

VAN RIPER FAMILY

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Ancestral glories shine.”

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ORIGIN OF THE SURNAME - Van Riper

Possible Origins - There are three possible areas that the Van Riper ancestor may have come from: Ripen {Ripe} in Denmark, the oldest preserved town in Denmark; and De Rijp or Rijpend in the Netherlands.

The Danish Van Riper Family

The name Van Riper comes from a town in Denmark, Rypen, on the River Gram in the province of Ribe, in the southwest part of North Jutland. Ripen is a city in the diocese of the same name; it has a venerable antiquity, and once was a considerable seaport, until the harbor became filled up. It is very ancient, has an old cathedral, and its fine harbor once made it a great seaport, but now commerce flows in other channels. The locality was a battle-ground between Denmark and Sweden from 1637 to 1645, when the Swedes took the city. It was given back by treaty, but war soon broke out again, and it was not concluded until 1660. Then came a remarkable revolution in domestic politics, and the first Van Riper - Jurian Tomassen - left Rypen on April 2, 1663, in the ship The Spotted Cow, bound for New York. There were ninety other names on the passenger list, but he seems to have been the only one of his family.

The Dutch Van Riper Family

The Dutch wrote the name Rypen; in modern Dutch, Rijpen, indicating the sound of the long i. Some early members of the family called themselves indifferently Van Ripen, and Van de Ripe. The latter name would indicate an original emigration from a small town in North Holland, called de Rijp or Rijpend, dating from the year 1400, with four churches, two harbors and a fine canal.

The American Van Riper Family - In Passaic and Bergen Counties in New Jersey, the name is almost universally written Van Riper; in Hudson County, New Jersey, some families write it Van Rypen.

The name Rieper can be explained as “rope-maker,” also as “surveyor” (Low-German: Reper). In East-Frisian the name Ripe means something like “border” (of a street, or a river), and Riep is a “side-way.”

REFERENCES

Ref. The First Ancestors of the Van Riper Family in America, handwritten document, author unknown, available from the Morman Church of the Latter Day Saints, which states in part, in the first paragraph.:

“The first American ancestors of the Van Riper family were Jurriaen Thomasson van Rijper and Rijcke Lemming, his wife. Jurriaen, the son of Thomas van Rijper, was born in Holland about 1640 and with his first cousin Jan, son of Laurens van Rijper, came over to America on the ship Bonte Coe (the Spotted Cow), Captain Jan Bergen, which sailed from Amsterdam in Holland on April 16, 1663 for New Amsterdam (New York) in New Netherlands.”

Ref. Yearbook of the Holland Society of New York, indicates that a Jurriaen Thomasson and a Jan Laurensen were passengers on the Spotted Cow. Their last name of van Riper was not given in this list. Apparently, Jurriaen {Uriah} Thomasson did not choose his surname of Van Rijper until after he came to America. Records of his death on September 12, 1695, show that he was then known as Jurriaen Thomasson.

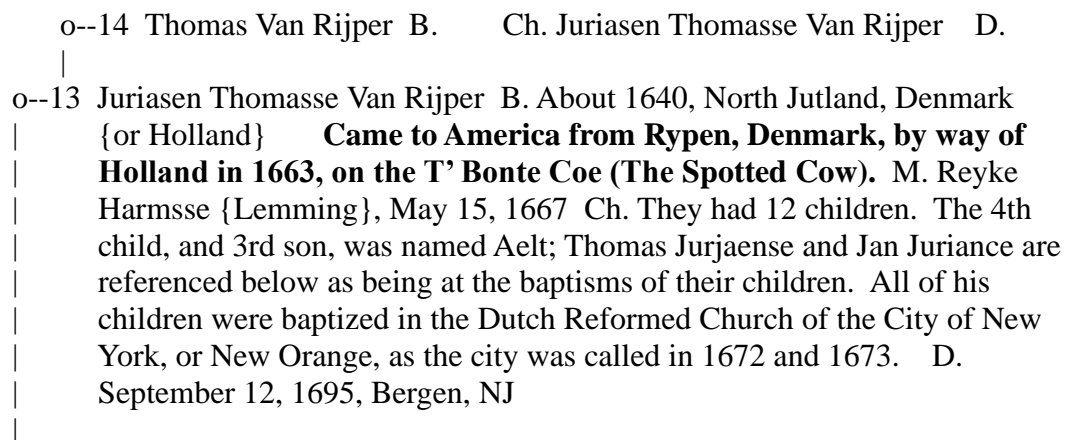
Ref. The History of the City of Paterson and the County of Passaic, New Jersey, by William Nelson, published 1901, Paterson, NJ, contains genealogy information concerning Urian {Juriasen, Jurian Thomassen De Ripen} Thomasse from Rypen. It also indicates that “The descendants of Jurriaen Thomasson were among the last Acquaackanonk settlers to adopt a family surname... In Passaic and Bergen counties the name is almost universally written as Van Riper; in Hudson county some families write it Van Ripen.” In addition, he mentions the following, “It may be noted here that some early members of the family called themselves indifferently Van Ripen and Van de Ripe.” This reference indicates that Jurriaen Thomasson came from Ripen, Denmark. Nelson states, “In April, 1663, Juriaen Thomasse (Uriah, son of Thomas) from Rypen in North Jutland, (Denmark) sailed from Holland in T’ Bonte Koe, the “Spotted Cow.”

Footnote in Nelson's book: "Ripen is a city in the diocese of the same name; it has a venerable antiquity, and once was a considerable seaport until the harbor filled in. The Dutch wrote the name Rypen; in modern Dutch Rijpen, indicating the sound of the long i. It may be noted here that some early members of the family called themselves indifferently Van Ripen, and Van de Ripe. The latter name would indicate an earlier emigration from a small town in North Holland, called De Rijp, dating from the year 1400, and now having 2,000 inhabitants, with four churches, two harbors and a fine canal."

Ref. History of the County of Hudson, New Jersey, by Winfield, provides other variations of the name: Van Reipen, Van Reypen, Van Reiper, Van Reyper, and Van Ryper. This reference indicates that Jurriaen Thomasson came from Ripen, Denmark. Winfield states, "From this port (Ripen) in April, 1663, a vessel named T' Bonte Koe, the Spotted Cow, sailed for New Netherlands with eighty-nine passengers, consisting of men, women, and children. Among the number was Juriaen Thomassen, a young man of the city of Ripen."

Ref. Old Town, by Jacob Riis, indicates that the Van Rippers came from Ripen, Denmark. Note. The town is now called Ribe.

Ref. Van Ripper Family History, by Charles Gage Van Ripper, 1980, states, "A little village named Bergen, situated in the middle of flat fertile lands about six miles west of New Amsterdam was surveyed and plotted and it was there that Juriaen made his home and lived until his death on Sept. 12th, 1695, an event recorded in the documents of the Dutch Reformed Church there. He was identified as Juriasen Thomasse Van Rijper." The following diagram indicates the information contained in this reference:



Note. He is known by various names including: Jurian Tomassen, Juriaen Thomassen, Jurriaen Thomasson, Juriaen Thomasse, Juriasen Thomasse Van Rijper, Jurriaen Thomasson van Rijper, and Jurriaen {Uriah} Thomasson. Sometimes Van Ripper was written as van Ripper. Some of his descendants assumed the name of Juriance, now Yeriance and Auryansen, while others took the name of the ancestral town and became Van Ripens and Van Rippers.

Note. He and his wife were witnesses at the baptism of their grandson, Jurjaen, son of Thomas Jurjaense and Jannetje Straet, September 1, 1693, as set forth in the Acquackanonk Church

records, which contain no other mention of him, a fact which makes it seem unlikely that he settled at Acquackanonk at all.

- o--12 Aelt Van Rijper B. Between 1673 and 1675 Also known as Aart. M. Gerritje Mattheus, July 6, 1695 Ch. Juriaen, Cornelis, Martje, Annetje, Rachel, and Lea Van Rijper. He was probably a farmer, and owned land in Acquackanonk Township where the cities of Passaic and Paterson, NJ, are now located. He was a deacon in the Dutch Reformed Church. D. About 1710
- o--11 Juriaen Van Rijper B. D.
- o--11 Cornelis Van Rijper B. About 1700 Also known as Cornelis-Aeltse and Cornelius. M. Geesje {Post} Ch. Lea, Johannis, Gerrit, Cornelius, Jacob, Catriena, Adrian, and Anaatja Van Riper, in that order. (Note. It is not clear as to when the surname changed from Van Rijper to Van Riper, so for the purpose of this record only, and not based on documented evidence, the latter is used from here on.) Resided. Acquackanonk Township D. 1789, at almost 90 years of age.

Note. He was one of the first blacksmiths in the area, and his shop was located on the river road a little south of the Episcopal Church. It is said that when skirmishing between the British on the east bank of the river and the residents of Acquackanonk Township was being engaged in during the American Revolutionary War, he provided slugs of iron, in the absence of cannonballs, for cannons used by the colonial fighters. When he ran out of iron suited for this kind of shooting, he surrendered to the gunners, first his hammer, and then his sledge to be used in place on cannonballs. The British were heard to call out loudly to their comrades, "Get out of the way for God's sake, before they send us the anvil."

Ref. History of Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey, by Shaw, provides the only mention of him as a blacksmith and actives during the American Revolutionary War, see above.

- o--10 Lea Van Riper B. D.
- o--10 Johannis Van Riper B. D.
- o--10 Gerrit Van Riper B. D.
- o--10 Cornelius Van Riper B. D.
- o--10 Jacob Van Riper B. 1746 M. Abigail La Roe. Ch. Abram Van Riper He may have been a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. D. 1817, Franklin Township, Bergen County, NJ Note. See below.
- o---9 Abram Van Riper B. D. Note. See below.

Ref. Van Riper Family History, by Charles Gage Van Riper, 1980, states, “We have not been able to find much more information on Jacob Van Riper. It is believed that his wife was Abigail La Roe. How many other children he had is unknown but our family bible lists him as the father of Abram. Jacob died in 1817 in Franklin Township, Bergen County, NJ.”

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- o--- --10 Abigail La Roe B. D.
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- o--10 Catriena Van Riper B. D.
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- o--10 Adrian Van Riper B. D.
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- o--10 Anaatja Van Riper B. D.
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- o--- --11 Geesje {Post} B. D.
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- o--11 Martje Van Rijper B. D.
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- o--11 Annetje Van Rijper B. D.
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- o--11 Rachel Van Rijper B. D.
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- o--11 Lea Van Rijper B. D.
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- o--- --12 Gerritje Mattheus B. She was Dutch. D.
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- o--12 Thomas Jurjaense B. M. Jannetje Straet Ch. Jurjaen D.
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- o--11 Jurjaen B. Baptized. September 1, 1693, Acqnackanonk Church D.
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- o--- --12 Jannetje Straet B. D.
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- o--12 Jan Juriance B. M. Neeltje Gerrebrantze Ch. Jurie D.
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- o--11 Jurie B. Baptized. February 10, 1703, Acqnackanonk Church D.
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- o--- --12 Neeltje Gerrebrantze B. D.
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- o--14 Harman Coeten Lemming B. **Came to America from Holland in 1659.** Ch. Reyke Harmsse The Lemming family was wealthy and Reyke Harmsse {Lemming} inherited most of the fortune. Resided. He and his family first lived in Peter Stuyvesant's Bowerie (estate), before moving to a farm at New Utrecht, Long Island. D.
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- o--- --13 Reyke Harmsse {Lemming} B. Holland Also known as Ryckje, Ryke, and Pryntje Hermans She was Dutch. She was a witness at the

baptism of her grandson, Jurie, son of Jan Juriance and Neeltje Gerrebrantze, in the Acqnackanonk Church, February 10, 1703. D. The date of her death is unknown.

**Ref. History of the Van Riper Family in America 1753 - 1958 by Edward A. Van Riper
Dated: October 28, 1958**

“In the year 1753 three brothers arrived in New Netherlands from Holland. The youngest of the three was Jacob, age 7 years. I do not know the names or ages of the other two brothers.

They settled in new Netherlands and later on as Jacob came of age he married a French woman, Abbey Ann Lasier.

In the year 1798 yellow fever broke out in lower town around the fort and green and the farmers and villagers began to move north to what was Greenwich Village.

Greenwich Village was formed in 1634, the first house being built by Wouter Von Twiller. The district was exceptionally fine and healthful and so many of the people settled there. Some of the people moved across the river to New Jersey and New York state.

Jacob and his family settled between Haverstraw and Spring Valley, New York. They had two sons, Abram and Dennis (or Tunis).

Abram married Catherine Michler and had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters.

Dennis married Maria Fisher. They had four children, two boys and two girls. All but one died at an early age. The survivor was John Fisher Van Riper, my great great grandfather.

Abram and Dennis were born at or near a place called the Pond – which could be Rockland Lake, which is near Spring Valley, N.Y.

Dennis had a farm at St. Andrews, Orange County, N.Y. and also one at St. Elmo. He died at Wallkill, N.Y. and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Abram and two of his sons, Jacob and Lewis, had a cotton mill which, in those days, was known as the Dutch Factory at Clarkstown – near Spring Valley.

Between the years 1850 and 1860 Abram and his family decided to go west to Michigan. They founded the village of LaGrange in Cass County and there proceeded to build a new mill for the manufacture of cotton and wollen goods.

They heard that the railroad was expected to pass near them but it never did so that the mill was then abandoned. In the years that followed the family started to migrate to other parts of Michigan.

Abram and members of his family are buried in the Van Riper Cemetery at LaGrange, Michigan.

Members of the Armed Forces:

Charles Van Riper enlisted Aug. 16, 1861 and was commissioned first lieutenant in Company A, 12th Michigan Voluntary Infantry. He was inducted Oct. 10, 1861 and mustered out Feb. 28, 1863.

Edward A. Van Riper enlisted in the Army Ordinance Dec. 13, 1917 and was discharged June 24, 1919. He served one year in France.

Fred C. Van Riper enlisted Sept. 1946 and served three years in the U.S. Navy, and transferred to the Air Force and is still in service in Clovis, New Mexico.

Dated: Oct. 28, 1958.

Signed Edward A. Van Riper”

VAN RIPER FAMILY - from Jacob Van Riper to the present - Much of the information contained below was obtained from a manuscript prepared by Leslie Victor Winchester, and **Ref. Van Riper Family History**, by Charles Gage Van Riper, 1980.

o--10 **Jacob Van Riper** B. 1746, Holland **Came to America from Holland in 1753.** M. Abbey Ann {Mary Ann} Frazier {Lazier}, 1785 Ch. Abram {Abraham} and Dennis {Tunis} Van Riper (The exact number of children is unknown, as well as their names.) Resided. Between Haverstraw and Spring Valley, Rockland County, NY D. 1817 Note. See above.

Note. The Edward A. Van Riper reference indicates that Jacob Van Riper came from Holland, whereas, the Charles Gage Van Riper reference indicates that he was born in America.

Note. The Edward A. Van Riper reference indicates that Jacob Van Riper married Abby Ann Frazier; whereas, the Charles Gage Van Riper reference indicates that “it is believed” that he was married to Abigail La Roe.

Note. The Charles Gage Van Riper reference indicates that Jacob Van Riper died in Franklin Township, Bergen County, NJ; whereas, the Leslie Victor Winchester manuscript does not indicate any location. Common ground of agreement is that Jacob Van Riper was born in 1746 and died in 1817, and that he had a son by the name of Abram; however, there is no mention of Dennis {Tunis} Van Riper.

o---9 Abram (Abraham) Van Riper B. 1787 (Between 1783 and 1789)
| | M. Catherine Mickler Ch. Jacob John, John A., Louis, Abram
| | {Abraham}, Charles A., Garret {Garro}, William, Tunis, Abbey
| | Ann, Maria, Margaret, and Matilda Van Riper (See note below

| | concerning the number of sons and daughters according to the
| | Charles Gage Van Riper reference.) He and his wife moved to Cass
| | County, MI, in 1856. Resided. Haverstraw, Rockland County,
| | NY, and Cass County, MI D. August 19, 1871 (The Charles
| | Gage Van Riper reference indicates that he died in 1873, at the age
| | of 84 years.) Bu. Van Riper Cemetery, Cass County, MI Note.
| | See above.

Note. He owned and operated a cotton mill at Midland Park, near Ridgewood, NJ (or at Spring Valley, Rockland County, NY). Also, he and a member of the Zabriskie family may have been partners in a ship-outfitting (“ship chandlers”) company in New York City, NY. His son John A. Van Riper married the daughter of his partner. (See note below concerning John Fisher Van Riper.)

Note. Upon arriving in Cass County, MI, he and his sons Charles and Garret bought about six hundred acres of land, including a site in La Grange Village where there had been a sawmill that had burned. They rebuilt the mill and dam on Dowagiac Creek to turn out both flour and woolen goods. The mill worked day and night turning out woolen underwear for the Union soldiers in the Civil War. Abram and his sons also built a school and a church in La Grange, MI. (Ref. Glover’s History of Cass County, Michigan; Waterman’s History of Cass County, Michigan; and U.S. Census for 1860.)

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o---8 Jacob John Van Riper (Possible, see note below) B. 1807 M. Maria
| Van Orden D. 1838

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o---8 John A. Van Riper B. 1811 M. Leah Zabriskie, before 1854,
| | Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY, see note below. Ch. Abram,
| | George, Jacob J., Garret, Lewis, Margaret, Catherine Matilda, Alvin,
| | and Gertrude Van Riper He spent most of his early life in Haverstraw,
| | Rockland County, NY. In 1854, he and two brothers went to Cass
| | County, MI, and settled along Dowagiac Creek, near La Grange, MI.
| | He remained in La Grange, MI, during the Civil War and ran the family
| | mill. Resided. Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY, and Cass County,
| | MI D. 1885, Buchanan, Berrien County, near the Saint Joseph River,
| | MI

Note. He was a very large man, being over 6 feet tall, and very broad and strong enough to bend horseshoes with his hands. He once single-handedly pulled a team of oxen onto dry land when they had been completely mired in a swamp. A family legend is that in his old age he left his business and family and spent his last years of his life in a cabin on the Saint Joseph River hunting and fishing.

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o---7 Abram Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY
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o---7 George Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY

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o---7 Jacob J. Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY
| D.
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o---7 Garret Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY
| D.
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o---7 Lewis Van Riper B. 1842, Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY M.
| | Sarah {Sally} Edwards, after 1862. Ch. Alfred and Paul Van Riper He
| | moved to Michigan with his father and mother in 1854, at 12 years of age.
| | **He enlisted in Company A, 12th Michigan Infantry Volunteers during**
| | **the Civil War**, at the age of 20 years. He only served for six months
| | before being discharged because of a medical disability on July 21, 1862.
| | Resided. 513 Grant Street, Niles, Berrien County, MI D. 1916
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Note. In 1866, he and his wife moved to Des Moines, Polk County, IA, where he was a railroad postal clerk. In 1877, the family moved to the vicinity of Niles, Berrien County, MI, and lived on the Edwards homestead farm at Summerville, MI, while he traveled his railroad postal routes. Eventually, the family moved to Niles, Berrien County, MI. He was an accountant at the time of his death.

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o---6 Alfred Van Riper B. Des Moines, Polk County, IA D. At the age of five
| years.
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o---6 Paul Van Riper, MD B. 1875, Des Moines, Polk County, IA Nickname.
| | "Doctor Van" M. Edyth Adele Gage, Christmas Day, 1901, Niles, Berrien
| | County, MI Ch. Charles Gage, Joseph Edwards, and Dorothy Van Riper
| | Resided. Niles, Berrien County, MI; Franfort, MI; and Champion, Marquette
| | County, MI Resided. Edwards farm at Summerville, MI D. 1970, at the age
| | of 94 years.
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Note. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a MD degree. He first practiced in Niles, then in Franfort, MI, and finally in Champion, Marquette County, MI, where he spent the rest of his life. In 1900, he was hired to practice medicine in Champion, Marquette County, MI, primarily for the local miners. The Van Riper State Park at Champion, Marquette County, MI, and three lakes are named for him.

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o---5 Charles Gage Van Riper, Ph.D, MD B. December 1, 1905, Champion, Marquette
| | County, MI Nickname. "Cully Gage" M. Catharine Jane Hull, 1936 Ch.
| | Catharine Gage, Susan Jane, and John Hull Van Riper He graduated from the
| | University of Michigan, and the University of Iowa with a Ph.D, and among many
| | other significant achievements practiced medicine in Champion, Marquette County,
| | MI, and was a professor at Western Michigan University. Resided. 3821 West
| | Milham, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, MI, in a historic house on 80 acres of
| | land. The old brick house was 120 years old in 1980. D. 1994

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Note. He suffered from severe stuttering, and eventually helped to develop the science of speech pathology. He wrote 27 books and hundred of articles, and lectured throughout the world, becoming one of the founding fathers of this new science. **He was a world renowned and highly respected pioneer in the field of speech pathology.** He wrote an autobiography and his father's biography entitled: "My Father Dr. Van," published in 1982 by John M. Longyear Library, Marquette, Marguette County, MI.

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Note. He once said that according to his father, the only information he (Paul Van Riper) had about his early ancestors was that they had come to America from Holland before the American Revolutionary War and had settled in New Jersey near New Amsterdam. The only other thing that had been handed down from generation to generation was this rhyme: "A Van and a Van and the son of a Van, A Van of an ancient line, From every rugged feature, Ancestral glories shine."

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o--- --4 Terry {Tim} Squires B. M. Catharine Gage Van Riper Ch. Jennifer Ann
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o---3 Jennifer Ann Squires B.
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o---4 Catharine Gage Van Riper B. 1939, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, MI
| Nickname. "Cathy" Resides. near Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, MI
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o--- --4 Benjamin Krill B. Nickname. "Ben" M. Susan Jane Van Riper Ch Elizabeth,
| | | Kelley, Susannah, and Benjamin Charles Krill
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o--- --3 Andrew Amor B. 1964 Nickname. "Andy" M. Elizabeth Krill He is a registered
| | | Architect, and a member of the American Institute of Architects. Resides. Atlanta,
| | | Fulton County, GA
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o---3 Elizabeth Krill B. Nickname. "Liz" She is the eldest grandchild of Charles Gage Van
| Riper, MD
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o---3 Kelley Krill B.
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o---3 Susannah Krill B.
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o---3 Benjamin Krill B.
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o---4 Susan Jane Van Riper B. 1931, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, MI Nickname.
| "Sue" Resides. Muskegon, Muskegon County, MI
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o---4 John Hull Van Riper B. 1943, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, MI M. Judy
| | Van Luke Ch. Jody, James, Jonathan, and Julie Van Riper Resides. Jackson, Jackson
| | County, MI
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o---3 Jody Van Riper B.

o---3 James Van Riper B.

o---3 Jonathan Van Riper B.

o---3 Julie Van Riper B.

o---4 Judy Van Luke B.

o---5 Catharine Jane Hull B. 1909, Washington, Washington County, IA (Daughter of Henry, MD, and Hallie (Nee. Hallie Berdo) Hull.) Nicknames. "Lady Katy, The Madam, and The Earth Mother" She graduated from the University of Iowa, being one of the first undergraduates in the new field of Speech Pathology. D.

o---5 Joseph Edwards Van Riper, Ph.D B. 1910 M. Betty Rain Ch. Joseph Edwards Van Riper II. He received B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He was a geographer of note, traveled all over the world, author of a widely used text in geography, and taught at Syracuse University. D.

o---4 Joseph Edwards Van Riper II B. M. {-----} Ch. Joseph Edwards III and Cissy Van Riper

o---3 Joseph Edwards Van Riper III B.

o---3 Cissy Van Riper B.

o---4 {-----} B.

o---5 Betty Rain B. D.

o---5 Samuel Dibble II B. M. Dorothy Van Riper Ch.

o---4 {-----} Doran B. M. Edythe Gage Dibble Ch. Daniel Doran

o---3 Daniel Doran B.

o---4 Edythe Gage Dibble B.

o---4 Samuel Dibble III B. M. {-----} Ch. Carrie and Tanja Dibble

o---3 Carrie Dibble B.

o---3 Tanja Dibble B.

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 o---5 Dorothy Van Riper B. 1912 Nickname. "Dotty" She graduated from the
 | University of Michigan.
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 o--- --6 Edyth Adele Gage B. 1879, Niles, Berrien County, MI (Daughter of Arza
 | and Henrietta (Nee. Henrietta {Nettie} Wood) Gage.) He grandfather
 | moved his family to Wayne Township, Cass County, MI, in 1839. Resided.
 | Niles, Cass County, MI, and Champion, Marquette County, MI D. 1939
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 o--- --7 Sarah {Sally} Edwards B. She moved with her family from New
 | Jersey to Michigan in 1856. Resided. Summerville, MI D.
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 o---7 Margaret Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland County,
 | NY D.
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 o---7 Catherine Mathilda Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland
 | County, NY D.
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 o---7 Alvin Van Riper B. Saddle River or Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY
 | D.
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 o---7 Gertrude Van Riper B. D.
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 o--- --8 Leah Zabriskie B. Resided. Patterson, Passaic County, NJ,
 | Haverstraw, Rockland County, NY, and Cass County, MI D. 1903,
 | Dowagiac, Cass County, MI
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Note. Family legend indicates that the Zabriskie family came from Polish nobility. The first immigrant, Albrecht {Albert} Zabriskie, arrived in America on the ship d'Vos (The Fox) from Amsterdam, Holland, the same year that Juriaen Van Riper arrived. He settled in Bergen County, NJ. He may have belonged to a branch of a small Polish noble family named Zaborowskis.

(Ref. Harman's Poles in New York, 17th and 18th Centuries.) The surname is also spelled as Zabriska.

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 o---8 Louis Van Riper (Possible, see note below) B. 1815 Not married.
 | D. 1863
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 o---8 Abram {Abraham} Van Riper B. 1816 M. Maria Yowsey He
 | moved to Cass County, MI, after 1856. D. 1900
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 o---8 Charles A. Van Riper B. 1822 M. Emiline Springsteel **He enlisted**
 | **August 16, 1861, and was commissioned first lieutenant in**
 | **Company A, 12th Michigan Infantry Volunteers. He was inducted**
 | **October 10, 1861, and mustered out Febuary 28, 1863.** D. 1900

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Note. **He was badly wounded in the Battle of Shiloh**, taken prisoner, and imprisoned at Madison, GA. He was closely confined for trying to escape on October 7, 1862. He came back to Michigan after the war a broken man, and suffered from scurvy, varicose veins, and asthma. He was unable to do any hard labor for the rest of his life.

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Note. **The Battle of Shiloh occurred on Sunday, June 6, and Monday, June 7, 1862**, in Hardin County, TN, near Pittsburgh Landing, TN, on the west bank of the Tennessee River, about nine miles south of Savannah, TN. It was the first major battle of the Western Theater in the Civil War. It involved about 65,000 Union and 44,000 Confederate soldiers. The battle resulted in nearly 24,000 killed, wounded, and missing. It proved to be a decisive victory for the Union forces when they advanced on and seized control of the Confederate railway system at Corinth, MS. This was one of the most bloody battles of the Civil War. The 12th Michigan Infantry Regiment (U.S.) was at the battle.

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o---8 Garret {Garro} Van Riper B. M. Maria Zabriskie, see note below.
| (Note. The name is also spelled as Gerret, Gerrit, and Garret in Dutch.)
| In 1854, he and two brothers went to Cass County, MI, and settled
| along Dowagiac Creek near La Grange, MI. D.

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o---8 William Van Riper B. M. Ida Norton In 1854, he and two
| brothers went to Cass County, MI, and settled along Dowagiac Creek
| near La Grange, MI. He developed a basket-making factory. D.

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o---8 Tunis Van Riper B. M. Hanna Ackerman He moved to Cass
| County, MI, after 1856. He was a farmer. D.

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Note. **Ref. Van Riper Family History**, by Charles Gage Van Riper in 1980, indicates the children of Abram Van Riper, above, as “six sons, John A., Charles A., Garret, William, Tunis, and Abraham and two daughters, one of whom was named Abigail after her mother.” Therefore, those not included by name in this statement, including John Jacob and Louis Van Riper above, are designated here as (Possible) for those who might want to conduct further research. Also, it is not clear as to what is meant by “after her mother.” It could be that he meant to say “after his mother,” meaning Abigail La Roe, and not Catherine Mickler or her mother.

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o---8 Abbey Ann Van Riper (Possible) B. M. Albert Van Dien D.

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o---8 Maria Van Riper (Possible) B. D. Died at the age of two years.

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o---8 Margaret Van Riper (Possible) B. M. John Sturr D.

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o---8 Matilda Van Riper (Possible) B. D.

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o--- --9 Catherine Mickler B. Also known as Michler. D. Some
| time in the 1860s.
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o---9 **Dennis {Tunis} Van Riper** B. March 19, 1792, at the “Pond,”
| | Rockland Lake, near Spring Valley, Rockland County, NY M.
| | Maria Fisher Ch. John Fisher, Caroline, and Stephan Van Riper He
| | had a farm at St. Andrews, Orange County, NY, and another farm
| | at St. Elmo, NY. D. September 7, 1884, Wallkill, Ulster County,
| | NY Bu. Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY

o---8 **John Fisher Van Riper** B. July 13, 1815 M. Mary Ellen Moore,
| | 1837 Ch. Caroline, Sarah, Clara, Mary Ellen, and Charles Close Van
| | Riper He was a merchant of dry goods. His partner was Christian
| | Zabriske. (Note. John Fisher Van Riper’s nephews, John A. and Garret
| | Van Riper, see above, married Leah and Maria Zabriska.) He left an
| | estate of \$35,000. Resided. 37 Charlton Street, New York, NY, and
| | 519 Greenwich Street D. November 8, 1879 Bu. Greenwood
| | Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY

o---7 **Eugene Britton** B. March 1, 1839, Staten Island, Richmond County,
| | NY M. Caroline Van Riper, September 20, 1860 Ch. Joseph, Carolyn
| | {Carrie}, Carolyn {Carrie}, Emma, George P., Adeline, Mary Ellen,
| | Eugenie, and Clara Britton Resided. 12 St. James Place and 324
| | Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, NY; and 120 West 80th Street, New York,
| | NY D. September 28, 1922 Bu. Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island,
| | Richmond County, NY

Note. He was a banker and Treasurer of the Broadway Savings Bank of New York City. He and his wife were in the “400 of New York City.” He was a 32th Degree Mason, Valley of Brooks; Shriner; Anglo-Saxon Lodge #137, Brooklyn; Director, Broadway Institution of New York; Member, firm of Leavy and Britton; Member and Treasurer, Oxford Club, 1885; Member, Aurora Grata Club; and Member, Marino and Field Club. **He served with his brother-in-law Charles Van Riper in the 7th Regiment of New York, U.S.A.**

o---6 **Thomas Harry Holmes** B. October 16, 1867, Brooklyn, NY M 1st.
| | Mary Ellen Britton, February 17, 1892, 8:00PM, 12 St. James Place,
| | Brooklyn, NY, by the Rev. Charles W. Horner (Divorced) Ch. Thomas,
| | Adeline Britton, Carolyn Van Riper, and Harriet Holmes M 2nd. Edna
| | {----}, after 1916 (No children) He was a photographer by trade. Resided.
| | 2906 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD, from 1906 to 1916 (Lived in
| | Baltimore, MD, during the Great Fire of 1904) D. December 31, 1940,
| | Jacksonville, Duval County, FL Bu. Oaklawn Cemetery, Jacksonville,
| | Duval County, FL

o---5 **Thomas Holmes** B. September 22, 1893, 6:15PM, 450 Washington Heights,
| | Brooklyn, NY **He served in WW I.** M. Adelaide Leona Barrett, June 10, 1921,
| | Key West, Monroe County, FL He and his wife were in the “Blue Book” of New
| | York City in 1921, the year of their marriage. Ch. Thomas George, Imogene
| | Barrett, and William Britton Holmes Resided. Baltimore, MD, until moving to

Havana, Cuba, in 1921: stayed there until a revolution broke out and then returned to the United States with his family in 1933; moved to Plant City, Hillsborough County, FL; and then moved to Clearwater, Pinellas County, FL, in 1938, where he lived until his death. D. April 15, 1961, Melbourne, Brevard County, FL, during a visit with his son Thomas George Holmes. Bu. Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater, Pinellas County, FL

o---4 **William Britton Holmes** B. August 18, 1931, Anglo-American Hospital, Havana, (La Habana, Habana Province), Cuba Nickname. "Billy" **He served as a Lieutenant in the US Air Force during the Korean War**, March 1954 - March 1956, stationed at Misawa, AFB, Japan, 49th Air Installations Squadron, 49th Fighter Bomber Wing, 5th Air Force, Far East Air Force. He was a registered architect in the State of Florida, January 1959 to February 1999, and retired from the Federal Government as the Chief Architect, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. M. Gladys Catherine Matthews (B. December 21, 1925, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL), October 11, 1963, 6:00PM, by Canon Mitchell Taylor, All Saints Episcopal Church, Miami Beach, Dade County, FL (No children)

Note. Katie worked for Alan Boyd, who later became the first Secretary of Transportation; as a volunteer in the Eisenhower, Goldwater, Nixon, Reagan, and the two George H. W. Bush presidential campaigns; in the Reagan national presidential campaign headquarters and on the Inaugural Committee; on the George H. W. Bush presidential transition committee; for Mel Laird at the time he became Secretary of Defense; **and served as a volunteer between 1989 and 1993 in the White House, Washington, DC**, during the administration of President George H. W. Bush. She and Bill were present at and witnessed four presidential inaugurations.

o--- --5 Adelaide Leona Barrett B. September 7, 1900, Lakota, Nelson County, ND Resided. Lakota, Nelson County, ND, until moving to Havana, Cuba, in 1921 (See above for other places of residencies) D. January 31, 1995, Melbourne, Brevard County, FL, while in a nursing home near her son Thomas George Holmes. Bu. Clearwater Cemetery, Clearwater, Pinellas County, FL

o---6 **Mary Ellen Britton** B. June 9, 1868, Staten Island, Richmond County, NY She was a twin sister of Adeline Britton. Resided. Baltimore, MD D. May 7, 1937, Jacksonville, Duval County, FL Bu. Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, Richmond County, NY

o---7 **Caroline Van Riper** B. August 19, 1840 D. January 21, 1924 Bu. Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, Richmond County, NY

o--- --7 George W. Post B. M. Sarah Van Riper Ch. Clara Post D.

o---6 Clara Post B. (No children) D.

o---7 Sarah Van Riper B. 1842 D. 1913

o---7 Clara Van Riper B. 1846 Did not marry. D. 1861
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 o--- --7 Charles A. Blauvelt {Blavrett} B. M. Mary Ellen Van Riper Ch.
 | | | Willard and Fanny Blauvelt {Blavrett} D.
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 o---6 Willard Blauvelt {Blavrett} B. Resided. Patterson, Passaic County, NJ
 | D.
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 o---6 Fanny Blauvelt {Blavrett} B. Resided. Patterson, Passaic County, NJ D.
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 o---7 Mary Ellen Van Riper B. 1848 Nickname. "Mamie" D. 1923
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 o---7 Charles Close Van Riper B. 1851 M. Maria Louise Post Ch. Gladys,
 | | Vera, Edward Adams, and John Fisher Van Riper **He served with his**
 | | **brother-in-law Eugene Britton in the 7th Regiment of New York,**
 | | **U.S.A.** D. 1932
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 o---6 Gladys Van Riper B. D.
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 o---6 Vera Van Riper B. D.
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 o---6 Edward Adams Van Riper B. 1883 M. Mary Ramsey Ch. Frederick C. Van
 | | Riper **He enlisted in the Army Ordinance December 13, 1917 and was**
 | | **discharged June 24, 1919.** He served one year in France. D.
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 o---5 Frederick C. Van Riper B. 1923 M. Emma Lou Nelson Ch. Charles Edward
 | | Van Riper **He enlisted September, 1946, and served for three years in the U.S.**
 | | **Navy, and then transferred to the Air Force** and served at Clovis, NM. He was
 | | still serving in the military in 1958. D.
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 | o--- --6 Mary Ramsey B. D.
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 o---4 Charles Edward Van Riper B. 1958
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 o--- --5 Emma Lou Nelson B. D.
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 o---6 John Fisher Van Riper B. 1885 M. Grace Kilburn D. 1923
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 o--- --7 Maria Louise Post B. D.
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 | | o---9 Oscar Moore B. M. Sarah {-----} Ch. Mary Ellen Moore
 | | | | D.
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 o--- --8 Mary Ellen Moore B. 1827 D. December 27, 1870
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 | o--- --9 Sarah {-----} B. D.

o--- --10 **Mary {-----}** B. D.
o---8 **Caroline Van Riper** B. D.
o---8 **Stephan Van Riper** B. D.
o--- --9 **Maria Fisher** B. D.
o--- --10 **Abbey Ann {Mary Ann} Frazier {Lazier}** B. France
Also known as Fazier. D.