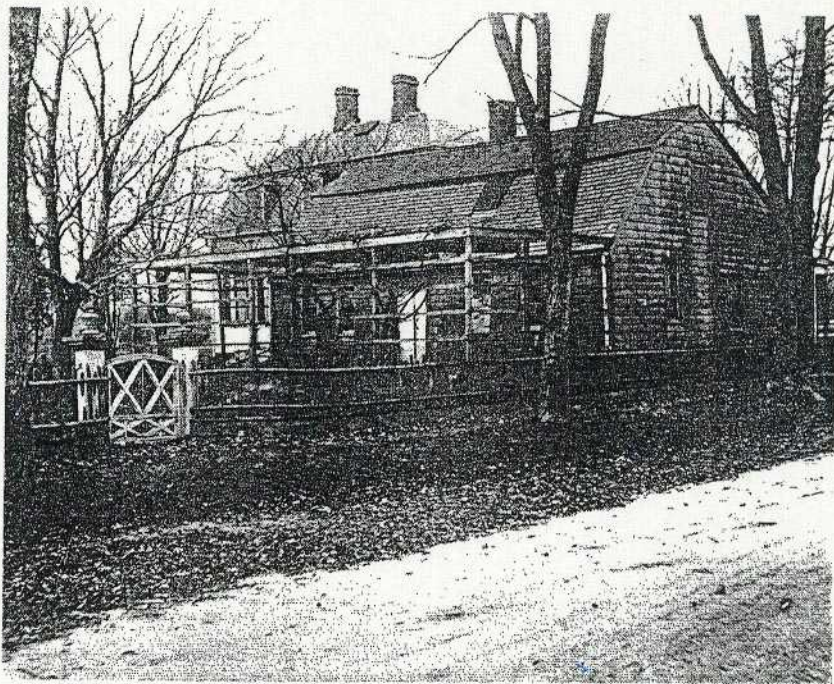


*Following information submitted by Mr. Wayland Jefferson,
Town Historian at Southold, Long Island.*



*The original homestead of Benjamin L'Hommedieu I on its original
site at Southold, Long Island.*

L' H O M M E D I E U

Copied from The County Review, Riverhead, N. Y.
of May 20th 1936

L'HOMMEDIEU FAMILY SETTLED HERE IN 1690.

By David M. Griswold
(Genealogist)

Benjamin L'Hommedieu was born at La Rochelle, France in the year 1657. He was the son of Pierre and Martha (Peron) L'Hommedieu. Coming to America with his step-brother, John Bouchard, they landed at Newport, R.I. the first of February, 1690.

Taking boat to New York City they got their first sight of Long Island. Something about the Island made them desire to make it their future home. The Bluffs along the north side of the Island reminds one of those along the coast of France at certain places.

Benjamin became a merchant in New York and when he had become established, made trips the length of the Island. It was at Shelter Island that he met the charming Patience Sylvester, daughter of Nathaniel Sylvester, the proprietor of Shelter Island. They were soon married and he settled at that place. Seven children came to this union.

The first child was Benjamin who married (1) Sarah Conklin, (2) Martha Bourne. The first generation married into the Hudson, Conklin, Tuthill and Corwin families.

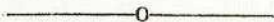
Ezra, the child of Benjamin the second, was son of second wife Martha Bourne, he being born at Southold, Aug. 30, 1734. Historians have said he was the greatest statesman Long Island had produced up to the time of his death. It is safe to say that he is one of the most noted the Island has ever reared. He received his early education in the school at Southold and under private tutor, he graduated at Yale, 1754.

He was very active before the Revolution in the interest of the Colonies. As one of the Committee of Suffolk county he secured a vessel to send supplies to the poor of Boston. He signed the Association 1775. The Provincial Congress of N.Y. State sent 200 pounds of powder to him and John Foster in the year 1775. His promise is on record in 1776 to protect the stock on Montauk, given by him and Thomas Dering.

In August, 1776 he wrote to General Washington that Southold (Horton's Point) had three 6 pounders and one 3 pounder mounted; he also stated they were in need of ammunition. These guns were later removed to Saybrook.

Under date of February 27, 1777, he was given permission to transport a cargo of rum from Connecticut to Long Island.

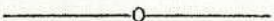
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Aquebogue and Jamesport Graveyard Records

Row	No. in Row	Name	Died	Age
24	43	Benjamin L'Hommedieu Ancient father of Benjamin	1787	86
	44	Jemima L'Hommedieu wife of Benjamin and mother of Samuel	July 9, 1807	72
	45	Daniel L'Hommedieu	Sept. 3, 1812	40
	46	Nancy L'Hommedieu	Nov. 29, 1829	29-2-22
25	8	Samuel L'Hommedieu	Mar. 21, 1845	90
	9	Esther L'Hommedieu wife of Samuel	Sept. 4, 1842	77
	10	Samuel L'Hommedieu	Mar. 22, 1858	6-8-16
	13	Deborah Ann L'Hommedieu wife of Joseph Samuel L'Hommedieu Samuel L'Hommedieu son of Samuel and Esther Dea. Benjamin L'Hommedieu son of Benjamin and Jemima Benjamin L'Hommedieu son of the Ancient Benjamin. The grave is at the foot of Betsy Hollow.	Oct. 8, 1834	24
			Dec. 9, 1824	21 in the
			1825	22
			1812	71
			July	1821 85
2	26	Child (L'Hommedieu) Child of Capt. L'Hommedieu	1843	
25		Joseph L'Hommedieu	1877	
25		Susan L'Hommedieu widow of Joseph	Feb. 16, 1894	88
24	47	Samuel Tuthill son of Nathan and Elizabeth Hudson, 1st wife of Benjamin L'Hommedieu	Sept 25, 1846	74-10-18
25	28	Ezekial Petty his widow mar- ried Samuel L'Hommedieu	May 3, 1786	53
1	11	Samuel Hudson Father of Daniel son of Samuel and Grissell (L'Hommedieu) Hudson	Mar. 7, 1812	74

John Bouchard and Benjamin L'Hommedieu were Stepbrothers, having the same mother."

(From Mrs. Cornelia L'Hommedieu, Nantucket, Mass.).

The meeting of Benjamin and Patience is thus told by Mrs. Martha Lamb in her article entitled "The Manor of Shelter Island" and reproduced on page 53, of Rev. Jacob E. Mallman's "Historical Papers on Shelter Island and its Presbyterian Church," published by the author, the pastor of the church, in 1899.

"The Marriage of Patience Sylvester, the sister of Mrs. Lloyd was an exceptionally romantic affair. Among the exiled Huguenots of the period was Benjamin L'Hommedieu, who settled at Southold.

One pleasant Sunday Morning soon after his arrival, L'Hommedieu was attracted by an extremely novel object moving over the sparkling waters of the bay. As it came nearer he observed two remarkably handsome young women in a barge with a canopy over it, and six negro slaves rowing it. The vision haunted him. He went to church that morning, and, despite Puritanical customs, permitted his eyes to remain open during prayer.

The story is like every other story that it is hardly necessary to say that the French heart was hopelessly lost before the preacher had reached "Amen" in his benediction. The sequel was a beautiful wedding; Miss Patience Sylvester was henceforth Mrs. L'Hommedieu."

Benjamin L'Hommedieu, son of Pierre L'Hommedieu and Martha (Peron) L'Hommedieu, born at La Rochelle, France, 1657, married 1694 Patience Sylvester daughter of Nathaniel and Grissle (Brinley) Sylvester. She was born November 1st, 1664.

Benjamin L'Hommedieu died January 4th 1749, aged 92 years. Patience L'Hommedieu wife of Benjamin L'Hommedieu, died November 2nd 1719 at 10 o'clock at night aged 55 years.

Children

1 Benjamin	born December 3rd 1694
2 Hosea	born April 1697
3 Peter	born August 19th 1699
4 Grizzle	born April 20th 1701
5 Sylvester	born January 7th 1703
6 Susan	born December 14th 1704
7 Patience	born
8 John	born January 11th 1707

L' H O M M E D I E U

1. Capt. Benjamin L'Hommedieu, son of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born December 3rd 1694, married 1st. Mary Conklin daughter of John and Sarah (Horton) Conklin, in 1717; wife Mary died June 19th 1730. He married 2nd wife Martha Bourne of Sandwich, July 1st 1731.

Benjamin L'Hommedieu died September 15th 1755. 61 years old.
Martha (Bourne) L'Hommedieu January 16th 1782.

CHILDREN 1st. MARRIAGE

9. Sarah born April 1719, married Perryer Reeve.
10. Elizabeth born May 20th 1725, married Samuel Bourne.

CHILDREN 2nd. MARRIAGE

11. Ezra born August 30th 1734, died at Southold, L. I. Sept. 28th 1811. Married 1st wife Charity Floyd, she died in 1785. He married 2nd wife Mary Catherine Havens daughter of Niccoll Havens and Sarah (Fosdick) Havens, daughter of Thomas Fosdick of New London, Conn.

Ezra L'Hommedieu graduated from Yale College in 1754, was delegate from New York to the Continental Congress from 1777 to 1783, and again in 1767 and 1788, assisted to form the first State Constitution; Member of the New York Assembly 1777-1789 (Except 1793); once a member of the Council of Appointment.

Ezra L'Hommedieu had one child by his 2nd wife, Mary Catherine L'Hommedieu, who married Samuel S. Gardiner. Children named in Will: Mary L'Hommedieu, Phebe Dayton Gardner and Elizabeth Gardiner.

12. Mary L'Hommedieu, daughter of Benjamin and Martha Bourne L'Hommedieu, born April 9th 1740, married July 29th 1761, Capt. John Ingraham born June 30, 1738, in Bristol R. I. Capt. John Ingraham died August 18th 1822.

2. Hosea L'Hommedieu, son of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born April 1697, married Free love Howell in 1718.

CHILDREN

14. Constant born November 22nd 1720, died Sept. 18, 1724.
15. Hosea born May 20th 1723.
16. Patience born Dec. 13th 1721, died 1810.
3. Peter L'Hommedieu, son of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born August 19th 1699, married Sarah Corwin 1723.

CHILDREN

17. Constant

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4. Grizzle L'Hommedieu, daughter of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born April 20th 1701 married Samuel Hudson son of Jonathan Hudson.

CHILDREN

18. Samuel born 1727 died October 7, 1738.
19. Nathaniel born 1729 died May 26th 1735.
20. Elizabeth born 1729 died Sept. 21st 1738.
5. Sylvester L'Hommedieu, son of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born January 7th 1703, married Elizabeth Booth, 1737. He served as Collector and Constable in 1732. Sylvester L'Hommedieu died March 9th 1788. He is buried in the Church yard at Southold.
21. Elizabeth born _____ died Sept. 6th 1754.
22. Grover born August 3rd 1741.
23. Samuel born February 20th 1744.
6. Susan L'Hommedieu, daughter of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born December 14th 1704, married Jonathan Tuthill February 23rd 1723.
Jonathan Tuthill died 1741, Susan his wife died 1743, both buried at Orient, L. I.

CHILDREN

24. Jonathan born 1724 February 23rd 1726.
25. A Daughter.
8. John L'Hommedieu, son of Benjamin and Patience (Sylvester) L'Hommedieu, born January 11th 1707, married February 22nd. Mary Hudson daughter of Jonathan Hudson, February 22nd 1727.

CHILDREN NAMED IN HIS WILL

26. John born _____
27. Henry born 1741
28. Benjamin
29. Mary
17. Constant L'Hommedieu, son of Peter and Sarah (Corwin) L'Hommedieu, born _____ married Deborah Young, October — 1758, daughter of John and Dorcas Young.

CHILDREN

30. William born June 10th 1759.
31. Nathaniel born August 19th 1762, died July 19th 1812.
32. Deborah born June 24th 1764, infant born July 14, 1766 died.
33. Sarah born September 21st 1769, died April 17th 1854.
34. John born January 31st 1772.
35. Betsey born October, 1774.