

There are two major factual problems with Nancy Paynter as the wife of John⁴. Skillman's article gives a 15 June 1753 marriage date for the couple, which must have come from a correspondent. He apparently never examined the records of Newtown Presbyterian Church, which include the marriage, but give a different surname for the wife—*Skillman*, not *Paynter*.

1753. June 15. John Skillman & Ann Skillman¹¹

The Newtown Presbyterian Church records also provide marriages for Abraham and Margaret and for Hester and William that are not in the article.

1733. Feb. 1. Abraham Skilman & Margaret Fine

1764. Mar. 20. William Payntar & Esther Skillman¹²

This is the second major factual problem, a chronological impossibility—the supposed Nancy Paynter had married John⁴ Skillman eleven years before her parents' marriage.

In 1955 a specific birth date was published in the RECORD for Hester⁴.

Elias Brevoort . . . mar. (2nd), Feb. 9, 1797, Margaret Payntor, a daughter of William Payntor (b. in 1736; d. Apr. 1, 1823), and his wife Hester Skillman (b. Mar. 26, 1744; d. July 3, 1827), of Newtown, L.I., who were mar. Mar. 20, 1774 [sic] (Brevoort Fam. Bible owned by Roger Bower of New York City)¹³

ANN (SKILLMAN) SKILLMAN, WIFE OF JOHN⁴ OF KINGSTON

Examination of the compilation in the RECORD quickly points to Abraham³ Skillman (*Thomas*², *Thomas*¹) and Margaret Fine as the parents of Ann.¹⁴ John⁴ and Ann (Skillman) Skillman followed the Dutch naming pattern. They named their first son Jacob and their second daughter Jane for John's parents. They named their second and third sons (the persistence is meaningful) Abraham and their first daughter Margrita. Thus, John and Ann were indeed cousins, as reported by John W. Morrel.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY¹⁵

1. THOMAS² SKILLMAN (*Thomas*¹) was born in 1671 and died between 13 February 1739 (will) and 4 July 1740 (probate). He married in 1693 **ANNETJE ATEN**, daughter of Adriaen Hendricksen Aten.

Catherine was the name of the wife of son William. It is not known if Thomas's wife was Sarah or Maria, or if he was married twice.

¹¹ "Records of the Presbyterian Church, Newtown (Now Elmhurst), Queens County, Long Island, N.Y.," RECORD 56(1925):173.

¹² "Presbyterian Church, Newtown" (note 11), RECORD 56(1925):81, 176.

¹³ H. Minot Pitman, "The Brokaw-Bragaw Family," RECORD 86(1955):103. Although it cites a Bible of the Brevoort family, into which a daughter married, it is unclear how much of the information was in the Bible and how much was annotation by the author. The year of marriage is certainly incorrect. The Newtown church records, which are chronological, show it occurred in 1764. Additionally, a marriage bond was issued 12 March 1764 to William Payntar and Hester Skillman (Gideon J. Tucker, Secretary of State, *Names of Persons for Whom Marriage Licenses Were Issued by the Secretary of the Province of New York Previous to 1784* [Albany: Weed Parsons & Company, 1860], 353).

¹⁴ Skillman, "Skillmans of America" (note 1), RECORD 37(1906):93-94.

¹⁵ Uncited material appeared earlier in this article or is from Skillman, "Skillmans of America" (note 1), RECORD 37(1906):24-26, 95-96, 168, 173, 278-79; 38(1907):105-6.