

Respectfully Submitted for Review to the Trustees, Board Members and Historian Emily Majer.

As I said to Emily during a previous phone call and follow up email, history is not always accurate, and often leaves more questions. The search for more information regarding the Massonneau and Livingston families was interesting and much easier than the last few years I found time to sit down and glean through information on Ancestry.com.

My husband and I look forward to visiting Red Hook this fall. Likely right after Labor Day. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there would be a better time to meet-we are retired so we can accommodate.

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Just a few reference news articles, literary/scholarly resources, stories to add to the support materials for the Livingston-Massonneau Line.

There are two more Robert Massonneau's: Robert Franklin Massonneau (1890-1986) and Robert Livingston Massonneau (1924-2001), the son of World War I veteran Reginald and his wife Eleanor Seaver Massonneau. *Their stories are more recent and will be held in abeyance until someone researches these Roberts and the rest of the Massonneau's' and tells their stories.*

Missing: Edward Philip Massonneau

Source: <https://www.historicredhook.org/cemetery-crawl-robert-massonneau>. Accessed June 3, 2023.

### **Five Generations of Massonneau Influenced Hard Scrabble (Red Hook Village, NY)**

Claudius Massonneau was born in France in 1769 and came to the newly formed United States with his twin brother, Pierre, when they were young adults. Settling in Red Hook, Claudius married a Livingston daughter and produced a son, Robert Claudius Massonneau (1797 to 1877). "R. C. Massonneau. <https://dchsny.org/hardscrabble/>. Accessed 2020

## From Genealogy Trails Dutchess, County NY Obituaries

### Massonneau Obituaries

MASSONNEAU, Edward Francis 5-26-1905. Died at his home, village, Sunday. **Son of Robert Claudius Massonneau and Elizabeth Waldorf.** Born Red Hook July 3, 1836. Married Miss Virginia Molini 20 years ago. Bur. Red Hook.

**\*\*\*MASSONNEAU, Edward P.** 10-14-1904 Died St. John's Hosp., Yonkers, NY, Oct. 13. Born Red Hook Jan. 17, 1869; Married Miss Caroline P. Branch of Florence, Mass. 1 child. **Son of late R.L. Massonneau.** (Obit. 1-13-1905)

MASSONNEAU, Elizabeth 1-1-1875 Died village Dec. 25, 1874, age 66 yrs. 10 mos. 27 days. Wife of Robert C Massonneau.

MASSONNEAU, Emma Clark 8-31-1906 Widow of Robert Livingston Massonneau, died at her home, village, Aug. 24. Born NYC Dec. 19, 1839, dau. of Rev. Wm. D. Stroble, D.D., mother Abby Anna Engs. Married Oct. 27, 1859. One bro., Wm. D. Strobel, 2 sons, 2 daughters.

<https://genealogytrails.com/ny/dutchess/obituaries/deathnotices18591918lthrum.html>. Accessed 2023

### In regard pre-colonial slave trade operations:

In 1748 and 1749, New York merchant and political leader **Philip Livingston** commissioned Captain Peter James to take his sloop, the Rhode Island, along the coast of Africa. James was instructed to sell goods from North America and buy European and African goods, including enslaved people. <https://wams.nyhistory.org/settler-colonialism-and-revolution/settler-colonialism/the-business-of-slavery/>

In 1748, the sloop Rhode Island, owned by the prominent Livingston family, left New York on a slave-trade voyage. <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/spotlight-primary-source/middle-passage-1749>

Livingston also owned other ships and participated with his sons in lucrative privateering and Triangular Trade operations.

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip\\_Livingston\\_\(1686%E2%80%931749\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philip_Livingston_(1686%E2%80%931749))
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triangular\\_trade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triangular_trade)

### Slavery, Anti-Slavery and Atlantic Exchange

[https://human.libretexts.org/Courses/Lumen\\_Learning/Book%3A\\_U.S.\\_History\\_I%3A\\_Pre-Colonial\\_to\\_1865\\_\(Lumen\)/04%3A\\_Module\\_2%3A\\_Colonial\\_Period/04.6%3A\\_New\\_Colonies](https://human.libretexts.org/Courses/Lumen_Learning/Book%3A_U.S._History_I%3A_Pre-Colonial_to_1865_(Lumen)/04%3A_Module_2%3A_Colonial_Period/04.6%3A_New_Colonies)

Henry Livingston Sr. – Poughkeepsie Enslaver

<https://poklib.org/henry-livingston-sr-poughkeepsie-enslaver/>

## **French Settlers of Saint-Domingue Owners of Plantations and Houses (1789)**

[https://www.domingino.de/stdomin/\\_colons\\_a\\_eng.htm](https://www.domingino.de/stdomin/_colons_a_eng.htm)

**French Slave Trade:** <https://slaveryandremembrance.org/articles/article/?id=A0097>

**The following require a subscription or a scholarly link to the organization.**

## **Cornell University: Forgotten History of Slavery in New York**

<https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/the-forgotten-history-of-slavery-in-new-york/>

The French Slave Trade: An Overview David Geggus The William and Mary Quarterly Vol. 58, No. 1, New Perspectives on the Transatlantic Slave Trade (Jan., 2001), pp. 119-138 (20 pages)

Published By: Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/2674421>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/41716763>

<https://www.huguenotstreet.org/community>

<http://www.yaleslavery.org/Endowments/elprof.html>

<https://www.nyhistory.org/programs/alida-livingstons-world-women-in-new-netherland-and?date=2022-10-01>

## **Haitian Studies**

<https://www.jstor.org/action/doBasicSearch?Query=Saint+Domingue>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/41716763>

<https://www.haitianstudies.org/journal-of-haitian-studies/>

<https://www.jstor.org/journal/jhaitstud>

[A Haitian Tale of Diasporas and Revolutions in the Atlantic World](#)

A Haitian Tale of Diasporas and Revolutions in the Atlantic World by Marie-Thérèse Labossière Thoma

<https://hcommons.org/deposits/objects/hc:18944/datastreams/CONTENT/content>

## **Of Interest**

Alida Livingston Business Woman

<https://exhibitions.nysm.nysed.gov/albany//////////bi/os/s/alschuyler95.html>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/23173117>

Rhinebeck: Transition in 1799, by Nancy V. Kelly, published in The Hudson Valley Regional Review, March 1989, Volume 6, Number 2 and available via,

<https://courseblogs.bard.edu/ml103s16/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2016/03/HVRR-Nancy-Kelly-2.pdf>. Accessed February 2023.

Note: The Beekman-Livingston Family Connection is in the notebook being sent by mail under Cornelia Beekman.

## **Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Dutchess and ..., Volume 2**

Reference to Claudius G Massonneau, twin brother Pierre, Catharine Livingston, Strobel Family, R.C Massonneau, Elizabeth Waldorf, Robert L Livingston

<https://books.google.com/books?id=rXoupHHtFUMC&pg=PA784&lpg=PA784&dq=claudius+germaine+massonneau&source=bl&ots=fSS0olZilF&sig=ACfU3U0m6vcaKzX5kCFJj2xuT1SdpYHWTw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewje9umpp9vmAhWhr1kKHVa0AiYQ6AEwAXoECAoQAQ#v=onepage&q=claudius%20germaine%20massonneau&f=false>

What did the Naturalization Act of 1790 do?

An Act to establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization. The Naturalization Act of 1790 (1 Stat. 103, enacted March 26, 1790) was a law of the United States Congress that set the first uniform rules for the granting of United States citizenship by naturalization.

# **The Livingston Line**

## **Livingston-Massonneau**

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### **Robert Livingston 1654-1728**

m. widow Alida Nicholas van Rensselear in 1679

**Son Gilbert "Hubertus) Livingston** b. 1690 d. 1746

*Lt.-Col. Hubertus "Gilbert" Livingston (April 3, 1690 – April 25, 1746) was a younger son of Robert Livingston the Elder.*

m. Cornelia Beekman 1710

**Son Maj. Robert Gilbert Livingston Sr.** b 1712 d. 1789

m. Catharine McPheadris (McHendricks, McPhedris, McPhaedres) 1740

**Son Robert Gilbert Livingston Jr.** b. 1749 d. 1791

m. Margaret Hude

**Daughter Catherine Livingston** b. 1770 d. 1732

m. Pierre Joseph Preissac –No Issue (see Register of Wills for Pierre Preissac with Preissac records)

m. **Claudius Germain (Germaine) Massonneau** b. 1769 in France d. 1846

Twin brother Pierre (Peter) Massonneau (find information regarding Peter in Miscellaneous Notes, Copies)

**Son Robert Claudius Massonneau** b.1795 d. 1846

m. Elizabeth Waldorf

**Son Robert Livingston Massonneau** b. 1825 d. 1898

m. Emma Clark Strobel

**Son Edward Philip Massoneau** b. 1869 d. 1904

m. Caroline (Carrie) F. Branch 1873 b. 1898 d. 1953

**Daughter Carol Branch Massonneau Baldwin** b. 1903 d. 2004

m. James Baldwin b. (May 26, 1886 – August 2, 1964)

**Son James F. Baldwin** January 2, 1927-September 28, 2021

m. Muriel Patricia Baxter b. July 23,1933-

4 children, Fredrick Baxter Baldwin September 25, 1958- February 12, 2022, **Jennifer B. Barnes** February 19, 1960, Elizabeth Garay March 23, 1963, Nancy Alexander September 8, 1967

Of Note:

Carol Branch Massonneau Baldwin and James had 4 children. Marguerite B. Houston, Priscilla Winslow Crowell, James Fredrick Baldwin and Edward Philip Baldwin (Ted). Of interest is that Baldwin /Nickerson line has been in the country since the early 1600's with direct lineage to the founders of Chatham, Massachusetts, William and Mary Nickerson, through Mayflower Pilgrim Howland (an indentured servant who fell over board and was thankfully saved). It is said that a good portion of the descendants of William & Mary Nickerson can trace their lineage back to the Mayflower pilgrims. The Baldwin line finds a well recorded history back to the early 1400's (William Baldwin of Orange, UK), but most recent ancestors were individuals responsible for the fighting in the Revolutionary War and engineering. Colonel Loammi Baldwin (January 10, 1744 – October 20, 1807) was a noted American engineer, politician, and a soldier in the American Revolutionary War. Baldwin is known as the Father of American Civil Engineering. His five sons, **Cyrus Baldwin** (1773–1854), Benjamin Franklin Baldwin (1777–1821), Loammi Baldwin, Jr. (1780–1834), James Fowle Baldwin (1782–1862), and George Rumford Baldwin (1798–1888), were also well-known engineers. He surveyed and was responsible for the construction of the Middlesex Canal, and remembered for the Baldwin apple, a most difficult fruit to propagate so the story goes.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loammi\\_Baldwin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loammi_Baldwin)

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