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First Westfall in America

1600's, NY

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HISTORY OF THE WESTFALL FAMILY:

The progenitor of the Westfalls in America was Jurian Westfal or Van Westphalen, who emigrated from Leyderdorp, (near Leyden, South Holland) and arrived in Rensselaerwyck (Albany) in 1642 (see O'Callaghan's New Netherlands, also year book 1896, Holland Society, N. Y.) He was one of the first settlers of Ulster County, N. Y., locating there prior to 1657. He died about 1667. His wife was Haritje Hansen.

Jurien (George) Westfall (Westphael or Van Westphalen) indicating that they originated in Westphalia in Germany.

He married Maritje Hansen and owned land at Esopus or Kingston, N. Y., as early as 1654, making them one of the pioneers or early settlers of that region on the West side of the Hudson River.

DON HERMAN

Jurian Westphal was born in Prussia in 1629 and died in New York in 1667.

He sailed from Texal, Holland aboard the ship "Den Houttuyn" and arrived at the port of New Amsterdam (New York) August 4, 1642.

It is not known whether his parents died on the voyage or if Jurian was an orphan. He was placed in the home of Michael Jansen.

He married Marretje Jansen about 1653. Maria was a daughter of Hans Jansen. Apparently the couple lived on lands belonging to Governor Stuyvestan, since Sergeant Andreas Louwrensen reported to the Governor September 28, 1658, "...as to Jurian Westphalen, he thinks he will come down by the first opportunity and see whether he can agree with your Esy. about the rent on the farm here.

After Jurian died Marretje married Jacob Jansen.

According to old records, Juriaan was killed by Indians, while acting as a guide for soldiers in 1669.

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16. JuriaanS Westfall

Name-Var: Van Wesphalen/Westfallen

Name-Var: George Westfall

Name-Var: Jurian Van Vestveal/Westvae

Mark* ——— "curious imitation of a trident" (Collins, "unknown short article title", p. 87

—describes his mark— a "curious imitation of a trident".).

Name-Var: Jurian Westphal; the most used virson by him

Witness: ——— Family Res;; The family crest is a shield outlined in a wide band of gold, with a silver horse rampant on a field of black. The name Westphal is derived from westphelen, which means "western plains", and Westphals were a tribe of related families in acient times who lived in the extreme western section of germania _ "people of the western plains" literally. Tradition says our family had migrated to prussia, and from there to Holland about 1600. Two brothers - first names unknown - Von Westphals who had taken part in a rebellion against the Catholic Prince in their district, and they fled to Holland to escape reprisal. It may or may not be true, but there were many other protestants - followers of Luther who did take part in riots and many of them were put to death, and there was a great emigration at the time of the religious troubles, (Walter Burgner, History & Heraldry of The Westfall Family In America (No place: no publisher, no date).)

Birth* ——— 1629 Prussia, Holland (unknown compiler, "Don Norman 41991 Emerson," Ancestral File.).

Name-Var: Jeuriach Bestvaell Van Luyderdorp(Burgner, History & Heraldry.)

History: 03 Jun 1642 (w) Ship De Houttuyn, Netherlands; 3 Jun 1642 ship De Houttuyn, skipper Admen Dickson Houttuyn. The persons going over will be these - De Johannes Megnpolensls, Matheld Willemsen, his wife Bellegoad, Dirrick John, & Samuel, his children; Abraham Stacs, surgeon, his servant; Evert pels, Beer-Brewer, his wife, his man; Cornells Lamberssen, van Doorn, Utrecht, farm servant; Jochim Kettelhuer, van Cremyn; Johan Helms, van Baritt, N Brabant; Johan Chrsterssen, van Baritt, N Brabant; Jeuriach Bestvaell, van Luyderdorp; Cinds jansen, van Wnalwyck, N Brabant; Paulus jausen, van Geertruydenburg, do; Hans Vos van Baden; Juriaan van sSieswyck, N Brabant, Hendrick Altermen van Wuden, 20 years old, Gerturde Dries, his wife 28 years old, Hendrick Dries her borther 21 years (the Dries from Driesburg) (Shirley Mason Barnes, The Kindred Ventures, The History and Genealogy of Peter Barnes (1744-1814) and Related Families, Bevington, Buckmaster, Graham, Howard, Inman, Porter, Shipley, Springer, and Warner, in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio (3 Walnut Way, Springfield, VA 05156: no publisher, no date), From the Rensselaerswyck MSS.) (Collins, "unknown short article title", p. 11—record of Jurian's arrival on the ship "de Houttuyn"—Capt. Adriaen Dirksen, on Aug. 11, 1642: "Jeuriach Bestvaell Van Luyderdorp" left Holland on June 6 of that year [Luyderdorp is a small town in South Holland, where ropemaking is or was a major "industry"].)

Emigration* 06 Jun 1642 Ship Den Houttuyn, Texal, Holland [Netherlands]; as Jeuriach Bestvaell van Luyderdorp a farm servant at cost of the Patroon, skipper being Adriaen Dirksen Houttuyn (unknown compiler, "Don Norman 41991 Emerson," Ancestral File, Jurian Westphal sailed from Texal, Holland aboard the ship "Den Houttuyn" and arrived at the port of New Amsterdam (NY) August 4, 1642 It is not known whether his parents died on the voyage or if Jurian was an orphan. He was placed in the home of Michael Jansen.) (Burgner, History & Heraldry.)

Immigratr* 04 Aug 1642 ship "The Houttuyn", New Amsterdam [NY], USA; age 13 and placed in the home of Michael Jansz/Jansen of Rensselaerwick. Others aboard were Klaas Janser & Paulus Jansen who may have been related to Michael (Burgner, History & Heraldry.)

Witness: a ——— 1643 Birth: Johannes Jurian Westfall; Fox Hall, Esopus, Ulster Co., NY, USA (Collins, "unknown short article title", Thomas Chambers came originally to Rennselaerswyck as a farmer under Killiaen, the first Patroon, and he occupied the land upon which now stands the city of Troy. In Oct. 1653, he received a patent for 38 morgans of land at Esopus, to which place he moved probably in company with Evert Pels and Jurian Westvall. He was one of the most energetic,

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influential and prosperous settlers at that place, and his valuable services on behalf of the government were reorganized by Governor Lovelace in 1672 by the creation of a manor out of his estate "To be known by ye name of ye Manor of Fox Hall". There seems to have been an association of interests between Thomas Chambers and the Westfall family, for Johannes, son of Jurian Westvael was born at Fox Hall. In the record of his marriage at Kingston on Jan. 28, 1683, to Maretle Jacobz Cool, he is called "Johannes Juriaen Weesphall, Y.M. of Fox Hall in the Esopus rased in Kingston". (Collins, "unknown short article title", p. 89 a Thomas Chambers also came under the 1st Patroon as a farmer—occupied land (now Troy, NY), went to Esopus 1653, became prosperous and made the manor "Fox Hall" out of his estate. Johannes-2 Westfall was born at Fox Hall—so there must have been a close association. Also on this page, a guess that Jurian must have died about 1667.).

Marriage* c ___ 1653 Marretje Jansen (Henry A Stoutenburgh, Documentary History of the Dutch Congregation, Oyster Bay, NY (2 vols.) (NY: no publisher, 1904), Vol. 2, p. 509 Marritje, dau. of Hans Jansen Noordstrandt meaning, I think, "from Noordstrandt") married about 1659, Juriaen Westphael and settled at Kingston, where they had a number of children baptised. He died about 1667. She then married Jacob Jansen (sup.) Stoutenburgh, p672 Jurian Westphael of Esopus, married Marretje Hansen, dau of Hans Jansen and his first wife. Marretje was the girl bound to the tavern-keeper. Hereinafter cited as Hist Dutch Cong. Oyster Bay NY.)

History: ___ 1653 (w) Esopus.

Purchased* ___ Sep 1654 Esopus, NY, USA; 32 1/2 morgens land (Burgner, History & Heraldry.)

Residence* c 27 Mar 1657 Esopus, New Netherlands, USA (Collins, "unknown short article title", p. 12—indication that Jurian had settled in Esopus prior to 27 Mar 1657, followed the vocation as a farmer—either holding lands as rental or as Gov.

Stuyvesant's manager...("your Honor's farmer").).

Rent* 28 Sep 1658 New Amsterdam [NY], NY, USA; fr Governor Stuyvestan (unknown compiler, "Don Norman 41991 Emerson," Ancestral File, Jurian Westphal apparently lived on lands belonging to Governor Stuyvestan, since Sergeant Andreas Lonwrensen reported to the Governor September 28, 1658 "... as to Jurian Westphalen, he thinks he will come down by the first opportunity and see whether he can agree with your Esy. about the rent on the farm here".)

Tax* ___ Sep 1661 Wittevyck, New Amsterdam/NY, USA (Don & Mary, "The Westfall Family," e-mail message from campdonmar@earthlink.net (Westfall List WESTFALL-L@rootsweb.com) to unknown

recipient, Sat, 18 Apr 1998, by Holdridge Caro Collins—pages 87-88-89-90 From New York Genealogical and Biographical Record— Vol. 33 Note: The misspellings are by the recorder, I'm repeating what was transcribed in the public returns of those who paid excise of wine and beer, recorded in the village of Wittevyck, in Sept. 1661, Jan Jansen Brabander (Van Oosterhout) paid 14 florens, Thomas Severtvout 12 florens, Cornelis Slect 70.7

florens, Aelbert Helimans (Roosa) 55 florens, [a floren, a silver coin, worth about 28 cts. (this insert by G.E.P. 1962)] (Aelbert Helimans (Roosa) is a great, great grandfather of Abraham Kittle Sr.), Juriaen Westshalen 33 florens, Evert Pels 40 florens, the Schout, Roeloff Swartwout 32 florens, Mathias Blanchan 51 florens, Louis dee Bois 11 florens, Thomas Chambers 84 florens, there being only five residents of the place who paid a greater amount for this tax than the Domine. Hereinafter cited as "Westfall Notes").

Owned Land* ___ 1662 lot 25, Wittevyck, New Amsterdam/NY, USA (Ibid., by Holdridge Caro Collins—pages 87-88-89-90 From New York Genealogical and Biographical Record— Vol. 33 Note: The misspellings are by the recorder, I'm repeating what was transcribed in 1662, a survey of the village of Wetwyck (Wiltwyck, Kingston, NY) was made and a list of the original vicinity surveyed lots giving owners names, was placed upon record. Among the heads of families appear Evert Pels owning lot 2, Jan de Brabander (Van Oosterhout) owning lot 104, Jan Broersen (Dukker) as owner of old lot 11. In the list of new lots Harmen Hendricksen (Rosenkantz) is given as the owner of lot 3, Albert Helimans Roosa as owner of lot 24, and Juriaen Westvael as proprietor of lot 25.).

Residence: ___ 1663 New Amsterdam/NY, USA (Ibid., by Holdridge Caro Collins—pages 87-88-89-90 From New York

Genealogical and Biographical Record— Vol. 33 Note: The misspellings are by the recorder, I'm repeating what was transcribed It was upon the farm lands owned or cultivated by Juriaen Westvael that Louis Dee Bois had his noted fight with three Indians in Oct. 1663.).

Grant* a ___ Dec 1666 New Whittaker's Land, Ulster Co., NY, USA (Ibid., by Holdridge Caro Collins—pages 87-88-89-90 From New York Genealogical and Biographical Record— In Volume 29, page 143, of the New York Genealogical Record is a tract from the "Tomlinson Collection"; "being a list of patents granted from Dec. 5, 1666 to Sept. 8, 1709 to sundry persons in the county of Ulster, in the province of New York." In this list appears the name of Jureain Westfael. Date of

Patent _____ Name of Grant _____ Quit Rent
Reserved May 29 Juerian Juerian Westfael
Location, ect. New Whittaker's Land.).

Death: c ___ 1667 (Ibid., Notes from NY Historical Society, printed 1911-1912, Vol XI. (Dutch Records of WILDWYKE, Book 1) July 12, 1661-May 6, 1664. Copied from Nat. Genealogical Society Quarterly 1980-82

Cornils Barense Slecht, plaintiff, demands from JURIAEN WESTGAELT, payment of the amount of one hundred and fourteen gldrs., heavy money, due for wages earned for brewing. Defendant Juriaen WESTVAEL admits he honestly owes the debt. The Commissaries condemn defendant to pay within six weeks. Gritedgen (Hillebrants), plaintiff, demands that her master say if he knows aught against her as a reason why he discharged her.

Juriaen WESTGAER, the defendant, says that when he was sick she went out everyday and returned home late at night, and that he then said to her, "where you have been during the day, go there also at night".

Ordinary Session, held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, Anno 1661.
Gritjen Hillebrants, plaintiff, demands Juriaan WESTGAER
payment of her full wages, and says that her master
discharged her. Defendant denies this, and Gritjen is
ordered to produce good witness at the next session of the
court.

First Session, held Wed. Nov. 16, Anno 1661
Gritjen Hillebrants, plaintiff, says that her master
discharged, which she offers to prove by witnesses. They testify that they
heard her master say, "where you are
during the day, go there also at night." Juriaan WESTGAER,
defendant, say that what the witnesses say is correct. Both
parties having heard, Juriaan WESTGAER is ordered to pay
Gritjen Hillebrants a quarter years' wages.

Ordinary Session, held Tuesday, April 18, 1662 Voldgjen
Jans, plaintiff, demands from Juriaan WESTVAEL, payment of
the amount of fifteen schepels of wheat, according to obligation produced in
court. Defendants first default.

Ordinary Session, held Tuesday, May 2, 1662. Jan Lammersen, plaintiff,
demands from Juriaan WESTPHALEN, payment of the amount of sixteen scheeples of wheat, according to
obligation, and procuracy received from Voldgje Juraens. Defendant admits the debt, says he is at present
unable to pay, requests time, and offers to pay proper interest therefor. "The principal, together with
the interest I promise to pay next fall". Thus declared, at the pleasure of the plaintiff.

Ordinary Session, held Tuesday Oct. 4, 1662 Barent
Gerritsen, plaintiff, vs Juriaan WESTVAEL, defendant,
default.

Ordinary Session held Oct. 17, 1662. Barent Gerritsen,
plaintiff, vs. Juriaan WESTVAEL, defendant. Plaintiff
demands payment of the amount of three hundred and fifteen gldrs., thirteen
stivers, as per obligation to, and
assignment by, Evert Pels, the same payable at beavers
price. Defendant admits the obligation and also that he
accepted the assignment, but denies owing the whole debt and says he only
owes part of it. The Schout and Commissaries order defendant to pay his signed obligation within six
weeks.

Ordinary Session held Tuesday, July 4, 1662 Mathys Blanchan, plaintiff, demands
vindication of his honor. Says that Juriaan told his wife that it was reported that Dirck
Adriaensen said to her he had seen Mathys Blanchan beat
Juriaan WESTVAEL's plg. Defendant Juriaan WESTVAEL and his wife admit
having heard it from Dirck Adriaensen, and state that Pieter Jansen also heard it. Defendant Dirck
Adriaensen denies this, and says he did not say so. The Schout and Commissaries order the parties to
preserve the peace and sentence Dirck Adriaensen to pay a fine of six gldrs. for the poor.)

Death* — 1667 Esopus, NY, USA (unknown compiler, "Don Norman 41991
Emerson," Ancestral File.).

Petition: — 1667 Wittevyck, NY, USA (Don & Mary, "Westfall Notes," e-mail to
unknown recipient, Sat, 18 Apr 1998, by Holdridge Caro Collins—pages 87-88-89-90 From New York
Genealogical and Biographical Record— In Volume 29, page
143, of the New York Genealogical Record In the troubles at
Wildwyck during 1667, called the "Meeting at Esopus", caused by the tyrannical
conduct of the English soldiers under the command of Capt. Brodhead, Jurian Westvall was identified with
the citizens in their struggle against oppression, and his name is upon the petition to Governor Nicolls for
redress.).

Death: — 1669 (Burgner, History & Heraldry.)
Petition* 16 Aug 1759 Esopus, New Amsterdam/NY, USA (Don & Mary, "Westfall Notes,"
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Caro Collins—pages 87-88-89-90 From New York
Genealogical and Biographical Record— Vol. 33 Note: The
misspellings are by the recorder, I'm repeating what was
transcribed On Aug 17, 1659 Juriaan Westvael and 12 other inhabitants of
Esopus joined in a petition to the

Director-General and Council of New Netherland praying for
the establishment of a church at that place and that Rev.
Harmanus Bloem who had lately come from Holland, might be appointed the
pastor and agreeing to provide for his

support. It is a matter of note that with the exception of
Jacob Jansen Stold, Thomas Chambers, Cornelius Barentsen
Slecht and Jan Jansen (Van Oosterhout),
all of these petitioners signed with their mark. The sign
name of Westvael is a curious imitation of a three pronged fork or trident, and it is
easily distinguished in all his

communications and in public documents bearing his signature. A man of steady life of close
application to the duties that fell to his lot perseverance and stern integrity; who achieved a position of
influence among his

neighbors, and a competence for his family; he had little
knowledge of books, and it is evident that he must have come
from a condition in Holland in which the schoolmaster was
not a factor. The prayer of the petitioners was granted and the Rev. Harmanus Bloem
was installed as the first regular Minister at Esopus, "with a salary of seven hundred guilders in
corn at beaver valuation". In the best of those who subscribed for the support of this the name of
Cornelis Slect is written for 50 florens, Juriaan Westvael for 50 florens, Jan

Broersen (Dekker) for 15 florens and Jan de Brabande (Van Oosterhant) for 15 florens.].[v35t0912_EstherWestfall.ged]

Sailed on den "Houttuyn" from Texel 6/1642 arrived NY 8/4/1642 a servant to Michiel Jansz [v13t3533Westfall.FTW]

Van Vestvael in English is Westfall. All names were anglicized after 1665 when the English took New Netherlands away from the Dutch.

Jurian[George] was a native of Prussia. At age 13 he was living in Leyderdorp(Luyderdorp), Netherlands (Holland) when he sailed from Texel on 6 Jun1642 aboard the Houttuyn arriving in New Amsterdam(New York City) on 4 Aug 1642. Whether his parents were still living in Prussia, living in Holland or died aboard ship is not known. There were several Jansens aboard the ship that he was on and he was placed with the family of Michael Jansen in the colony of Rensselaerwyck. Every male old enough to work held some kind of a job in each colony so Jurian tended the farm of Michael. Jurian left Michael's farm in May 1653 and brought land near Kingston, NY. About this same time he married Maria Jensen, dau of Hans. There were many Jansens in the area - those with the patronomic of "Hansen" are presumed to be related to Hans as children. Since Jurian [George] [Van Vestvael, Van Westphalen or Westphael indicating that they originated in Westphalia section of Germany or Prussia as it was known at that time]Westfall was the only immigrant for a hundred years by that name is considered to be the founding father of all the early Westfalls in New York and those that went to Virginia after 1740. In the late 1700s after the Rev. War had been over for some time, new immigrants by this name came to America.

Came to Amer. aboard "Den Houttuyn" at age of 13 to colony,Rensselaerwyck, with Michael Jansen family.

irth: Birth: 12 Mar 1628/29 in Leiderdorp,
Suid Holland, Netherlands
Death: 1 Jul 1667 in Kingston, Ulster, NY
Married: 1653 in Kingston, Ulster Co., NY

Children

Rymerick Juriaens WESTVAEL b: 1654 in Kingston, Ulster, NY
Johannes Jurian WESTPHAL b: 1660 in Esopus (Kingston) New York
Abel Jurians WESTVAAL b: 25 Sep 1661 in Kingston, Ulster Co., NY
Symon WESTVAEL b: 30 Sep 1663 in Kingston, Ulster Co., NY
Niclaas Jurians WESTVAAL b: 1665 in Kingston, Ulster Co., NY
Elsjen Jurians WESTVAAL b: 27 Jun 1666 in Kingston, Ulster Co., NY

The first of this family to come to this Country was Juriaen Van Westphalen. He arrived in "New Amsterdam at the age of thirteen aboard the ship Dehoutwun on August 4, 1642. He then went up the river 135 miles arriving at Fort Orange (Albany ,New York) on August 11, 1642.

He arrived as an indentured servant to Kiliaen Van Reasselaer. He was placed in the home of Michael Jansen . Juriaen moved south of Albany to Esopus (Kingston)with his friend and fellow indentured servant Schepin Evert Pels in about 1653. He was granted 32 1/2 morgans (70 acres) of land September of 1654.

He married Marretje Jansen that same year. On August 17, 1759 Juriaen and twelve others petitioned Peter Stuyvesant to establish a church at Wiltwyck (Kingston) Juriaen signed with a three pronged fork or trident mark. The church was established. Numerous records regarding Juriaen and his descendants are available in Records of then Dutch Reformed Church in New York.

Juriaen's son Johannes and eighteen others including his brothers Symon and Nicholas and his widowed sister Rymerick Quick bought land from the Indians in 1696, the land lies principally in Deerpark Township, Orange County, New York.

Johannes began the families migration when he moved with his family to Minisink in 1699.

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Jurian Westphal and Maritje Hansen who had been married in Westphalia, Prussia. Maritje's father was Jacob Cool. -Collins Genealogy

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