

(Van) Velsor and Van Sise Entries in Marriage Records
of Old First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, NY

Notes: This list of all (Van) Velsor and Van Sise entries (and variants thereof) in the *Index to the Records of the Presbyterian Church in Huntington, New York, Volume I* (Huntington, NY: Huntington Historical Society [HHS], 2002) was compiled by Joseph P. Smaldone of Arnold, MD at HHS on 7/19/07. The *Index* is a large binder containing copies of original records (mostly baptisms, marriages, deaths), from the mid-1760s to 1834. The records transcribed below are *all marriages*; no (Van) Velsor or Van Sise entries appeared in any other category of records. The records include the date of the marriage, names of the couple, and their residence. Page numbers are those assigned by HHS to this *Index*. Brackets [...] contain annotations by the present compiler.

Dec. 24, 1771 – James V. Velsor & Anna Bumstead, Oyster Bay (p. 113)

Feb. 7, 1773 – Jesse Bedle & Katherine V. Velsor, both Oyster Bay (p. 114)

Dec. 24, 1786 – John Velzer & Mary Williams, both Queens Co. (p. 117)

May 4, 1788 – Benjamin Pearsall, Huntington & Polly Velzer, Cold Spring (p. 120)

Feb. 26, 1794 – Cornelius Sydam & Rachel Velzar, both East Woods (p. 125)

Mar. 9, 1794 – John Velzar & Martha Birch, both East Woods (p. 125)

Aug. 3, 1803 – Jacob Maby & Elizabeth Velzor, both Oyster Bay (p. 144)

Oct. 19, 1806 – W^m Velsor & Ruth Bellows [residence not indicated] (p. 155)

June 15, 1808 – Cornelius Van Velsor & Elizabeth Wood [Residence notation appears to be “D^o” for Ditto. Three couples were wed that day; Cornelius and Elizabeth were listed 2nd. The 1st pair came from Comac and Sweet Hollow. “D^o” also indicates the residence of the 3rd couple. Thus, if recorded accurately, the 3 couples were from Comac and Sweet Hollow.] (p. 158)

December 18, 1813 – Jeremiah Vansize, East Woods, and Maria White, West Hills (p. 171)

December 26, 1813 – Isaac Servant [of] Abraham Vanwyke to Cristina W^{m+}[?] people of colour (p. 171)

Postscript: On 7/20/07 the compiler visited Old First Presbyterian Church to see if it had any records not available at HHS. Its archives are well-preserved and organized in a basement vault. “Archivist” Beverly Thomas had a copy of the HHS *Index*, and said that it contains virtually all early records available. She had a large handwritten matrix of extant records, showing that the church *lacks baptism and marriage records for 1817-32*. The only other records dating from that period were *Session Minutes*, 1817-1832, which the compiler reviewed but did not see any references to Velsor or Van Sise (though some people bearing these names may have been church members, as indicated by the marriages recorded above).