and Sarah Potman home.

### **Children:**

- 1. Peter.** Peter was born 22 November and baptized 17 December 1773. Sponsors were David Lewis and Maritje Lewis.
- 2. William.**

**3. Rebecca.** Rebecca was born August 20, or 21, and baptized 21 September 1778 with sponsors were William and Elizabeth Luis.

**4. David.** He was born 11 November and baptized 16 November 1780. His sponsors were Cornelius Putman and Maria Van Sand.

**5. Teunis.** Teunis died without issue after 1800 and probably before 1818.

**6. Jacomyntje.** She was born 21 February and baptized 26 February 1786. Sponsors were Johannes T. Putman and Jacomyntje Putman. Jacomyntje died young: Her sisters often spoke of her, even when they were old, calling her by the English equivalent of her name, Jemima, when they spoke English. At the time of her death, her younger sister Sarah, then a small child, not understanding the sad faces and the handkerchiefs wet with tears, dipped her own little handkerchief in a tub of water and displayed the well soaked result to the rest of the family with the pride of successful rivalry. Sarah's favorite pet name for her own small granddaughters, long afterward, was "little Jemima." ("The Cromwell and Lewis Families of the Mohawk Valley," *NYGBR*, 1910)

**7. Sarah.** Sarah was born 28 April 1790.

## **Jacomyntje (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Jacomyntje was born 23 April 1753 and baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

She married first Alexander Van Eps November 1, 1788. Jacomyntje probably died before 1796.

In 1796, Alexander Van Eps married second Margarita Folmer.

### **Children, by Alexander Van Eps:**

**1. Jan Baptist.** He was born 2 January 1788.

**2. Rebecca.** She was born 29 July 1792.

### **Alexander Van Eps' Children by Margarita Folmer:**

**4. Alexander.** He was born 1 May 1797.



## **Cornelius (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Cornelius Teunise Potman was born 15 May 1755 and baptized 20 May 1755 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

Cornelius T. Potman married Maritje M. Van Vorst. The name Vorst means forest.

Maritje was a daughter of Jan Baptist Van Vorst.

Cornelius Teunise Potman served in the Second Albany County Militia during the American Revolution.

In the 1790 New York Census, Cornelius Putman is listed as Cornelius Portman.

Cornelius and his wife Maritje Van Vorst were residents of Glenville, NY.

Cornelius T. Potman made his first will January 22, 1822, in which he wrote of his wife Maria Van Vorst, his son Jan Baptist, and his daughter Rebecca who was the wife of Thaddeus Bolt.

Cornelius made his last and second will July 20, 1824.

Cornelius died 20 July 1824 in NY.

### **Children:**

- 1. Jan Baptist.** He was a twin born December 22, 1782. Apparently, died in infancy.
- 2. Daniel.** He was a twin born December 22, 1782. May have died before 1822.
- 3. Jan Baptist.** Jan was born September 29, 1784.
- 4. Rebecca.** Rebecca was born July 19, 1787. She married Thaddeus Bolt.

## **Daniel (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Daniel was born 15 January 1758 and baptized 21 May 1758 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

Daniel may not have married nor have had children.

## **Johannes (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Johannes Putman was baptized October 2, 1760, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

He died as an infant.

## **Johannes (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Johannes Teunise Potman was baptized 20 May 1762 by a missionary of the New York Trinity Church.

John T. Potman married Machteld M. Vedder.

He was a soldier during the American Revolution and served in the Second Albany County Militia.

In his will dated 13 February 1821 and proved 6 March 1821, Johannes mentioned his sister, Jemima Van Eps, and brother, Cornelius.

Johannes may not have had children.

John T. Putman died in February 1821.

## **Arent (Teunis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Arent Teunise Putman was baptized 10 March 1766 at the Dutch Reformed Church of Schenectady.

Arent T. Putman may not have had children.

## **Cornelius (Lewis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Cornelius Lowys Putman was baptized June 14, 1747, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady.

His sponsors were Cornelius Groot and Elizabeth Potman.

Cornelius may not have had children.

## **Sarah (Lewis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Sarah Lowyse Putman was baptized December 24, 1749, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

Sarah's sponsors were Wessel Wesselse and Maria Van Antwerp.

Sarah died before 1759.

## **Arent (Lewis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Arent Lowyse Putman was baptized July 10, 1751, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

His baptismal sponsors were John Van Antwerpen and Lena Wendel.

Arent Putman married Rebecca De Garmo, whose family came from France, February 28, 1772, and lived one mile north of Fonda, NY, on the road north to Johnstown.

During the American Revolution, Arent L. Putman served under Captain Thomas Brower Banker in the Second Albany County Militia.

Arent died August 1, 1830, in Fonda, NY, which is located on the north bank of the Mohawk River in the center of Montgomery County, NY.

### **Children:**

- 1. Sarah.** Sarah was baptized October 17, 1773.
- 2. Johannes.** Johannes was baptized August 6, 1775.

**3. Lewis.** He was born November 17, 1777 and baptized November 23, 1777, at the Dutch Reformed Church in the Town of Caughnawagua in Montgomery County, NY.

**4. Annatje.** Anna was baptized April 9, 1780.

**5. Matthias.** He was baptized November 4, 1781.

**4. Cornelius.** Cornelius was baptized April 18, 1784. Cornelius did not marry.

**7. Matheus.** Matthew was baptized January 18, 1787, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

**8. Aaron.** Aaron was born May 17, 1793, and baptized June 16, 1793.

**9. Ellen.** Ellen was born in 1795.

## **Jacomina (Lewis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Jacomina Lowyse Potman was baptized December 26, 1753, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

Jacomina had the following sponsors at her baptism: Teunis Potman, her uncle, and Rebecca Van Antwerp, her aunt.

On October 7, 1769, Jacomina Potman married Cornelius Van Alstyne at the Dutch Reformed Church in Stone Arabia, which was located in the Town of Palatine, in Montgomery County, NY.

Cornelius Van Alstyne and Jacomina Potman may have been recorded in the Town of Mohawk, in Montgomery County, NY, during the 1790 New York Census.

The area in which Cornelius Van Alstyne is located in the 1790 New York Census is just south, a short distance, from the Town of Palatine, which is located on the north side of the Mohawk River just above the then Town of Mohawk.

The name of Town of Mohawk was later changed and assigned to a township on the north side of the Mohawk.

Listed in the area in which Cornelius Van Alstyne live were John and Charles Van Eps; Nicholas, Martin, and Jacob Gardener, [Cornelius Van Alstyne,] Cornelius Hardenburg, and Henry Riker.

It seems that Jacomina father, Louis Potman was also known as Louis Potterham, and in the same area in which Cornelius Van Alstyne lived there were a few Potters who it seems may have been Jacomina's father and brothers.

## **Johannes (Lewis, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Johannes Lowys Potman was born January 7, 1756, and baptized October 7, 1756.

Johannes Potman's sponsors at his baptism were Cornelius Van Antwerp and Margaret Van Antwerp.

John L. Potman married Elizabeth Vedder, who was a daughter of Harman Vedder and Trientje Heemstraat.

Elizabeth was born January 1, 1757, and baptized February 27, 1757.

Johannes L. Putman served in the American Revolution as a lieutenant in the Continental Army.

Johannes was present October 17, 1777, during the surrender of British General John Burgoyne to the American General Horatio Gates. The surrender took place in Saratoga, NY.

Perhaps, John L. Potman went occasionally by the name of Potter. There was a John Potter in the Town of Mohawk, Montgomery County, New York, listed in the 1790 New York Census with members of the Van Alstyne family nearby.

Johannes L. Putman died November 25, 1811.

### **Children:**

- 1. Jacomyntje.** Jacomyntje was baptized August 17, 1783, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.
- 2. Lowys.** Lewis was born November 20, 1784, and baptized December 5, 1784, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna, NY. Witnesses at Lewis' baptism were Aaron Potman and Rebecca De Garmo.

**3. Harmon.** Harmon was born May 15, 1787, and baptized June 10, 1787, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady. Harmon married Peggy Wheaten.

**Children:**

**1. John.** John was born June 15, 1816, and baptized July 28, 1816, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna, NY.

**2. Rueben.** He was born August 11, 1817, and baptized September 21, 1817, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna, NY.

**3. Cornelius.** Cornelius was born June 22, 1820, and baptized July 16, 1820, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna, NY.

**4. Sarah.** Sarah was baptized December 9, 1788, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna

**5. Isaac.** Isaac was born November 27, 1790, and baptized December 25, 1790, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna, NY. His witnesses were Isaac Vedder and Sarah Borts. Isaac died as an infant.

**6. Isaac.** Isaac was baptized March 17, 1796, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Niskayuna.

**7. Cornelius.** Cornelius was baptized October 9, 1799, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Amsterdam, NY. He married Eliza, or Elizabeth, Anne Johnson December 2, 1820, in Chenango Co., NY. She was born October 1, 1802, in Chenango County, NY. Her parents were Barnet Johnson, Jr., and Rebecca Corle. Cornelius Putnam died in Shiawassee Co., MI, August 21, 1861. Eliza died also in Shiawassee Co., MI, but on November 29, 1863, two years later.

**Children:**

**1. Ruth.** She was born July 3, 1823, and died in infancy.

**2. Irene.** Irene was born January 27, 1825, and also died in infancy.

**3. Barent Johnson.** Barnet was born January 25, 1826.

**4. John Cornelius.** John was born May 8, 1828.

**5. George Winfield.** He was born November 4, 1830.

**6. Ezekiel T.** Ezekiel was born February 10, 1833.

7. **Peter J.** Peter was born 25, 1836.

## **Sarah (Lowys, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Sarah Lowyse Putman was baptized October 21, 1759.

Jacobus, or James, Van Seysen and Sarah Van Seysen were her sponsors.

Sarah Putman may have married Peter Dumod April 17, 1786.

## **Cornelius (Arent, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Cornelius Arent Putman was baptized April 15, 1762, at the Reformed Dutch Church in Schenectady, NY.

Cornelius died at the age of three years.

## **Cornelius (Arent, Cornelius, Johannes)**

Cornelius Arent Putman was baptized January 25, 1767, at the Reformed Dutch Church in Schenectady, NY.

Cornelius Putman married Ms. Vosburg.

According to the Revolutionary War pension application of Cornelius' father Arent Putman, dated 24 August 1850, Cornelius died before his father died or before 1837.

### **Children:**

1) **Annatje.** Annatje was born August 6, 1790.

2) **Jannetje.** Jannetje was born August 12, 1798.

3) **Poss. Margaret.** She was born about 1804.

## Catherine (Arent, Cornelius, Johannes)

Catarina Arent Putnam, also known as Catherine, was baptized April 16, 1769, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

According to her father's Revolutionary War pension application in 1837, Catherine died before Clara, her mother, made her application for Arent Cornelius Putman's Revolutionary War Pension.

Catherine died before 1837.

## Jacomyntje (Arent, Cornelius, Johannes)

Jacomyntje Arentse Putman, also known as Jemima, was baptized August 18, 1771, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

Jacomyntje married John G. Clute in 1807.

When Jacomyntje applied for her father's Revolutionary War pension, August 24, 1850, she was then a resident of Schenectady, NY, and reported her age as seven-six years old.

### Children:

- 1. Meriah.** She was born November 28, 1807, and baptized December 6, 1807, at the Reformed Dutch Church in Niskayuna.
- 2. Clary.** She was born September 30, 1811, and baptized November 10, 1811, at the Reformed Dutch Church in Niskayuna.
- 3. Gerrit.** Gerrit was born May 7, 1813, and baptized May 30, 1813, at the Reformed Dutch Church in Niskayuna.

## Christian (Arent, Cornelius, Johannes)

Christian Putman was baptized December 25, 1774, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Schenectady, NY.

On October 12, 1796, Christian married his first wife Cataline Peek.



In 1800, Christian married his second wife Catalyntje Bradt.

Christian Putman lived in Amity, New York. Christian and Catalyntje's son Nicholas Fisher was born July 24, 1805, and was baptized September 12, 1805, at the Dutch Reformed Church in the Town of Amity, Saratoga County, NY.

Christian's uncle and aunt Cornelius and Eliza Putman also removed sometime after their marriage in 1820 to the Town of Amity in Allegheny County, NY. Cornelius later removed to Shiawassee Co., MI.

When the 1810 New York Census was taken, Catalyntje Bradt and Christian Putnam were then residents of Saratoga Co.

Christian's father, Arent Cornelius Putnam, died previous to 1837 on which date the survivors were Arent's wife—Clara—and his two children: Jemima and Christian.

In Arent Corneliuse Putnam's Revolutionary War pension application, submitted by Christian's sister Jemima in 1850, she named Christian Potman as her brother and a child of Arent C. Putman then deceased.

It appears Christian Putnam died between 1837 and 1850.

#### **Children, by Catherine Peek:**

1. **Arent.** Aaron was born December 22, 1796, and died young.
2. **Arent.** Aaron was born January 28, 1799.

#### **Children, by Catalyntje Bradt:**

3. **Jacomyntje.** Jacomyntje was born October 23, 1801.
4. **Nicholas Fisher.** Born July 24, 1805, Nicholas was baptized September 12, 1805, at the Dutch Reformed Church of Amity, Saratoga Co., NY.