

CHILD OF JAN VAN TEXEL (VAN TASSEL) #001

#01 CORNELIUS JENSEN VAN TEXEL born about 1600 on the Isle of Texel, North Holland. Sometime after his arrival to North America, Wyandance, Sachem of Long Island, gave him his (Wyandance's) daughter, "Cantoneras", in marriage; she being one of the fourteen Indian women taken into captivity by Ninigret, Chief of the Narragansetts, and afterwards ransomed through the good offices of Lion Gardiner.

The year of his coming cannot be exactly fixed as the records of that time are incomplete. He must have come over in one of the Dutch vessels which commenced trading with the Indians, shortly after Hendrick Hudson in 1609, sailed up the river which bears his name - and could not have arrived in this country later than 1624. In all probability, he came over a few years earlier. From papers examined, it is believed that he came here from the Isle of Texel.

The following agreement, the original of which was contained in Vol. I of the Dutch Colonial Manuscripts on file in the Archives Room of the New York State Library in the capital, Albany, New York, until it was burned in the great fire of March 29, 1911.

"This day, date underwritten, in the presence of the underwritten, witnesses, have amicably agreed and covenanted in the manner as followeth:

Jan Van Texel (#001) binds his son Cornelius Jensen Van, Texel (#01) to Hendrick Harmensen and for the term of seven consecutive years who also acknowledged to have accepted the above name Cornelius Jensen Van Texel for the above mentioned term, with the express promise that he, Hendrick Harmensen, shall take care of the boy, as if he were his own son during the seven years aforesaid.

"Also, Jan Van Texel shall not have the power to take his son from the above mentioned named Hendrick Harmensen, but only whenever the above mentioned time shall be expired.

"For all that is aforesaid, parties on either side shall, at the expiration of the aforesaid years, have no claim, and the one against the other, nor any manner of demand.

"The presents are signed by parties in good faith without guile or deceit.

Fort Amsterdam, in New Netherlands.

Maurits Jansen

Jan Van Texel
his mark

Adrisen Van Tienhoven
Witnesses

Hendrick Harmensen"