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Subject: Re: [Robbinsfamilysouthjersey] Digest Number 127
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I'd say there's a decent chance that the Sickels and DeBows knew each other in NYC, Sara. They likely knew each other in Albany in the 1600s (the community wasn't that big), and they obviously knew each other in NJ. If their time in NYC did indeed overlap, and if they didn't live too far apart there, they would likely have seen each other, at least at church. I wouldn't be surprised if they were either part of a group that moved together or that they were driven by common forces, like land deals. I suspect the Albany area was in recession or slow growth in the decades after the English takeover, and Monmouth may have been growing. Maybe a local history book that covers their specific area of Monmouth County would cover both families and the circumstances.

About the ages of brides, 17 was the low end. I'd guess that the average was about 20, with 26 or so being the high end for first marriages. The Dutch communities almost uniformly belonged to the Reformed Dutch Church, whom we can thank for comparatively excellent vital records. The RDC had, at least until the mid-18th century or so, fairly formal procedures for marriages, including the publishing of engagements, which carried the weight of business contracts today. I suspect the church simply didn't sanction marriages for girls they thought too young. For anyone who would like to check a sample broader than my own family, a wonderfully compact database of Dutch colonial families (including both the DeBooghs and Sickels) is at http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~rclarke/index.htm#S.

And yes, my two Robbins lines ended with Abigail, who married Thomas DeBow abt 1811, and Deborah, who married Lawrence DeBow abt 1747.

Chris

> Date: Sun, 1 Jan 2006 09:59:11 -0700
> From: "july37" <july37@cox.net>
> Subject: Re: Re: Re: Re: Mary Sickles/Moses Robins
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> Chris,
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> After reading your post on Zacharias Sickles, I noticed you write that he
> was living in East Ward, NY in 1702. BTW, what an interesting background
> for
> Zacharias & thanks for providing it. From the history you give us, do you
> think it's possible 8-Moses & Mary may have met in the NYC area around
> 1702?
> This would be closer to Woodbridge although a trip up the Hudson isn't
> difficult from NJ. I didn't know the average marriage age for Dutch
> Reformed
> daughters was about 17. That helps with Mary's birthdate being 1683 & not
> 1689.
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> Re: your ancestor Frederick DeBow/DeBoogh's g-grandson. Is he Thomas BeBow
> 1783 NJ -1874 NJ husband of Abigail Robins, g-grand-daughter of 8-Moses &
> Mary Sickles? I have Abigail as the daughter of Joseph & Jane Hoopes
> Robins.
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> Happy New Year.
>
Sara

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