



NICHOLAS STILWELL, the first of the name, and common ancestor of the family, born in England. Married, 1st, Abigail, daughter of Robert Hopton, of Wytham, Somerset-shire, by whom he had two sons :

- A) Richard, born 1634 ;
- B) Nicholas, born 1636 ;

In 1638, in company with his two brothers, John and Jasper, he emigrated to America, bringing with him his two sons, and settled on Manhattan Island, where he married, 2d, Ann Van Dyke, a Hollander, by whom he had six children :

- C) William, baptized May 11, 1648;
- D) Thomas, baptized July 9, 1651 ;
- E) Daniel, baptized November 13, 1653;
- F) Jeremiah, baptized January 13, 1661 ;
- G) Anne, born in 1643;
- H) Abigail, born in 1645.

Nicholas died at Dover, on Staten Island, Dec. 28th, 1671. His will, dated Dec. 22d, 1671, is recorded in the Surrogate's office, New York, Liber 1, of Wills, p. 168.

His widow survived him; and from the Town Records of Gravesend it appears that on the 21st of June, 1672, Ann Stilwell of Dover, upon Staten Island, bought from John Jansen his house and grounds, at Gravesend ; and that on the 29th of December, 1672, she was there married to William Wilkins, one of the first settlers, and for many years a magistrate of the town. The record of the marriage is as follows :

"1672, Dec 29. William Wilkins and Ann Stilwell, widow, both of Gravesend, were pronounced man and wife, by Capt. James Hubbard, Justice."

The record of the baptism of the children of Nicholas is preserved in the Dutch Church, New York.

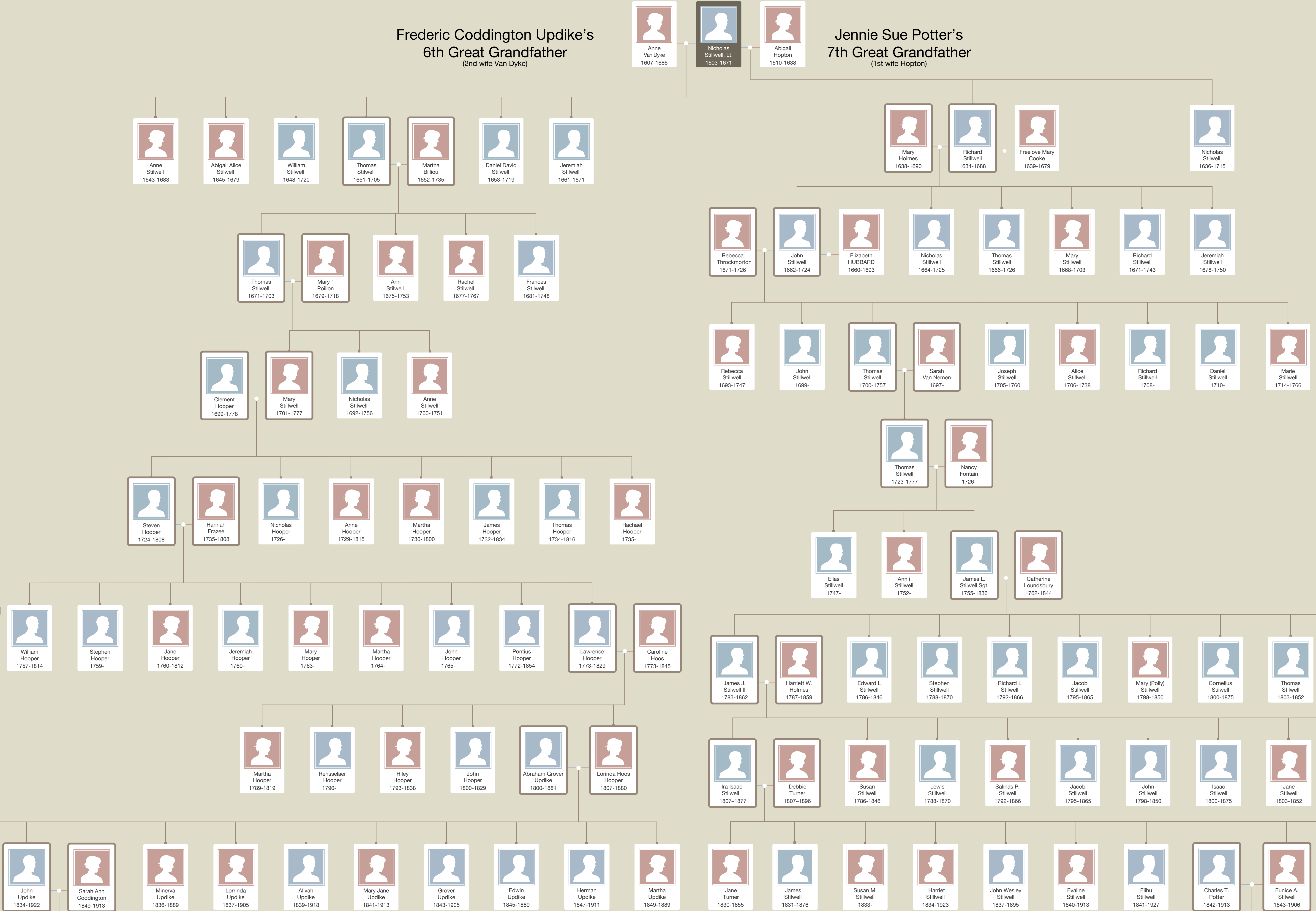
For an account of the children of John Stilwell and Jasper Stilwell, the two brothers of Nicholas — see ante, pages 2-38.



## Lt. Nicholas Stilwell

Frederic Coddington Updike's  
6th Great Grandfather  
(2nd wife Van Dyke)

Jennie Sue Potter's  
7th Great Grandfather  
(1st wife Hopton)



RICHARD STILWELL, called Captain Richard was the eldest son of Nicholas, the first of the name, born in Holland in 1634, was brought to America by his father in 1638. In 1649 his father purchased for him a plantation at Gravesend, Long Island, where he settled and married, 1st, in May, 1655, Mart, daughter of Obadiah Holmes, of Salem, 2nd, his cousin Feelove (who subsequently assumed the name of Mercy), daughter of John Cooke, the regicide.

In 1664 he was appointed, under the Duke of York, one of the Justices of the West Riding of Yorkshire, comprising Staten Island and the western portion of Long Island. In 1630 he removed to Staten Island, where he took up 160 acres of land, upon which his uncle and father-in-law, John Cooke, had originally located. He died at Dover, on Staten Island, in 1688-9, leaving six children :

1. John, born May 18, 1660;
2. Nicholas, born January 11, 1664;
3. Thomas, born December 4, 1666;
4. Richard, born June 25, 1671;
5. Jeremiah, born October 26, 1678;
6. Mary, born July 13, 1668.

Richard died intestate and his lands descended to his elder son, John, who, however, made provision for the younger children. (See deed, Richmond County's Clerk Office, Lib. B., Page 575.) This inventory of his estate was filed Feb. 12th, 1688-9.

