

Individual Narrative of Elizabeth⁵ Way [31] Daughter of James Way and Hannah⁴ Leverich [11] Wife of Abraham Canniff

Elizabeth Way^{1,2,3} was born on 16 Feb 1717 at Newtown, Queens County, New York. James Riker's *Annals of Newtown* identifies Elizabeth as the daughter of James Way and Hannah Leverich, and cites her birth date without attributing a source. Riker's manuscript notes provide the following general reference: "Family Registers taken from the records of Newtown".^{4,5,6}

Elizabeth married Abraham Canniff on 31 May 1746 at the Dutch Reformed Church, Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York. The transcribed marriage entry records Abraham's surname as Kennif and Elizabeth's surname as Weyr. Evidence is circumstantial that Elizabeth Way, daughter of James Way and Hannah Leverich, was the same Elizabeth Way who married Abraham Canniff. There is only one known Elizabeth Way of appropriate age in Dutchess County, New York at the time.⁷

Elizabeth Way Canniff died after 1749, probably at Dutchess Co, New York. No specific date or place of death or burial has been found for Elizabeth Way Canniff. A son of Abraham Canniff was baptized in Dutchess County in 1749. Elizabeth may have been alive in 1790. The Census record for Abraham Canniff of Fishkill, Dutchess County includes three females in the household. No estate record has been found for Elizabeth.⁸

Abraham Canniff was the eldest son of Jeremiah Canniff and Annatie de Revier of Phillipsburgh Manor, Westchester Co, New York, born about 1719. His parents were married in Westchester County 31 January 1719. Jeremiah's will was dated 11 May 1763, and proved in New York County on 28 May 1764.^{9,10,11}

Abraham Canniff appears on the tax lists for the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York for the years 1745-1748 and 1753-1755.¹²

On 30 January 1762, Abraham Canif and Ebenezer Titus signed a bond in the amount of £240. Payment of the debt was due to the bond holder Ephraim ?Deuel? on 1 May 1765. The bond was recorded in the Court of Common Pleas for Dutchess County, New York.¹³

On 6 September 1785 Joseph Harris of Rombout, Dutchess Co, NY mortgaged land for a loan of £400 from Hendrick Wyckoff of New York City: a parcel of 228 acres, lot #13 in Lot #1. The mortgage was to hold for the life of a certain Abraham Kanniffe and that of his first lawful wife; a couple of fowls to be paid every year to said Hendrick Wyckoff.¹⁴

Abraham Canniff is recorded in the 1790 U.S. Census in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. The household includes one male over the age of 16, and three females.¹⁵

No specific date or place of death or burial has been found for Abraham Canniff. No estate record has been found for Abraham. Abraham likely died between 1790 and 1800, probably in Dutchess County, New York. No Abraham Canniff of appropriate age (81) is recorded in the 1800 Census in Dutchess Co or elsewhere in New York. An Abraham Canniff does appear in the 1800 census in Dutchess Co, but is between the age of 26 and 44. Therefore, this Abraham is more likely a son or nephew or cousin of Abraham Canniff born about 1719.¹⁶

On 15 March 1749, Isaiah Kanniff, son of Abraham Kanniff, was baptized at the Presbyterian Church at Rombout, Dutchess Co, New York. Isaiah's mother is not identified in the record.¹⁷ No other children of Abraham Canniff have been identified.

During the Revolutionary War, an Isaac Canniff served on the American side in the 12th Regiment, Albany County, New York Militia.¹⁸

In 1788, Isaiah Canniff appears on the tax roll of the District of Coxsackie, Albany Co, New York, assessed a total of £2. Appearing on the same tax list were Richard and Jeremiah Canniff.¹⁹

In the 1790 U.S. Census of Albany County, New York, Isaiah Canif is recorded with a household of six in the town of Cossackie, and an Isaac Canniff is recorded with a household of 8 in the town of Half Moon. Also recorded in the town of Cossackie are Abraham, Jeremiah, Richard and William Canif.²⁰

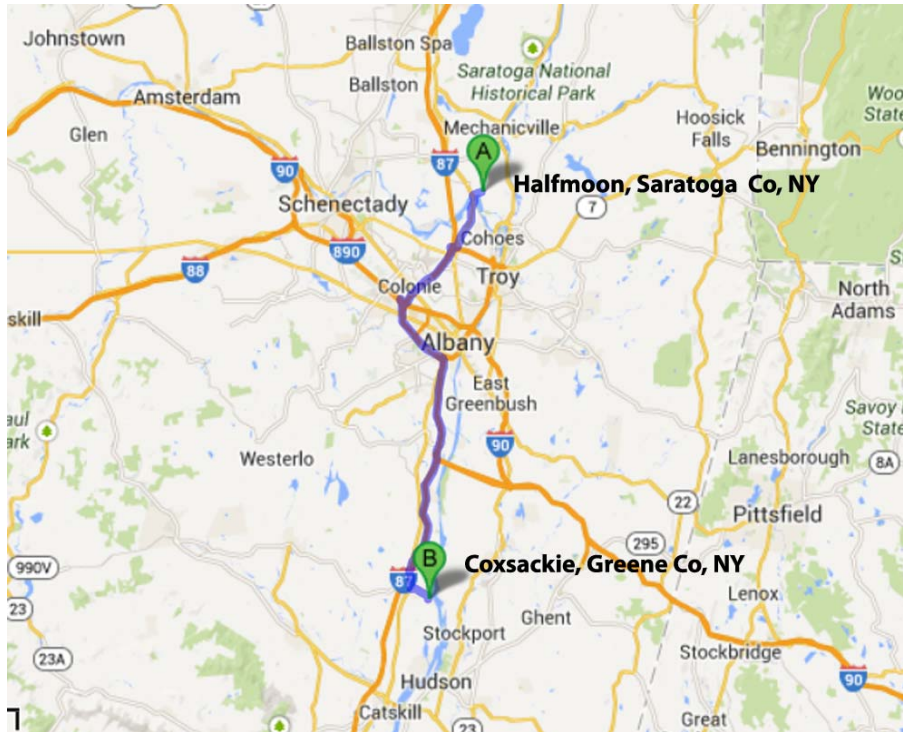


Exhibit 1: Contemporary Map Halfmoon and Cossackie, New York

In the 1800 U.S. Census, no Isaiah or other Canniff's are found recorded in Cossackie, Greene Co, New York. However, an Isaac Kniff is recorded in the town of Half Moon, Saratoga Co, New York, and Jeremiah Canniff is recorded in the town of Coeymans, Albany Co, New York.^{21,22}

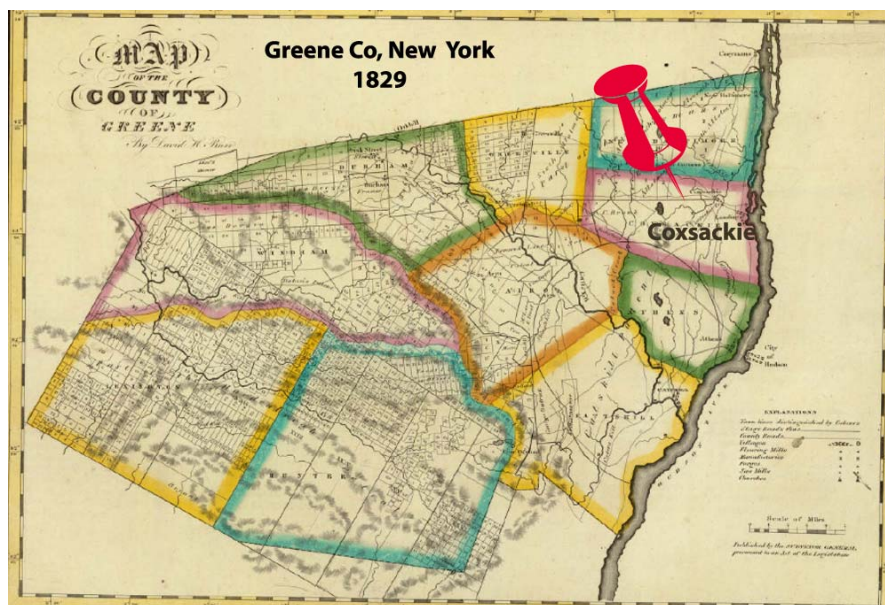


Exhibit 2

In 1801, Abraham and Richard Canniff appear on the tax assessment list for Coxsackie Township in Greene Co, New York.²³

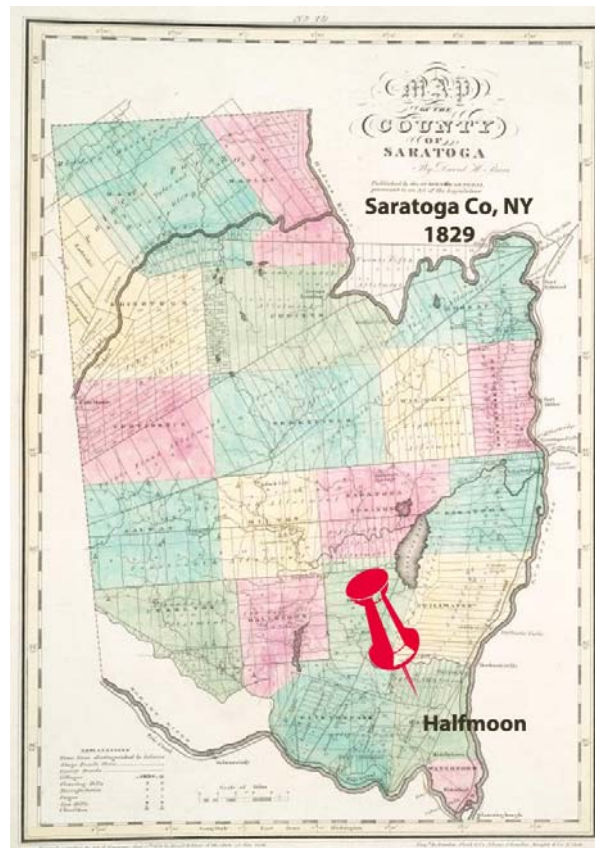


Exhibit 3

In the 1810 Census of the town of Coxsackie, Greene Co, New York, Isaiah Cannif, male age >45 and Abraham Canif, male age 26-44 are recorded. An Isaac "Connie" is recorded in the town of Half Moon, Saratoga Co, New York.^{24,25}

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