Clan ED – Elisha Hulse (b.1725) – Notes - Updated 4/25/2020

Our Clan ED Elisha Hulse info comes primarily from “The Hulce/Hulse Families in America – Descendants of Elisha Hulce/Hulse 1725-1796 Goshen, NY” – by Lynn C. Harper, Edited by Sylvia Hulce (1998)

The Descendants report has the first 3 generations, with the 4th generation children.

The Index spreadsheet includes all generations, with the new column cross-reference to the entries in Lynn’s book. Refer to her book for many stories on the more than 4000 entries.

Our original records had this tree as part of the Dutch Clan D.

Lynn states that Elisha is probably Clan R, although the direct connection is not known.

Clan R is English, but many did marry into several Dutch families in New Jersey.

There are known Clan R descendants that migrated to the Goshen, Orange County, New York area. This complicates our Clan ED research, since the various Hulse lines could be found in the same towns.

At some point, it seems, most of the ED families changed to the spelling Hulce. Most current Hulce families probably descendant from Clan ED. There are no other clear cases of name change to Hulce, except occasional misreading of records.

There are still issues that raise doubts about the Clan ED to Clan R connection.

The first names in Clan ED are very different from the Clan R names. Clan ED names are more biblical, and Clan R names more English Kings. There is mention of 3 Huguenot brothers settling in New York and New Jersey, distinct from the Clan R Hulse families.

One major source for the early generations is 4th generation Martial Rosen Hulce, who wrote his autobiography to be published after his death. Not all of his recollections could be confirmed, some of them are clearly family myths – such as the Hulse relation to the short-term Dutch Governor William Verhulst. We have to trust he knew how to spell his own name, although it is given as Marshall in his wife’s Curtiss Family Tree. Marshall was also a local surname, possibly in his mother’s ancestry. It was common practice to use Grandmother’s maiden as first name of the grandchild. Perhaps he preferred Martial, having commanded a company in the local Militia, as Lieutenant.

Elisha’s son Elisha (b. 1767) remains a mystery – Lynn wrote “He died about 1820 in Orange NY. Elisha was found in Minisink, NY in the 1800 census. In 1820 census he is listed in Calhoun, Orange Co, NY. Nothing else is known about him.”

In the 1800 census Elisha Hultz is listed as 26-and-under, with female 26-and-under presumably his wife.

In the 1830 census Elisha Hulse is listed as 50-60, with female 60-70.

The 1830 entry is very faded, and the wife’s date are not quite right, perhaps a second wife?

These census age ranges do not agree with Elisha’s birth date of 1767, but there is no other known Elisha born after 1774, yet old enough to appear in 1800 census. Something is not right.

Some obscure New York history was revealed on researching this. Calhoun is not in 1820 census, it is only in 1830 census. In 1825, Calhoun was formed from towns Deer Park and Wallkill. The new town was named "Calhoun" in honor of the distinguished South Carolina Senator, John C. Calhoun. Disapproval of new policies of the Southern statesman lead to a public meeting where the present name of "Mount Hope" was unanimously adopted May 14, 1833.

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