

## Individual Narrative of Francis<sup>5</sup> Way [32] Son of James Way and Hannah<sup>4</sup> Leverich [11]

Francis Way was born on 27 May 1719 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. James Riker's *Annals of Newtown* identifies Francis as the son of James Way and Hannah Leverich, and cites his birth date without attributing a source. Riker's manuscript notes provide the following general reference: "Family Registers taken from the records of Newtown". Francis was presumably named for his paternal grandfather Francis Way.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Francis Way married Elizabeth Gorsline, daughter of Jose Gorsline and Elizabeth Alburdis, on 5 Apr 1741 at Newtown, Queens, New York, at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth Gorsline was born 18 June 1721 at Newtown. The birth date is cited by *Settlers of the Beekman Patent*, without providing a source. Jose Gorsline's will, proved in New York County surrogate in 1772, names a daughter Elizabeth, wife of Francis Way. Samuel Gorsline, a brother of Elizabeth, was the husband of Martha<sup>5</sup> Leverich [23]. Joseph Gorsline, also a brother of Elizabeth, was the husband of Sarah<sup>5</sup> Leverich [26].<sup>5,6</sup> Francis Way appears on the tax lists for the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York for the years 1748, 1753-1763, 1765-1775, and 1777-1779. The earlier years clearly pertain to Francis Way Sr. The later years could be either Francis Way Sr or his son Francis Way Jr, who was born about 1750.<sup>7</sup>

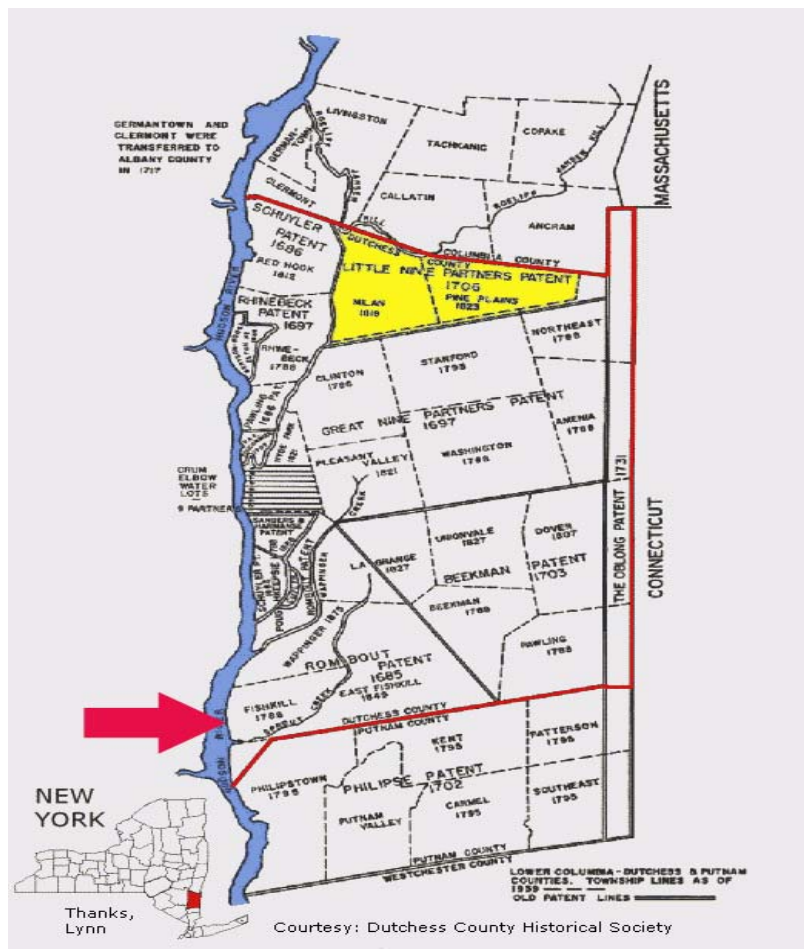


Exhibit 1: Dutchess County, New York

A return made August 15, 1775 at the house of Jacob Griffin in Dutchess County New York, of persons who signed the Articles of Association, includes Francis Way and Francis Way Jr.<sup>8,9</sup>

Francis Way, Jr is recorded as a 2nd Luit in the 2nd Regiment Dutchess Co, New York Militia, commanded by Col Brinkerhoff, on the American side during the Revolutionary War. A Francis Way (no Sr. or Jr. designation) is later recorded in the same regiment as a 1st Luit. This could be two individuals, Francis Way Sr and Francis Way Jr, or it could be a single individual. The NSDAR Ancestor Database lists both individuals as patriots. At the time of the Revolutionary War, Francis Sr. would have been about age 57, and Francis Jr would have been about age 26. It is more likely that there was one patriot, in the person of Francis Way Jr. None of the various transcriptions of muster lists for the regiment list two Francis Ways at the same time, and at least one reference specifies a Francis Way Jr.<sup>10,11,12</sup>

The 1790 Census for Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York records both a Francis Way Sr and a Francis Way Jr. Francis Sr has a household of nine persons, 3 males under 16, 3 males 16 and over, and 3 females. Francis Jr also has a household of nine persons, 2 males under 16, 3 males 16 and over, and 4 females.<sup>13</sup>

Francis Way died between 1791 and 1797, probably at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. Francis prepared a will 8 May 1791, but the will was not proven in Dutchess County surrogate court until 18 October 1797.<sup>14,15,16</sup> Elizabeth Gorsline Way died in July 1797 in Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. Her funeral took place on 22 July 1797. Letters of administration on her estate were granted 10 October 1797 in Dutchess Co surrogate to George Way, son, and Marvin Rowland, son-in-law, of "Elizabeth, the widow of Francis Way the elder."<sup>17,18</sup>

In his will, Francis Way specifically identifies the following children: sons Daniel, James, and Francis. The will appears to imply that there were other children who were not specifically named. The household size of Francis Way Sr in 1790 was nine persons. The will also names Marvin Rowland, known from other sources to be a son-in-law, and Francis Giles, known from other sources to be a grandson.<sup>19</sup>

Therefore, primary source documentation supports children of Francis Way and Elizabeth Gorsline to be Daniel, James, Francis, and George, a daughter married Marvin Rowland, and a daughter married a Giles.

Glenn C. Way in The Descendants of James Way of Newtown, NY identifies the following children with birth dates, but does not cite specific sources: Elizabeth (married William Giles), Daniel, James, Francis, Hannah (married Marvin Rowland), Jemima (married Tobias Maybee), Martha (married Isaac Wood), Jose, Judith (married William Gorsline), and John.<sup>20</sup>

Glenn Way does not include George Way as a child of Francis Way and Elizabeth Gorsline, nor does Glenn Way otherwise identify a George Way.

However, the Jose Way identified by Glenn Way may be the same person as George Way. A George Way appears in the 1790 Census in Dutchess Co, New York, and in the 1800 census in Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York, as does a younger male Francis Way, perhaps a son of George named after his grandfather. A Jose Way is buried in 1830 on the Roberts Farm in Rensselaer Co, New York, age 70, 3, 23.<sup>21,22,23,24</sup>

Harry Abel Way, in *The New York Way Family*, identifies the same children as Glenn C. Way. Harry Abel Way identifies a George Way as the son of John Way and Elizabeth Pigeon. John Way was the son of John Way and Martha Leverich. John was the brother of James Way, and Martha was the sister of Hannah Leverich. James Way and Hannah Leverich were the parents of Francis Way Sr. This could be a different George Way, or Harry Abel Way's identification, which lacks primary source documentation, may be inaccurate.<sup>25</sup>

Francis Way Sr. and Elizabeth Gorsline may have had the following children.<sup>26,27</sup>

- i. Elizabeth Way was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 23 September 1742. Elizabeth was married to William Giles on 25 February 1761 at the Rombout Presbyterian Church in Dutchess Co, New York. William Giles served on the American side during the Revolutionary War, in the 2nd Dutchess Co, NY militia commanded by Col. Brinkerhoff. Elizabeth and William were both deceased prior to 1814.<sup>28,29,30</sup>
- ii. Daniel Way was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 3 April 1743. Daniel was married to Jemima Kilburn 13 May 1764 at the Rombout Presbyterian Church in Dutchess Co, New York. Daniel Way emigrated to Canada after the Revolution. Daniel died 27 May 1829 at Northport, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>31,32,33,34</sup>

- iii. James Way was born at Newtown, Queens Co, New York on 14 August 1745. James was married to Johanna Ladue 17 October 1765 at the Rombout Presbyterian Church in Dutchess Co, New York. James Way probably died before 1800 in Dutchess Co. James appears in the 1790 Census in Fishkill, Dutchess Co, but does not appear in the 1800 census in Dutchess or elsewhere.<sup>35,36,37,38</sup>
- iv. Francis Way, Jr. was born at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York on 9 November 1750. Francis was married to Miriam Gildersleeve 17 January 1768 at the Rombout Presbyterian Church in Dutchess Co, New York. Francis Way Jr served on the American side during the revolutionary war as a Luit in the 2nd Dutchess Co, New York Militia Regiment commanded by Col. Brinckerhoff. Francis died after 1830, probably in Dutchess Co, New York. Various on-line references report that Francis died in Portland, Ionia County, Michigan on 14 December 1855 at the age of 105. No evidence has been found to support this assertion. It is likely the erroneous information is a transcription error based upon the death of Lawrence Daily Way, son of Francis, on 14 December 1857 in Portland, Ionia Co, Michigan. The undated burial record for Francis Way Sr at Find-a-Grave.com in the Portland City Cemetery would also appear to be an error.<sup>39,40,41,42,43,44</sup>
- v. Hannah Way was born at Rombout, Dutchess Co, New York on 3 October 1754. Hannah married Marvin Rowland, probably in Dutchess Co. Marvin Rowland served on the American side during the revolutionary war as a sergeant in the 2nd Dutchess Co, New York Militia Regiment commanded by Col. Brinckerhoff. Marvin Rowland was an executor of his father-in-law's estate c 1791-1797, and an administrator of his mother-in-law's estate in 1797. Marvin Rowland appears in the 1800 Census of Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York, but not thereafter. Hannah and Marvin both died on an unknown date at an unknown place, sometime after 1800.<sup>45,46,47,48,49</sup> Jemima Way was born at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York 31 July 1756.
- vi. Jemima married Tobias Maybee. probably at Dutchess Co. Tobias served on the American side during the revolutionary war in the 4<sup>th</sup> Line Regiment New York, as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Regiments of Dutchess Co, New York Militia. Tobias Maybee appears in the 1790 Census of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, and appears in Hollowell Township, Prince Edward County, Ontario by 1808. Jemima Way Maybee died on an unknown date at an unknown place. Tobias Maybee died before 1832 at Marysburg, Prince Edward County, Ontario.<sup>50,51,52,53,54</sup>



Exhibit 2: Prince Edward County, Ontario

- vii. Martha Way was born in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York 25 March 1758. Martha married Isaac Wood. Multiple Isaac Wood's appear in the census records for both Fishkill and Clinton in Dutchess County, New York in the period 1790 through 1810. An Isaac Wood served on the American side during the revolutionary war as a private in the 2nd Dutchess Co, New York Militia Regiment commanded by Col. Brinckerhoff. Martha and Isaac both died on an unknown date at an unknown place, probably in Dutchess County.<sup>55,56,57,58</sup>

viii. George (aka Jose) Way was born in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York 28 October 1759. George married Elizabeth Bedell, probably in Dutchess County. George served on the American side during the revolutionary war as a private in the 2nd Dutchess Co, New York Militia Regiment commanded by Col. Brinckerhoff. George Way appears in the 1790 Census, Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. George Way appears in the 1800 Census, Troy, Rensselaer Co, New York. George (aka Jose) died at Brunswick, Rensselaer County, New York on 22 February 1830, and was buried on the Roberts Farm Cemetery, age 70, 3, 23. An Elizabeth Way, who died 6 January 1811, was also buried on the Roberts Farm Cemetery. This could be Elizabeth, wife of George Way, but the transcribed age at time of death (17, 5, 19) would have to be inaccurate.<sup>59,60,61,62,63,64</sup>

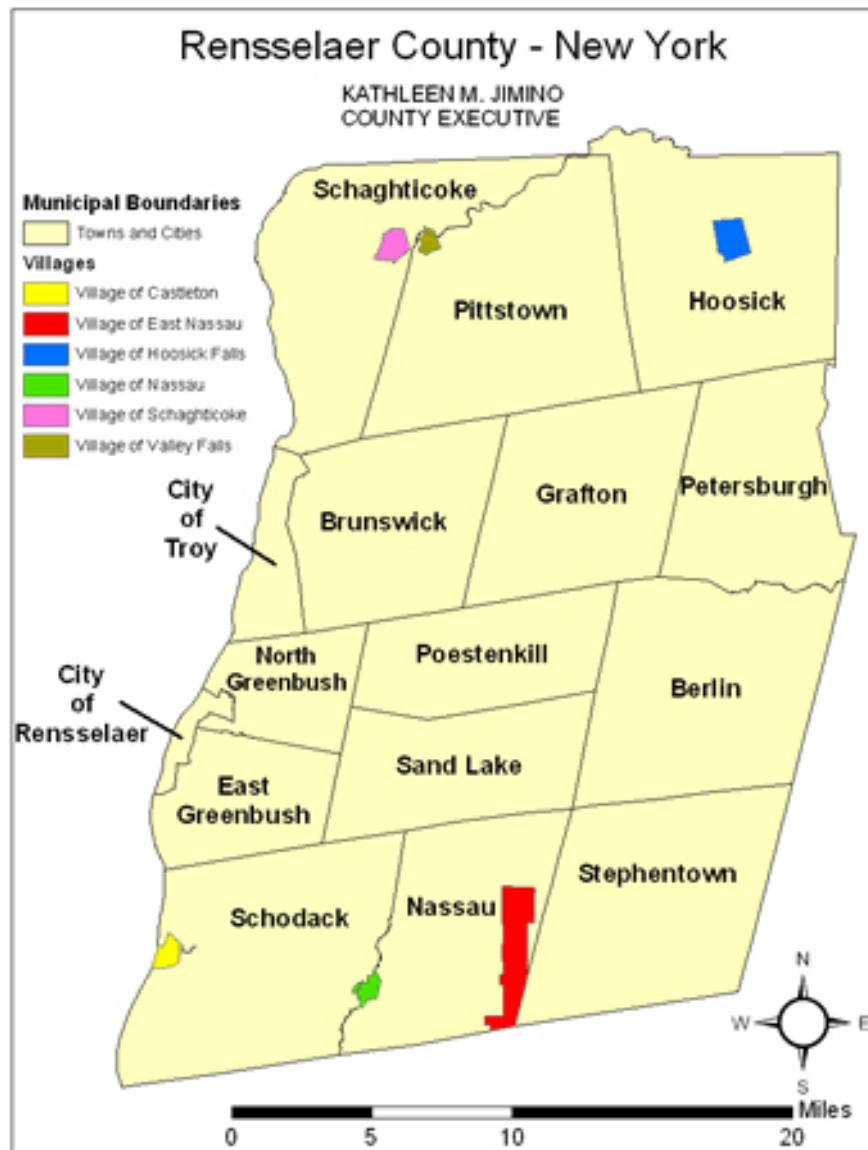


Exhibit 3: Rensselaer County, New York

- ix. Judith Way was born in Rombout, Dutchess County, New York 27 February 1761. Judith married William Gorsline, probably in Dutchess County. Judith is said to have died at Fishkill, Dutchess County, NY on 30 August 1821. However, no direct evidence has been found for either Judith's birth date or her death date. According to the *History of Athens County, Ohio*, "William Gorsline, born on Long Island, New York in 1755, came to Athens County and settled in Alexander Township in 1817. He brought with him a family of three sons and three daughters". William Gorsline died at Athens County, Ohio 7 July 1825. His will does not name a widow. Judith Way and William Gorsline were likely cousins, but the parents of William Gorsline have not been identified. Five William Gorsline's, all first cousins and the grandchildren of Jose Gorsline and Elizabeth Albertis, have been identified, but none of them can be connected directly with the William Gorsline of Ohio.<sup>65,66,67,68</sup>

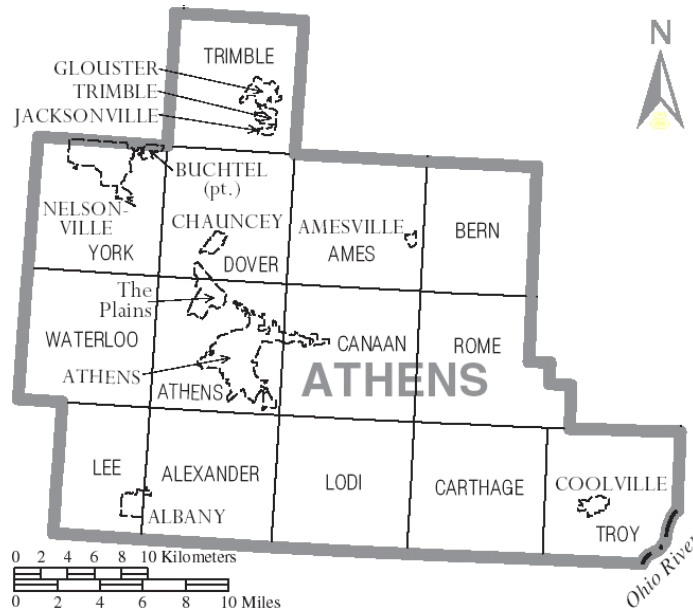


Exhibit 4: Athens County, Ohio

- x. John Way was born in Rombout, Dutchess County, New York on 8 March 1763. John married Mary (Molly) Budd, probably in Dutchess County. Multiple John Way's from Dutchess County served on the American side during the Revolutionary War. John Way died 20 February 1843 at Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Ontario. John and his wife Mary are both buried at the Foster Cemetery in Sophiasburg.<sup>69,70,71,72</sup>

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