

Individual Narrative of John⁵ Way [37] Son of James Way and Hannah⁴ Leverich [11] Husband of Mary Losey

John Way was born circa 1725 at Newtown, Queens Co, New York. There is no direct evidence that John was the son of James Way and Hannah Leverich. Glen Way, author of *Descendants of James Way of Newtown*, and Harry Abel Way, author of *The New York Way Family*, so identify John, without citing sources.^{1,2}

This John Way is easily confused with his probable double first cousin John Way, the son of John Way and Martha Leverich. The second John Way was baptized at the Newtown Presbyterian Church, Newtown, Queens Co, New York in 1736 with three younger siblings. He was married in 1753 to Elizabeth Pigeon at the Newtown Presbyterian Church.³ John Way and Elizabeth Pigeon may have lived at Newtown, or they may have lived in Dutchess County, New York, where the subject of this narrative the first John Way and his wife Mary Losey is documented to have lived. David and Daniel Way, who settled in Saratoga County, New York, have been attributed as sons of both John Ways, depending upon the researcher cited. No specific date or place of death, nor any probate record, has been found for either of these two cousin John Ways.^{4,5}

Two other John Way's are found living at Newtown in this time period: John Way and his wife Sarah Burling, and John Way and his wife Mary Betts. By the time of the 1790 Census, one John Way is found at Newtown, none in Dutchess Co, and two John Way's in Albany County, New York.^{6,7,8,9}

John Way married Mary Losey on 28 June 1746 at Fishkill, Dutchess Co, New York, at the Reformed Dutch Church. The transcription of the marriage record cites Jan Wee of Long Island and Marietje Loci of Fishkill and notes that bans were published on June 7.^{10,11,12} Mary Losey is identified as the daughter of Cornelius Losey and Deborah Langdon, by Harry Abel Way in *The New York Way Family*. Mary was baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in Fishkill 26 May 1728.^{13,14}

Harry Abel Way, in *The New York Way Family*, states that John Way married a second time about 1770 Catherine Ten Broeck and cites her will proven in Saratoga County, New York in 1803. Harry Way reports that the will mentions her brother John Ten Broeck and her daughter Maria Way. An examination of the actual will recorded at the Saratoga Co Surrogate discloses the above abstract to be inaccurate. The will is dated and proven 1806, and is for a Catherine "Wray", not "Way" of Halfmoon, Saratoga County. The daughter Maria is not called Maria Way, but is referred to as the wife of Charles Kane. Two grandsons are named George Kane and George Cuyler. A "George Wray" is found in the 1790 Census of Westfield Town, Washington Co, New York and the 1800 Census includes a Charles Kane in the same place.^{15,16,17,18}

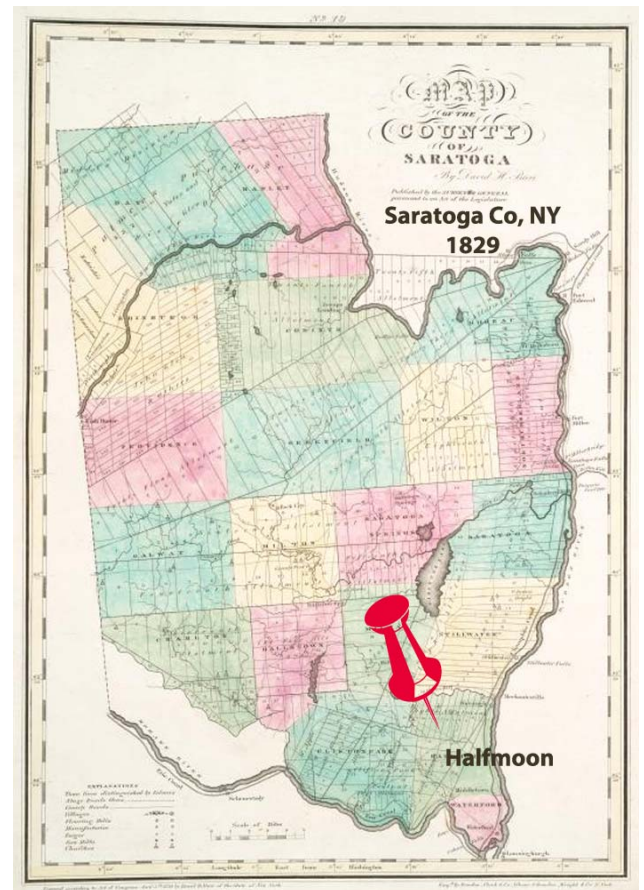
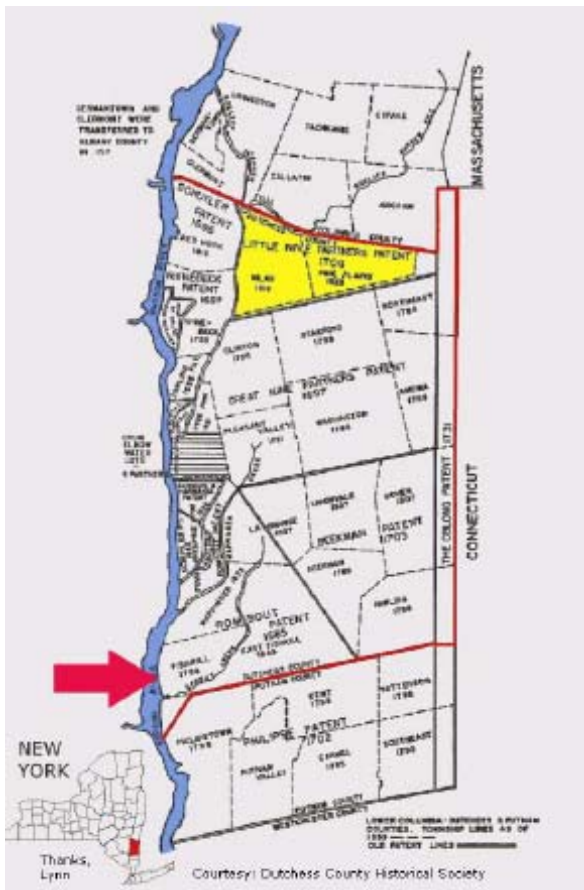
John Way is recorded as a taxpayer in the Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York in the years 1747-1748, 1757-1758, and 1770-1772.¹⁹ As per deeds dated 14 April 1748 and 10 May 1749, Philip Ver Planck sold land in Rombout Precinct, Dutchess County, New York to John Way. Although these deeds are not found recorded at the County Clerk's office, they are referenced in the following deeds: 1 January 1756, Joseph Miller to Charles LeRoux (Liber 1, page 54); 31 March 1758, Joseph Miller to Charles Le Roux (Liber 3, page 323); 8 May 1774, Stephen Duryee to Abraham Duryee (Liber 7, page 430).²⁰ The Minutes of the New York Colony Council, dated 10 June 1766, record that "James Livingston, sheriff of Dutchess county, reports that John Way, arrested at the suit of Petrus ten Broeck for debt, has been rescued by a mob giving as reason that the debt was for rent which they do not approve of."²¹ Mary Losea Way died 27 May 1769. She is buried at the Community Ground on the Robinson Farm in Dutchess Co, New York. The inscription was recorded by J.W. Poucher and Helen W. Reynolds on 21 October 1912, and identifies Mary as the "wife of John Way age 44."²²

On 10 September 1771, John Way filed an action in the Dutchess Co, New York Court of Common Pleas against Barent Lewis for debt.²³ On 30 April 1772, John Way filed an action in the Dutchess Co, New York Court of Common Pleas against Cornelius Hageman for debt.²⁴

In Dutchess County, New York on 18 May 1772, John Way, yeoman, and "Serah his wife" of Rombout Precinct gave a mortgage to Charles LeRoux yeoman of Rombout borrowing £218 pounds payment due 1 May 1773 on a 100 acre farm bordering the land of Hendrick Van Tassel. The mortgage was witnessed by Stephen Duryee and recorded 27 May 1772.^{25,26}

John Way died after 1772 at New York. A specific date and place of death has not been found for this John Way. He disappears from the records in Dutchess County, New York after 18 May 1772. In 1785, a John Way appears in the town records of Halfmoon, then Albany Co, subsequently Saratoga Co, New York. The 1790 Census of Albany Co, New York records two John Way's, but none in Dutchess Co, New York.^{27,28,29} At least six John Way's are recorded as serving from New York State on the American side during the Revolutionary War. This includes two John Way's serving in militia regiments from Dutchess County. Daniel and David Way, possibly sons of John Way and Mary Losey, served in the 12th Albany County, New York militia regiment. A Daniel and David Way are found in the 1790 Census of Halfmoon, then Albany County, subsequently Saratoga County.^{30,31}

The records of the Presbyterian Church at Rumbout, Dutchess Co, New York cite the baptisms of David Way and Daniel Way in 1750 and 1763, each the son of a John Way. The baptism records do not identify the name of the mother.³²



A John Way is recorded as a town officer for Halfmoon, then Albany Co, New York, subsequently in 1791 Saratoga Co, New York in the years 1785, 1788, and 1789.^{33,34} A John Way is found in the 1790 U.S. Census in the Town of Halfmoon, Albany Co, New York. Another John Way, probably John Way Jr, is found in the 1790 Census of Rennselaerwick, Albany Co, New York. David and Daniel Way, probable brothers of John Way Jr, are also recorded in Halfmoon. Also appearing in 1790 in Albany County are Bethel Way in the Town of Balls Town, and Samuel Way in the Town of Hoosic. The parents of Bethel and Samuel have not been identified.^{35,36,37,38}

Direct evidence identifying the children of John Way and Mary Losey has not been found. Glen Way, author of *Descendants of James Way of Newtown*, identifies the following children, but does not identify sources: John, Elizabeth, David, Benjamin, Daniel, Sarah, Johanna, James. Harry Abel Way, author of *The New York Way Family*, identifies the following children, but does not identify sources: John, Cornelius, Elizabeth, David, Daniel B., James, Sarah, Johanna. The two author's agree with the exception of Benjamin (cited by Glenn) and Cornelius (cited by Harry).^{39,40}

- i. John Way Jr was born about 1748 in Dutchess County, New York. John married Heyltie Muller on 12 August 1783 at Halfmoon, Albany County, New York. Direct evidence for the birth and marriage dates has not been found, but are cited by Harry Abel Way in *The New York Way Family*. John Way Jr. probably died between 1790 and 1800. John appears in the 1790 census at Rensselaerwick, Albany County, New York, whereas Hilbeche Way appears in the 1800 Census at Troy, Rensselaer County, New York.^{41,42,43}
- ii. David Way was born about 1750 in Dutchess County, New York. A David Way, son of John Way (mother is not named), was baptized 27 June 1750 at the Rombout Presbyterian Church in Dutchess County, New York. The record notes that "Cornelius Losee and his wife stand for him". Cornelius Losee was likely the maternal grandfather. David Way married Catherine Churchill about 1777 at an undetermined location. David and Daniel Way served in the 12th Albany County, New York militia regiment on the American side during the revolutionary war. David Way appears in the U.S. Census of Halfmoon, Saratoga County, New York in 1790, 1800, 1810, and 1820. David prepared his will on 5 August 1817. The will was proven in Saratoga Co, New York on 15 June 1821.^{44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51}
- iii. Elizabeth Way was born about 1752 in Dutchess County, New York. Elizabeth married Nicholas Jansen circa 1772 probably in Dutchess Co. Elizabeth Way Jansen died 4 February 1824, probably in Norway Township, Herkimer Co, New York. Direct evidence that Elizabeth Way was the daughter of John Way and Mary Losey, and that she was the same Elizabeth Way that married c 1772 Nicholas Jansen, has not yet been discovered. The marriage of an Elizabeth Way and Nicholas Jansen is documented in the baptismal records of four of their children between 1774 and 1783 in Dutchess Co, then Schenectady Co, New York.

However, a preponderance of circumstantial evidence suggests that this premise may be correct.

- Glenn C. Way in his research *Some of the Descendants of James Way of Newtown, N.Y.* (1935) identifies John Way (59) (married Mary Losey) as the son of Hannah Leverich and James Way, and identifies a daughter Elizabeth (122), born 1751. Glenn Way does not however identify a spouse for Elizabeth, nor does he cite any primary sources.
- The presumed birth year of 1752 is consistent with the birth order of other children of John Way and Mary Losey. The birth year is also a calculated date based upon Elizabeth's age (i.e. 71) at the time she died. The presumed marriage year of 1772 for Elizabeth is a calculated date based upon the birth year of her first child and is consistent with the presumed birth year, making Elizabeth about 20 years old when married.
- The names that Elizabeth and Nicholas Jansen gave to their first four children, i.e. Eva, John, Peter, and Mary are the same as the given names of their four grandparents Peter and Eva Jansen, and John and Mary Way.
- Elizabeth and Nicholas Jansen migrated via Schenectady, New York to Half Moon, New York circa 1790. They are found in the 1790 U.S. Census of Half Moon, then Albany County, subsequently Saratoga County. Also found in Half Moon in 1790 are David and Daniel Way, who were likely children of John Way and Mary Losey, and siblings of Elizabeth Way Jansen.
- By process of elimination, consistent with Glenn Way's research, no other Elizabeth Way has been found who could have been the wife of Nicholas Jansen.

However, Glenn Way's research is not complete. Tax lists for Dutchess County, New York in the 18th century disclose multiple male Way's whose children are not fully known, so the possibility remains that there were other Elizabeth Way's that have not been identified.

Nicholas Johnson (i.e. Jansen), husband of Elizabeth Way, is found in the U.S. Census Records as follows: 1790, Half Moon, Albany Co, NY; 1800, Half Moon, Saratoga Co, NY; 1810 and 1820, Norway, Herkimer Co, New York.^{52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62}

- iv. Cornelius Way was born about 1754 in Dutchess County, New York. Direct evidence for the birth date has not been found, but is cited by Harry Abel Way in *The New York Way Family*. Glenn Way cites a son Benjamin Way, instead of a Cornelius Way, but again no direct evidence has been found. The maternal grandfather was named Cornelius Losey. The name of Cornelius Way's wife is not known, but Harry Way attributes two children to Cornelius, Yosieu and Elizabeth. Harry Way further comments that "he fought in the revolution with the Tories under Sir John Johnson. After the revolution, he lived at Clifton Park, Saratoga Co, New York until he and his wife left their children and moved to Nova Scotia" (which at that time also included New Brunswick). A "Sergeant Cornelius Way" is listed on a muster roll 18 June 1781 of Major Thomas Barclay's Company, Loyal American

Regiment, New York. *The Canadian Genealogical Index* at Ancestry.com identifies a Cornelius Way as living at New Brunswick, Canada in 1783 and 1785. For specific sources, see end notes.^{63,64,65,66,67}

- v. Daniel B. Way was born 2 December 1762 in Dutchess Co, New York. Direct evidence for the birth date has not been found, but is cited by Harry Abel Way in *The New York Way Family*. According to *Pioneer Life of the Bay of Qunte*, a written statement by Daniel Way addressed to his daughter Sarah Hubbs, states that he was born in 1762. A Daniel Way, son of John Way (mother not identified) was baptized on 13 February 1763 at the Rombout Presbyterian Church in Dutchess Co.^{68,69,70} Daniel Way was married for the first time to Jemima Mosher on 8 October 1782 by the itinerant minister Rev. James Dempster in Albany Co, New York.⁷¹ Daniel Way and his family emigrated to Prince Edward County, Ontario about 1799-1800. His first wife Jemima died there 10 November 1805.^{72,73} Daniel Way married for a second time on 8 February 1807 at Sophiasburgh to the widow Abigail (Reed) Spencer Jiles. Abigail died 16 May 1808. Daniel married for the third time on 1 August 1808 at Sophiasburgh to Sabra Foster. Both marriages were performed by the itinerant minister Rev. Robert McDowall of the Dutch Reformed Church, and later the Presbyterian Church.⁷⁴ Daniel Way died at the age of 78 on 13 August 1840. Daniel was buried on the family farm in Sophiasburgh (Concession 3, lot 39).⁷⁵



- vi. James Way was born about 1765 in Dutchess Co, New York. James married about 1795 Lydia Calkins. James Way died about 1799, probably in Dutchess County. Direct evidence for these vital statistics has not been found, but is cited by Harry Abel Way in *The New York Way Family*.^{76,77}
- vii. Sarah Way was born about 1767 in Dutchess County, New York. No further information has been found regarding Sarah.⁷⁸
- viii. Johanna Way was born about 1769 in Dutchess County, New York. No further information has been found regarding Johanna.⁷⁹

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