

Jeremiah Carpenter – Jane Shears – Elizabeth Anderson
Emails of January 21, 2021 from Mary Vukman

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From: Mary Vukman <4marytrees@gmail.com>
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Sent: Thu, Jan 21, 2021 3:16 pm
Subject: Jeremiah's wife and his mother

Hi, John and Carol.

I started writing this a long time ago. I will call it finished now and send it off to you.

I have concluded that Jane Shears was Jannetje Shearer. She was baptized 27 May by the Galatin Church pastor, who had to cover a lot of territory. She lived in the same part of Dutchess County NY where Timothy Carpenter lived. He was said to be of Little Nine Partners. Her family was associated with the Pine Plains/Mt. Ross Dutch church. Both families seem to have moved away before the Revolution, but they may have still been friends.

Jane's mother was Jannetje Hooghteeling. Her Dutch ancestors had been in Albany and the Hudson area from the mid-17th century. They appear in church and civic records. I have a lot of these Hooghteelings and Cools and Van Noortstrands in my DNA matches, with various spellings. That gives me some confidence that I am on the right track.

Jane's father was from the German Palentine refugee family of Hans Theobald Scherer. By the time Roeloff was born, these Germans refugees were struggling to make a living wherever they could. In 1755, Roeloff was in the Dutchess County militia---the area where his brothers lived. I have given him the 1727 baptism for William Christopher Scherer. No one appears by that name after the baptism. I am guessing that Roeloff went to find work in the Roeloff Jansen Kill area where there were mills and farm land, and was given the Dutch nickname Roeloff. I might be wrong about that, but it seems that the Palatine church records were pretty complete at that time, so his baptism was probably not missed.

I have two DNA matches that go right back to Hans Theobald Scherer. Also, there was a William Shearer in Stillwater NY after the Revolution. He is thought to have been a grandson of Hans Theobald, and therefore would have been Jane's cousin. This William was in the Albany 14th militia with Jeremiah Carpenter during the war, and Stillwater is very near Pittstown. That might have something to do with Jeremiah and Jane's marriage. I have not been able to find where Roeloff Scherer ended up.

John commented that the names of Jeremiah's children do not match with the names of Roeloff Shearer's children, although, as he noted, we do not know the names for four of Jeremiah's girls. His first daughter was named Nancy, and I think that might have been used as a name similar to Jannetje ("Yankee"). In English usage, it is a nickname for Ann. I don't know that these people used traditional naming patterns, anyway. When my ancestor was born, Jeremiah and Jane

wanted to name him Jonathan after the doctor, but the doctor said to name him instead after someone famous, so he was named George Washington Carpenter.

Other Scherers in their areas were called "Shears" in their marriage records. I have hunted around a lot for our Jane Shears. I have really not found any possibilities besides Jannetje Shearer. As I said, the DNA matches give me enough confidence to make this a working theory. If we ever find those four unnamed daughters, we might do better.

Love,
Mary

Jane Shears family

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/6047870/person/-1356166710/facts>

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Jannetje Sherer Shears

1760–1815

Birth 1760 • Dutchess County, New York, USA

Death ABOUT 1815 • probably Pompey NY

Facts

Birth

1760 • Dutchess County, New York, USA

Said by past Carpenters to have been born in Dutchess County. The Palatine Scherers there (Pine Plains) were sometimes called Shears. Mary Vukman settled on the connection to these parents after finding no other possibilities in the area.


1760

(AGE)

Baptism

27 May 1760 • Gallatin, Columbia, New York, USA

church AKA Greenbush, but NOT in Renns. County

 1760

 **Birth of Brother [Johan Hendrick Shearer Shears](#) (1763–)**

1763 • New York, USA

1763

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 **Birth of Sister [Rachel Sherer Shears](#) (1764–)**

1764 • New York, USA

1764

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 **Birth of Brother [Roeloff Rudolph Sherer Shears](#) (1766–)**

1766 • New York, USA

1766

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 **Birth of Brother [Abraham Shearer Shears](#) (1768–)**

1768 • Pine Plains, Dutchess, New York, USA

1768

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 **Birth of Sister [Cathrina Sherer Shears](#) (1770–)**

1770 • New York, USA

1770

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  **Marriage**

about 1781