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to me

Very nice article in the Oakland Journal of David C. Bush

Many people don't realize that David C. Bush Jr. and David C. Bush Sr were two different people. The Bush family (Boch) and the Spear Family (Spier) go back a very long time together. David C. Bush Jr. was married to Anna F. Spear. David C. Bush Sr (born in 1827). and John C. Bush born in 1815 (brothers) Their father was Peter S. Bush who had married Bridget Christie (another very old Scottish and Normandy family)

Peter's father was Samuel Bush. They were originally from Mahwah.

Samuel Bush was married to Magdalena Christie, of that family.

Magaleena a very old name in both family's, as it has it had been the name of Magdaleena Hans Van Zwol, the wife of Hendrick Jansen Spier B. 1618 in Archwarden, Germany. His father also from the same small hamlet born in 1593.

Grandmother Madaleena, something of my favorite person in our family came from the City of Zwolle in Overjessel province in the north Netherlands. She raised her family through very tough times and established the Dutch Reform Church of Second River (later Belleville)

Her sons and grandsons fought in the Revolutionary War in the Essex County Militia and the Continental Line troops of General Washington.

Henry Wanamaker Bush named for the old Wannamachter family) was the son of John Christie Bush and for many years operated a general store in Oakland across that street from his brother's store. They both owned one hundred acre farms there.

Hendrick Bosch and Hendrick Spier are believed to have arrived in New Amsterdam on the same ship from the Netherlands as early as 1646. They set up residences in the growing town and each had businesses of their own it seems.

When they arrived in New Amsterdam they were not to know that their families would be very much involved with each other for the next 368 years !

The often confusing genealogy of these early Dutch and German families has been a study of ours now for many years. We appreciate all your efforts to bring some of it to light. Thank You