



**HISTORY AND
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of the
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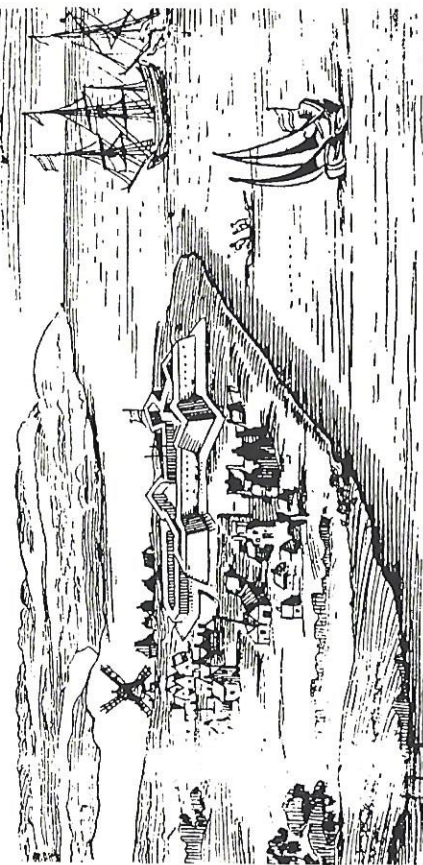
Descendants of the Fifth Couple Married
In New York City

Family Line Traced Down from the Time of
Old Peter Stuyvesant

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FORDYCE, ARKANSAS

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t' Fort nieuw Amsterdam op de Manhatans



Earliest know print of Old New York (New Amsterdam) published about 1651, with a population of about 300—men, women, children, soldiers and sailors.

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PREFACE

In publishing the records of the VanDervoort family nothing new or original has been attempted, but rather a more complete and comprehensive survey of the family records as compiled and published from time to time by different members of the family.

The efforts put forth in compiling this booklet covers a period of some fifteen years and has been prompted by a threefold purpose, otherwise it is possible that this work would never have been attempted, much less completed. In the first place, it has been my hobby to trace out the different lines of this old family, observing with interest the efforts put forth to meet the changing conditions of American society. Then again, it has been my desire to know more of that something within the lives of men that has prompted them to do great things. The great characters of history have afforded ample material for this study; however, there has been an urge within to know more about and to develop, if possible, those elements dormant within my own personality; hence the study of my own family. Pursuing this thought is it not true that the great majority of the human family have ever been victims of circumstance rather than masters of achievement? If this be true, I am sure that all should make some effort to elevate and develop their own personality. Then as a third motive, I have ever cherished the hope that perhaps through my efforts, some individual might be inspired to greater living.

Someone has said that the name VanDervoort is not a great name but rather a good one. May

I ask is there any reason why it should not be a great name? It is only by high aim that great things are accomplished. If perchance I will have aided some individual to a greater life by this feeble effort, I will feel that my work has not been in vain.

THE AUTHOR.

August, 1930.

HISTORY.

THE RECORD of the human race, from the cradle-land in Asia to the present time, has been one great struggle toward freedom and enlightenment. A certain group or race in one section of the globe, working out the problems of life while in another region far removed some other branch of the same family struggling toward the same end. Thus it has come about that mankind has ever moved from place to place, seeking those favored spots, where he may best work out life's problems free from the oppressive hand of tyrants.

History does not record when man first appeared upon this earth. We only know that, during long ages past, primitive man roamed about in such favored spots as the Valley of the Nile or Euphrates Rivers. When the curtain of history first began to rise some five or six thousand years B. C., there were nations and civilizations already venerable with age, possessing institutions that bore evidence of slow growth through long periods of time.

In this great struggle, the white race seems to have shown qualities superior to those of other races and to its credit stands the civilizations of the Nile and Euphrates valleys as well as Europe and America.

The white race consists of three distinct branches, the Hemitic, Semetic and the Aryan. The ancient Egyptians were the chief branch of the Hemitic; the Semetic included among its chief divisions the ancient Babylonians, Hebrews and Arabians. The Aryan speaking people formed the most widely dispersed group of the white race, including the ancient Greeks, Romans, and

all the people of modern Europe, except the Finns, Magyars and Turks.

Long before the dawn of history in Europe, this great Aryan family, hitherto undivided, began to break up and scatter from the cradle-land. Some of these clans and tribes found their way into Southern Europe, while others settled in Western and Northern parts of the continent.

The Aryan expansion movement, which began so long ago, we have come to look upon as something past or ended; however, this is not the case. The outward movement in modern times of the Aryan speaking people of Europe is a continuation of this same great movement, which began so long ago. The Anglo-Saxons have disseminated their language and culture to almost every corner of the globe. Thus we see what a leading part the Aryans have borne in the great drama of history.

During the Roman expansion, about the year 58 B. C., Julius Caesar was made governor of Southern Gaul, then a province of Rome. Realizing that a grand opportunity for military exploit was opened up to him, he at once set about to conquer Northern Gaul, which is now France. It is at this point in his famous commentaries that Caesar first calls attention to the tribes of Northern Gaul. "Horum omnium fortissimi sunt Belgae." (The bravest of all these are the Belgians).

A continuation of the expansion of this branch of the Aryan family is again brought to our attention in the colonization of America and to this same group of Belgians referred to by Caesar almost seventeen hundred years before. In the year 1624, A. D. twenty-three families of Huguenots by religion, Wallons by name, made the first Dutch settlement in America. The Dutch

laid claim to the land about the mouth of the Hudson River, inasmuch as Hendrick Hudson had explored that river in the name of the Dutch in the year 1609.

Wallons, a name given to those among the Belgians, whose mother tongue was French or French dialect in contrast to Flemish, simply means Romanized Celts, the Wallons being the remnant of the Romanized Belgae of Northern Gaul, the so-called Belgae of Julius Caesar's time.

A few years later the early Dutch settlers of America were absorbed into the great spread of Dutch colonization that followed. The colony became known as New Amsterdam, taking its name from a city in Holland. It should be kept in mind that at this time Holland comprised what is now Belgium. Many Flemish Dutch came over, swelling the colony and laying the foundation for the present city of New York.

The Flemish tribes are closely related to all those of Northern and Western Europe and no doubt sprang from common ancestry. The Flemish language of Flanders traces back to the seventh century, while the written language was not developed until the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Since that time the Flemish have developed a great number of artists, scientists, statesmen and men of letters. Flemish names may be found interwoven throughout the entire fabric of American history.

The following is the actual passenger list of those sturdy pioneers of April 25th, 1659, who came over in the good ship "De Bever" (Beaver), captained by Jan Reyersz Van Der Beets, taken from Valentine's Manuals, encyclopedic work of some thirty volumes. While these people did not immigrate to America until some twenty years

after our ancestor, it gives evidence of the stalwart nature of the early Dutch settlers of America. Men who could labor fifteen hours every day and fight Indians during the lunch period.

Pieter Arentsz Diesvelt, tailor.
 Amader Fougie, Frenchman, farmer.
 Jacques Reneau, Frenchman, farmer.
 Jacques Monier, Frenchman, farmer.
 Pierre Monier, Frenchman, farmer.
 Mathieu Savarian, Frenchman, farmer.
 Pierre Grisant, Frenchman, farmer.
 Vaintien Jans, maiden, from Amsterdam.
 Pieter Tollenaer, from Hassel.
 Cornelius Michielsz, from Medenblick.
 Grietgen Christiaens, from Tonninger.
 Claes Jansen, wheelwright, from Purmerende,
 wife, servant and nursing child.
 Marten Van de Weert, hatter, from Utrecht.
 Pieter Van Ecke, planter, from Leyden.
 Matheus Andriesz, from Pertershonck.
 Jacobus Van der Scheellingh, and boy.
 Albert Vermeulen, from Rotterdam, wife and
 four children.
 Geertruyt Van Melen, maiden.
 Annetjen Ruytenbeek, maiden.
 Hendrick Thennisz Hellnick and wife.
 Laurens Van de Spiegel, from Vlissingen.

Any Dutchman who could send over fifty immigrants above fifteen years old, could obtain the title of "Patroon," together with land grants and various rights and powers. The Van Rensselaers were the first to receive a great landed estate with tit'e. They were rich diamond merchants of Holland, but they did not establish themselves on their American estate for some two generations later. By that time the colony had been

improved so that an aristocrat could stand the vigorous life.

Simon Vockertse Veeder was born in Holland, became a sailor, settled in New Amsterdam, later moving to Schenectady, N. Y., where he became a man of wealth and importance.

Hendrick Hendrickszen Kip, ancestor of the Kip family of New York, was a tailor and his name appears in the early records as Hendrick, the "taylor."

Jan Aertsen Van der bilt, a farmer, came to the new world in the first half of the seventeenth century and settled in the neighborhood of Brooklyn and is the ancestor of the Van der bilts of New York fame.

As these records show, the early Wallon settlers of America were absorbed into the great spread of Flemish colonization that followed.

Theodore Roosevelt in commenting on the stability of these early Dutch settlers as a member of the Holland Society, said: "They were the salt of the earth," and we find that many of the customs and practices of our people today were borrowed from the early Dutch colonists. Henry Vandyke also of this early Dutch ancestry, comments favorably upon this people.

The United States government recognized the importance of this splendid addition to American civilization by the early Dutch settlers and by act of Congress proclaimed April 27th, 1924, the three-hundredth anniversary of the first Dutch settlement in America as a day of celebration to commemorate this important event in American history. A Huguenot half-dollar has been coined, bearing on one side the image of a ship which represents the Dutch Mayflower. A monument in honor of the Wallon pioneers has been

presented to the city of New York by the province of Hainaut, whence many of these early settlers came. Stamps have been issued in one cent, two cent and five cent denominations to commemorate this date. Thus we come to the time of Peter Stuyvesant, governor of New Amsterdam, when we first hear the name of Van Dervoort in America.

The origin of the name VanDervoort is, of course, buried in tradition, being of Flemish origin, of the ancient Belgians famed in history. In the Flemish, Van is a preposition meaning "of or from," while "der" is an article meaning "the" and "voort" a noun, having reference to a "ford" or "place of crossing." The name then means "of the crossing," or perhaps better, "from the ford." Written in Flemish it appears as van der Voort. This is quite natural inasmuch as Holland is a low level plane, there being many places where fording of streams became necessary, especially so in the early days before the advent of the modern bridge. Then again, it was customary in those early days for one to assume the name of his trade or vocation, as family names were just coming into use. However, the name Van Dervoort is of ancient and honorable origin and can be traced through the records of Belgian history to an early date. The following is an extract from a letter dated June 6th, 1913, and signed by Consul-General Henry C. Vievink, Antwerp, Belgium. The records of Antwerp town hall show that Nicholas Van Dervoort was Burgomaster of Antwerp in 1472. That the name was an important and honorable name even before Columbus discovered America is quite evident from this letter written to Mr. Jas. W. VanDervoort, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Thus it came about that Michael Paulus VanDervoort emigrated from the city of Dedermonde, East Flanders, Belgium, prior to the year 1640, and landed in the city of New Amsterdam, now New York. The fifth marriage recorded in the ancient archives of that city is that of Michael and Marie Rapalje VanDervoort, under the date of November 18th, 1640.

Subsequent history of this great family reveals the fact that the VanDervoorts for generations have displayed a marked aversion to overmuch civilization as well as religious and political despotism; so it is barely possible that these very traits were responsible in a measure for our illustrious ancestor's sudden departure from overcrowded European shores. History teaches that the early Dutch came to America because of religious persecution. We also read that Phillip II of Spain, then ruler also of the Netherlands, overran Belgium in the fifteenth century, persecuting the Protestants, and because of the exploits of William the Silent, Prince of Orange, the Netherlands became the cradle-land of freedom in Europe. Whether religious freedom or overcrowded Belgium, these traits seem to have asserted themselves again and again in the lives of many of the descendants of the aforesaid Michael Paulus VanDervoort. The adventurous blood that has come down through these generations seems to be responsible for an early and wide spread movement of this great family, as the following pages will show. The Van Dervoort ancestors were in Western Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and Canada as early as 1800, when these states were still wilderness. Records show that they fought in the Intercolonial, Revolutionary, Civil and World Wars. As early as 1871 we read of the first train

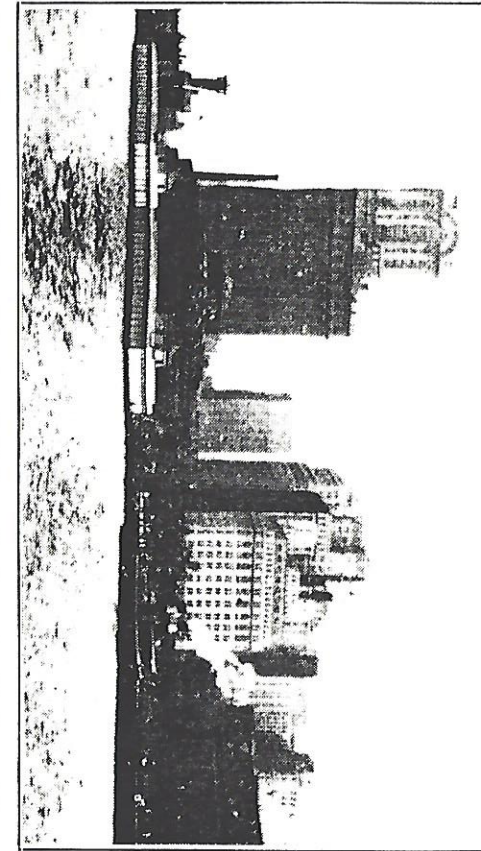
dispatcher of Texas, a VanDervoort and shortly after the Civil War my father and several of his brothers and cousins homesteaded in the great agricultural states of the middle west, later some of them going to the Pacific coast. Today the name is to be found written upon the records of almost every state in the union.

THE OLD DUTCH SETTLERS

Up the river at Fort Orange one van Renssalaer held sway,
 Though Patroon, he was a tradesman, so I've heard
 grandfather say.
 Young Phillipse, as a carpenter, had won a fair renown,
 Ere he occupied the Castle he had built at Tarrytown,
 And even Lion Gardiner, who lived on Gardiner's Isle,
 Could he see his lordly pedigree would scarce forbear to smile.
 Hendrick Kip and Hendrick Cuyler both had tailor shops
 we know,
 And old Oloffse van Cortlandt sold the beer he brewed,
 and so
 Did Mynheer Anthony Rutgers, and he also baked good
 bread,
 Raised, of course, by brewing "emptin's" and Ten Eyck,
 shoemaker, said
 One day to old Madam Bancker, standing by her needle
 shop,
 That since Lansing, too, was baking, Rutgers thought he'd
 have to stop.
 Martin Beekman was a blacksmith, Goveot Loockerman
 a cook.
 Brevoort tilled a market garden—tidy place on which to
 look.
 Myndert Schuyler was a painter, Mynheer Bayard work-
 ed in lead,
 Widow Rutgers, dear old lady, peddled her own milk, it's
 said.
 But the records tell the story, you can read it as you will;
 You who spend the hard earned fortunes of the brave
 hearts forever still.

By MRS. MORRIS FERRIS,
 Herself a Descendant of the Dutch Settlers.

Same view of Manhattan Island and Battery Park as frontispiece; taken in 1922 by the Author.



GENEALOGY.

Michael Paulus VanDervoort was born in Holland, or what is now Flanders, and came to America prior to the year 1640. He married Marie Rapalje, November 18th, 1640, their marriage being the fifth on record in the ancient records of the city of New Amsterdam, now New York. To this union one son was born. It is possible that other children were born to this couple, but the early records of the family were traced out by the Holland Society at the request of General Paul VanDervoort and Dr. Jas. VanDervoort for membership in that organization. It is barely possible that attention was given to but one line of ancestry as it is one of the requirements of that order to be able to trace your ancestry through the male line to these early times.

II—Paulus VanDervoort, son of Michael and Marie Rapalje was born at Bedford, Long Island, his baptismal record appearing under date of January 3rd, 1649. He married Lysbeth Dinkerson and to them was born one son, whose name was also Paul.

III—Paul VanDervoort, son of Paulus and Lysbeth Dinkerson, was born at Bedford, Long Island, his baptismal record appearing under date of 1681. He married Nultz Stants and to them one son was born, named Nicholas.

IV—Nicholas, son of Paul and Nultz Stants, was also born at Bedford, L. I. The dates are missing in this instance; however, we find that he married Abigal Halsted and to them were born six children, namely: Paul, John, Martha, Nicholas, Jonah, Peter and a child that died in infancy.

DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS IV

V—Paul, eldest son of Nicholas and Abigal Halstead, was born in Orange County, New York, in the year 1753. He married at the age of twenty-one, 1774. Little is known of the life and family of Paul V; suffice to say that he had three sons: Joshua, David and Daniel. Of these three brothers, Joshua was the great grandfather of the author, while records reveal nothing of the other two brothers, except that David died in 1854, and that Daniel went west at an early date, perhaps to Ohio or Indiana.

V—John, son of Nicholas and Abigal Halsted, was born March 30th, 1755, near Kenderbrook, N. J. and died July 3rd, 1836. He married Elizabeth ——— Dec. 21, 1778, who was born Dec. 13th, 1785, and died September 8th, 1835. Records show that John lived at Bleinham, Schoharie County, New York, when he made an affidavit as a soldier in the Revolutionary War to enable him to secure a tract of land. This affidavit is on file in the pension office at Washington, D. C. and shows his military service. Twelve children were born to this couple as follows: Thomas, Hannah, Jacob, John, James, William, Catherine, Peter, Charles, Cornelius, Elizabeth, Freegift.

V—Martha, according to Chicago Inter-Ocean, dated September 12th, 1897, married William Seaman, Martha was born no doubt in New York, but the fact that her daughter Rebecca was born in Virginia, April 28th, 1781, leads us to believe that part of her life was spent in that state. Later records show that Rebecca married Abner Applegate and that she died in Illinois, April 28, 1852. Her family were all daughters except one

son, who died in early manhood. The descendants of Martha Seaman and Rebecca, her daughter, are therefore represented under the names of their husbands. Among them are Blooms, Cashman, Curtin, Sharkey and Glassen.

V—Nicholas, son of Nicholas and Abigal Halsted, was born September 21st, 1759. He married Martha Reid and to them were born the following children: Paul, William, Jonah, Joseph, James, Nicholas, Mary, Abigal, and Sarah. While there are no records to prove my assertion, it is quite evident that inasmuch as Martha married and lived a part of her life in Virginia, and Jonah, the next younger brother was born in Virginia, that the family must have moved to Virginia some time during the time between the birth of Martha and Jonah. This would seem to be sufficient proof that Nicholas must have been born in Virginia; at any rate we find him living and rearing his family in that state. Just why my ancestor, Paul, eldest son, remained in New York, is not clear, but that he did this is proven by the fact that my great grandfather, Joshua, was born in Orange county, New York.

V—Jonah, son of Nicholas and Abigal Halsted, was born at Shepardstown, Va., May 30th, 1765. According to account given in Chicago Inter-ocean, under date of September 12th, 1897, by retiring president of family organization of Ohio. Jonah married Jane Tibbs, March 29th, 1796. To this couple six sons and five daughters were born. The story of Jane Tibbs is recorded in the history of Clinton county, in the biographical sketch of Paul H. VanDervort. This account also states that Jonah VanDervoort moved to the Northwest Territory (Ohio) about the year 1800 and located at Columbia, now a part of Cincinnati.

V Nothing is known of the descendants of Peter, son of Nicholas and Abigal Halsted. There is a possibility that he died in early life.

From this point it becomes necessary to deal with the individual lines represented by the children of Nicholas and Abigal Halsted VanDervoort. Each individual family will be traced through giving names and dates, together with bits of history as they are available to the author, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest, Jonah.

DESCENDANTS OF PAUL V

VI—Joshua, son of Paul V. and grandson of Nicholas and Abigal Halsted was born in Orange County, New York in the years 1775. The early part of his life was spent within the confines of that state, so far as can be learned. He married Hannah Miller, in 1801, at the age of twent-six, and moved his family to Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, in 1821. This fact is borne out in stories related by my grandfather, Jesse, the eldest son of Joshua VI. It appears that Joshua immigrated to Brookville, Pa., bringing only the necessary equipment for travel strapped upon the back of a horse. The family was left in New York state until a later date, with the exception of Jesse, then a young man. Grandfather Jesse became alarmed about the safety of his father as they were accompanied part way by a stranger who insisted on camping with them. Joshua carried considerable money, and Jesse knowing this, was afraid that the stranger meant to take advantage of his father during the night. Nothing came of the incident, except that grandfather Jesse lost a good night's sleep. The story

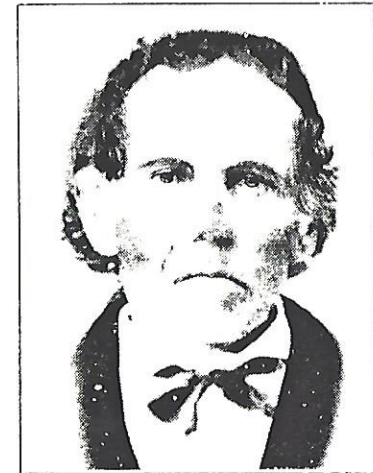
portrays however, something of the privations and hardships endured by these hardy pioneers in their efforts to bring civilization to a land of wilderness. Hannah Miller VanDervoort died soon after the family moved to Brookville and the tradition is that she was buried at Troy, which is now Summerville, Pa., in the old cemetery, and that the road now passes over her grave. Later Joshua married widow Reed, Polly (Mary) Martin Reed, and the two younger sons, William and Hiram, were children to this second marriage. Joshua died at Brookville, Pa., June 21st, 1861, at the ripe old age of 86 years, leaving a family of ten boys and one girl. It is possible that Joshua also was buried at Summerville, Pa., and that Polly, his second wife, was buried at Brookville with the family of her first husband.

Family of Joshua as follows: Jesse, Sarah (Sally), Paul, David, Joshua, John, Abraham, Levi, Daniel, also William and Hiram by his second wife.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSHUA VI

VII—Jesse, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, New York, in the year 1802, and came to Pennsylvania with his father when he was about nineteen years old (1821). Records do not reveal the nature of his early life but no doubt it was spent at hard work as the life of the eldest son of a large family in those early days was not easy. Later records portray him as a shoe maker and cobbler, a trade he no doubt mastered at the bench of his father. It was customary in those days for father to pass his trade on to his son. He later became a farmer and worker at his trade only in spare times, as

the cheaper machine-made shoes began to take the place of the better hand-made types. If one can judge character from tradition it would seem that Grandfather Jesse was a stern, honest man; both his picture and the stories told by my father bear out this statement. It seems that my father received a whipping at school and although he had made peace with his instructor, and nothing more was to be said about the affair, a younger sister witnessed the incident, and



Jesse
VanDervoort

Born 1802
At Orange County,
New York

Died 1867
At Edinboro, Pa.

hastened home with the tale. Immediately my father was called into the shoe shop and given a sound thrashing with the knee-strap, a large strap used over the foot and shoe while it was being repaired. Jesse married Judie Ann Crate, of Brookville, Pa., moved to Painesville, Ohio, and still later to Edinboro, Erie County, Pa. The old VanDervoort homestead is still recognized as

such just outside of Edinboro, Pa. He died at Edinboro at the age of 65 years (1867). Judie Ann, his wife, died February 25th, 1892, and both are buried in the old cemetery at Edinboro, Pa.

Following are the issue of this couple: Phillip, Charles, Joshua, Bartholamew, John, Mary, David, Sarah, Katherine and one adopted son, James.

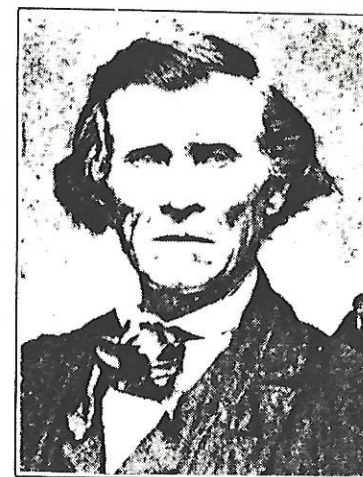
VII—Sarah (Sally), daughter of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y. about the year 1804. She came to Brookville, Pa., when about seventeen years old, with her parents. She married Beach Wayland of Brookville, Pa., and to them were born seven sons and two daughters, as follows. James, Euphrastus, Jesse, Orlando, David, Ruth, John, Abraham and Rushie. The family lived in and about Brookville the entire life of the parents. Sally Wayland died about the year 1891 and is buried at Sigel, Pa. The descendants of Sally and Beach Wayland married mostly in Jefferson County, Pa., and their descendants branch off into a great number of names, as Disert, Miller, Mead, Kroah, Lowers, Bullers, Shiers, Melzer, Muth, Best, McLaughlin, White and others.

VII—Paul, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., July 28th, 1807. He came to Pennsylvania with his parents when about 15 years old; later he married Margaret Hetrick of Brookville, Pa. Margaret Hetrick was born February 1st, 1812, and married Paul VanDervoort May 6th, 1831. Thirteen children were born to this couple as follows: Frederick, Mary, Jane, Joshua, Jude, Sarah, Abraham, Paul, Charlotte, Addison, Ellen, Esther, Laura and John.

Paul
VanDervoort

Born July 28, 1807
At Orange County,
New York

Died at
Brookville, Pa.

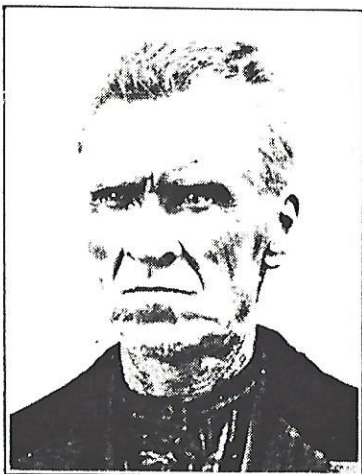


VII—David, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., about 1809, and came to Brookville, Pa., with his parent when a lad. David married Mary Reed, daughter of his stepmother by her first husband. He made his home in and about Brookville, Pa., where he died January 19th, 1870. Fourteen children were born to this couple as follows: James, Abraham, Paul, Sarah, Matilda, William, Nancy, Mary, John, David, Eveline, Elizabeth, Martha and Hannah.

VII—Joshua, son of Joshua VI and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., about 1811, and came to Pennsylvania with his parents when but a small boy. Joshua married a Lockwood and had but one son, Levi. Joshua was a stonemason by trade and like the rest of the tradesmen of his day, handed his vocation on to

his son. He made his home in Jefferson County, Pa.

VII—John, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., about 1813. He, of course, came to Brookville, Pa., when a boy with his parents, but at an early age went west and no trace of his family, if any, is found.



Abraham
VanDervoort

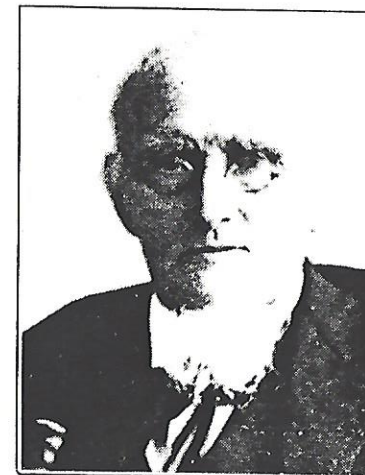
Born February 25,
1816
At Orange County,
New York
Died at Summerville,
Pa.

VII—Abraham, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., February 25th, 1816, and came to Pennsylvania with his parents when but five years old. He married Mary Ann Sterling, who died in 1857, leaving three children, Joshua, James and Amija. Later Abraham married Sabria Carrier, who died in 1896, leaving four children, Mary, Henry, Alfred, and Emma. Abraham VanDervoort made his home in and about what is now Summerville, Pa. (formerly Troy).

VII—Levi, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., April 21st, 1818, and came to Pennsylvania when but three years old. On July 7th, 1841, he married Theresa Crate, sister to Judie Ann, wife of his eldest brother, Jesse. Later he moved to Erie County, Pa., and located near Crossingville, Pa. Levi was also a stonemason and farmer. He died February 2nd, 1902. Theresa Crate was born at Brookville, Pa.,

Levi
VanDervoort

Born April 21, 1818
at Orange County,
New York
Died February 2nd,
1902
At Crossingville, Pa.



February 18th, 1820, and died January 20th, 1897. Both are buried at Crossingville, Pa. Issue of this union is as follows: Sylvester, Daniel, Elizabeth, Ambrose, Julia, Almira, Esther, Levi, Marcus, and Lucinda.

VII—Daniel, son of Joshua and Hannah Miller, was born in Orange County, N. Y., and came to Brookville, Pa., as a babe, being the youngest of Joshua's children by his first wife. Nothing is

known of the life of Daniel except that he died while young.

VII—William, son of Joshua and Mary Martin Reed was born at Brookville, Pa. He married Sarah Swabb, but separated from her and at an early date emigrated to Morrilton, Ark. Later records show that he remarried and left several children. He died in Missouri.

VII—Hiram, son of Joshua and Mary Martin Reed was born at Brookville, Pa. He married Christena Shaffer and made his home at or near Reynoldsville, Pa. Ten children were born to this couple as follows: J. W., John S., Alfred M., Elizabeth, Hiram, Margaret, William, Mabel, Cascius and Minnie.

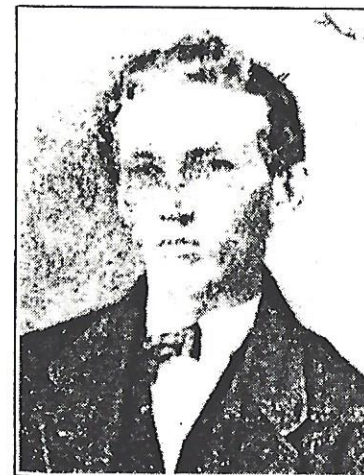
DESCENDANTS OF JESSE VII

VIII—Phillip, son of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born at Brooksville, Pa., November 18th, 1832. When a small child his parents moved to Clinton County, Ohio, later the family moved to Edinboro, Erie County, Pa., where he married Louisa Walker of Cambridge Springs. Louisa Walker was born August 10th, 1838. Phillip Van Dervoort was a shoemaker and cobbler by trade, which he followed together with that of farming, through his entire life. He spent the greater part of his life in Erie County, Pa., where he died July, 1908, his wife preceeding him in January, 1902; both are buried at Edinboro, Pa. Six children were born to this couple, all girls: Hattie, Emma, Molly, Alice, Anna, and Lyda.

VIII—Charles and Joshua, both sons of Jesse and Judie Ann Grate, died in infancy.

VIII—Albert Bartholamew, son of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born February 2nd, 1841.

in Clinton County, Ohio. When he was a small boy the family moved to Erie County, Pa., where he grew to be a man. He became engaged in the work in and about the oil field of Bradfield, Pa., and it was here that he met and married Celina Bump of Dayton, N. Y. Celina Bump was born at Dayton, N. Y., July 13th, 1855. Later he moved to Beeler, Kan., and settled on government land as a farmer. During the drouth and financial crisis of 1892 he was forced to return to Pennsylvania, and he settled with his family at Dukes Centre, Pa., but moved later to Bradford, Pa. The mother died June 6th, 1898, and the father on June 20, 1916; both are buried at Dukes Centre, Pa. Three children were born to this couple: Vivian, Joseph and Clarence.



John
VanDervoort

Born November 18,
1843
At Painesville, Ohio

Died May 31, 1905
At Oakville, Wash.

VIII—John, son of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born at Painesville, Ohio, November 18th

1843. The family moved to Erie County, Pa., when he was small and here he grew to manhood. He received a fair education in the three R's, learned the trade of his father, and drove a mule upon the towpath of the canal from Erie to Pittsburgh, while still a youth. At an early age he secured employment in the lumber woods at Brockwayville, Pa., and became a skilled raftsman. Here he met and married Ada Frost, who died several years later. About the year 1874 he married Ella Bower, born June 10th, 1858, daughter of Joseph Bower of Warsaw, Pa. The young couple set up housekeeping at Sigel, Pa., later moving to Frontier County, Nebraska (1884). Here Ella VanDervoort died, July 1st, 1890, and is buried at Indianola, Neb. After the death of the mother the family returned to Brockwayville, Pa., where they grew up. In 1898 John again went west, this time to Washington, where he died May 31st, 1905. He is buried at Oakville, Wash. Eight children were born to this couple: Jesse, Mary, Glen, Ada, Gertrude, John (the author) and James.

VIII—James, adopted son of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born at Painesville, Ohio, about October 1844, being some ten months younger than John. There is an interesting story connected with the adoption of this child; suffice to say that his parents merely left him with the VanDervoorts for some unknown reason with the understanding that they would return within a year, his name having been given as James K. Polk VanDervoort by his parents, prior to their departure. At the end of the year no one came and James grew to be a fine specimen, physically and otherwise. Later an inquiry was made with reference to the whereabouts of James K. Polk

VanDervoort, the family having moved from Ohio into Pennsylvania. Young James ignored the inquiry, although it was in connection with the distribution of certain wealth. He went west while still a young man, returning about the year 1906 to visit, but when he learned that most of his friends had either died or gone away he did not stay long. Nothing has been heard from him or his family since.

VIII—Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born at Perry, Ohio, November 17th, 1848. She married David Walker of Crawford County, Pa., January 15th, 1865, and spent the early part of her married life in Jefferson County, Pa., her husband being a lumberman. Later they returned to Erie County and took up farming, where they spent many years. David Walker died August 18th, 1925, at the age of 85, leaving his widow and three children, Frank, Anna and Rose, living at Edinboro.

Frank, a retired farmer, has two sons and one daughter, also living at Edinboro: Russell, Floyd, and Frances. Mrs. Anna Goodrich, now a widow, has three children, James, of Florida; Florence (Mrs. H. L. Steadman) of Erie; and Charles of North Carolina. Rose Mary (Mrs. Burt Cochran) has one son, Alfred, living at Clarion, Pa. Nine grandchildren as follows: Phillip Walker, David and Richard Walker, David and Barbara Goodrich; Margaret, Wilma and Henry Steadman; also George Cochran.

VIII—Sarah, daughter of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, May 13th, 1853, and came to Pennsylvania with her parents at an early age. She married Peter Galusha (born March 8, 1848) of Brockwayville, Pa., on March 11th, 1871, and has spent the great-

er part of her life in the above named city. Her husband, Peter, died October 22, 1913, and as her children were all daughters she lives alone at Brockway. Children as follows: Mrs. Al Walker (Ella), born July 31, 1872, died May, 1911, leaving husband and two children, Kitty and Tom. Mrs. William Snyder (Anna), born April 26th, 1874, lives at Akron, Ohio; has eight children. Mrs. Bernard Holland (Fannie), born December 6th, 1876, lives at Canton Ohio; two children, Bernard and Leah. Mrs. Harry Greenfield (Jennie) of Edinboro, Pa. born July 21, 1880; and Mrs. Roy Craft (Janet) of Indianapolis, Ind., born February 7th, 1885; two children, Jerry and Dick.

VIII—Katherine, daughter of Jesse and Judie Ann Crate, was born at Edinboro, Pa. She married Adelbert Galusha, brother of her sister Sarah's husband, and made her home in and about Brockwayville, Pa. Late in life she returned to Edinboro and died there about 1910. She is survived by two sons, Claude and James, both residing at Edinboro, and one grandson, Earnest.

DESCENDANTS OF PAUL VII

VIII—Frederick, son of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born at Brookville, Pa., February 9th, 1832, and according to records by his brother, Joshua, lived and died at Ark, Mo.

VIII—Mary Jane (Coleman), daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick was born November 20th, 1833.

VIII—Joshua, son of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born at Brookville, Pa., June 6th, 1836, and died April 30th, 1905, at Beaver Crossing, Neb., where he made his home. Paul married Mary Jane Corbett of Clarion, Pa., born March

25th, 1847, and died April 2nd, 1903. Three children were born to this couple as follows: Sarah Eleanor, born July 7th, 1865, now living at Friend, Neb., (Mrs. Crone), Mary Avonia (Mrs. Wehr), born January 23rd, 1867, and died August 19th, 1904, leaving two daughters, Mary Opal, born September 8th, 1902, and Eleanor born, July 12th, 1904, both living with their aunt, Mrs. Crone, at Friend, Neb., and Joshua Edward, born November 4th, 1868, died July 14th, 1870.

VIII—Judie, daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born at Summerville, Pa., September 10th, 1839, married E. M. Rogers, Ridgway, Pa., July 6th, 1884, and died March, 1907, at Ridgway, Pa. Eight children were born: C. C. Rogers, Geo. P. Rogers, Q. C. Rogers, P. V. Rogers, Harry Leroy, Lamont, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Patterson of Ridgway, Pa.

VIII—Sarah, daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, born October 23rd, 1840, and died in the year 1921. Married Thos. Kleckner.

VIII—Abraham, son of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born January 20th, 1843.

According to record by Joshua, his brother, he lived at Goffs, Kan.

VIII—Paul, son of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born February 11th, 1845. According to record of Joshua, his brother, he lived at Goffs, Kan.

VIII—Charlotte, daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born March 18th, 1847, died February 4th, 1858.

VIII—Addison, son of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, was born May 12th, 1850. Lived at Cranestown, Pa.

VIII—Ellen, daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick VanDervoort (Schultz), born July 20th, 1852.

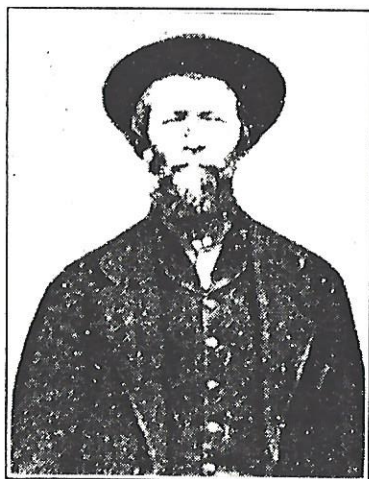
VIII—Esther, daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, (Mrs. Olsen), born November 6, 1854.

VIII—Lora, daughter of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, born June 1st, 1857. Lived at Cranesville, Pa.

VIII—John, son of Paul and Margaret Hetrick, born November 2nd, 1861.

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID VII

VIII—James Richard, son of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort was born at Schoffners Corners, Jefferson County, Pa., February 5th, 1836.



James
VanDervoort

Born February 5,
1836
at
Shoffner's Corners,
Pa.

Died November 18,
1925
At Brookville, Pa.

He enlisted at the beginning of the Civil War, serving three years in the Federal army. During this time he was twice captured, serving three months in Andersonville and later three months in Libby prison. He married Abigail

Shields, July 4th, 1865, and seven children were born: Mary, Sarah, John B., James R. Jr., Bessie Hiram and Adelaide. He died November 18th, 1925, and was buried at Summerville, Pa.

VIII—Abraham, son of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born December 9th, 1838, married Amanda Bower, of Hazen, Pa., on March 27th, 1864. He was a farmer and made his home in and near Hazen for many years. Seven children were born of this union: Mary, John, James, Adra, Saldania, Bertram and Wilbur. He died in April, 1920, and is buried at Hazen, Pa.

VIII—John Calvin, son of David and Mary Reed, was born June 25th, 1841. He, too, was a Civil War veteran. He married Mary M. McCollough on April 27th, 1865. Six children, Margaret, John Calvin Jr., Reed B., Thomas, Plympton, and William, were born to them. He had one son, Herbert, by his second wife. He died at DuBois, September 3rd, 1916, and is buried at Brookville, Pa.

VIII—Paul, son of David and Mary Reed, was born in 1843 and died May 31st, 1911. He married Sallie Kitchen and had one daughter, Almintha. He was buried at Brookville on his wedding anniversary, June 2nd, 1911. He was a civil war veteran.

VIII—Sarah Jane, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born October 7th, 1845. She married Elias Levan. They had two children: Carrie and Vinia. She died at birth of twins, one of whom also died. She is buried at Summerville, Pa.

VIII—Matilda, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born October 2nd, 1847. She married Frank Beebe, who died January 2nd, 1910. She had one daughter, Mrs. Laura Gard-

ner, who died April 23rd, 1927. Much of the credit for information regarding her grandfather's (David) family is due to her knowledge and efforts. Matilda died November 4th, 1920, and is buried at Brookville, Pa.

VIII—William Henry, son of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born September 6th, 1849. On April 29th, 1873, he married Mary Myers, who bore him five children: Annie, George, William H. Jr., Edward, and Margaret. He died in July, 1929. He is buried in Brookville, where he had lived for many years.

VIII—Hannah, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born in 1852. On August 22nd, 1869, she was married to Zachariah Plyler, who died April 4th, 1910. They were the parents of five children: Ida, James, Samuel, Frank and Ralph. Hannah resides at Brookville, Pa.

VIII—Mary Ellen, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born May 30th, 1854. On November 29th, 1881, she married John Kanouff, who died March 21st, 1907. She and her four children, Harry, Ralph, Pearl, and Mabel, all reside at New Kensington, Pa.

VIII—Nancy Isabelle, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born at a place then known as "The Old Loop," not far from Summer-ville, Pa., on May 14th, 1856. She was married to Isaac Showalter who died October 24th, 1905. They had three children, Margaret, Alice and Elizabeth. Nancy resides at Brookville, Pa.

VIII—Eveline, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born in 1857. She married Andrew Davis and lives at DuBois, Pa. Nine children were born in this home: Mary, Charles, Sarah, Clara, Lucretia, Andrew, Gertrude, Malcolm and Matilda.

VIII—David, son of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born September 6th, 1859. He is unmarried and lives at Broo-ville, Pa.

VIII—Elizabeth VanderVoort, daughter of David and Mary Reed VanderVoort, was born June 5th, 1862. She married Alex Gaines, October 13th, 1880. They had two children: Jessie and Viola. Elizabeth died and was buried at DuBois, Pa.

VIII—Martha M. VanderVoort, daughter of David and Mary VanderVoort, was born December 8th, 1863. On July 4th, 1884, she married G. B. Plyler, (Clell Plyler). They have two children: Kitty and George. They all live at DuBois, Pa.

DESCENDANTS OF JOSHUA VII

~~VIII~~—Levi, son of Joshua VanDervoort, was born in Jefferson County, Pa.; lived the greater part of his life at Warsaw, Pa., as a farmer and stonemason. To his first marriage four children were born, namely: Cassius, Oleta, Joshua and Fred. Of these four children, Cassius married Susie Bower, formerly of Jefferson County, Pa., later moving to Oakville, Wash., where he died about the year 1918. Three children were born to this couple: Martha, Prudence and Cassius, now living in the west. Oleta married and now lives in or near Niagara Falls, N. Y. Joshua also married and is now living as a carpenter and stonemason at Niagara Falls, New York. Fred married Vera Ross of Sugar Hill, Pa., and lives at Punxsutawney, Pa. After the death of his first wife Levi married Ann Rought of Warsaw, Pa., and to them were born two sons, Jay and Sidney now living with their mother at Ridgway, Pa. Levi died at Ridgway, Pa., about the year 1918.

DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM VII

VIII—Joshua, son of Abraham and Mary Ann Sterling VanDervoort, was born at Summerville, Pa. He married Alice Carrier and spent the greater part of his life at the above named place. Since the death of his wife he has been residing with his adopted daughter, Mrs. Minawaiser, at Brookville, Pa.

VIII—James, son of Abraham and Mary Ann Sterling VanDervoort, was born at Summerville, Pa., and died while young.

VIII—Amija, son of Abraham and Mary Ann Sterling was born at Summerville, Pa. He, too, died while yet young.

VIII—Mary, daughter of Abraham and Sabria Carrier, was born at Summerville, Pa., in the year 1854. Married Edward Guthrie. Children: Mrs. Grace Mead, Mercer, Pa.; Mrs. Nellie Carrier, Summerville, Pa.

VIII—Henry, son of Abraham and Sabria Carrier, was born at Summerville, Pa., February 29th, 1856. He married Elizabeth Stirie and lives as a farmer near Summerville, Pa. Children: Mrs. Dessa McDonald, Summerville, Pa.; Shirley VanDervoort, Bradford, Pa.; Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Summerville, Pa.

VIII—Alfred, son of Abraham and Sabria Carrier, was born at Summerville, Pa., in the year 1858. Married Grace Anderson and resides at San Antonio Tex. Children: Harrie H. VanDervoort, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lillian E. Ayers, Crystal City, Tex.

VIII—Emma, daughter of Abraham and Sabria Carrier, was born at Summerville, Pa., in the year 1861. Married J. C. Guthrie. Two children, both died in infancy.

DESCENDANTS OF LEVI VII

VIII—Sylvester, son of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., February 8th, 1842. He married Sarah Jones, who was born December 2nd, 1846, and they made their home near Sigel, Pa. Sylvester was a stonemason by trade and farmer. His old home is still called the VanDervoort place, just outside of Sigel. He died May 15th, 1910, and his wife preceded him to the great beyond in 1908. Ten children were born as follows: Robert and Martha died very young, Lena, Elmira, John, William, Helen, Anna, Flora, and Rose.

VIII—Daniel, son of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., October 23rd, 1843 and died December 7th, 1863.

VIII—Elizabeth, daughter of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., December 20th, 1845.

VIII—Ambrose, son of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., October 17th, 1847.

VIII—Judie Ann, daughter of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., December 19th, 1849.

VIII—Almira, daughter of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., April 18th 1852. (Mrs. Meade).

VIII—Esther, daughter of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., July 1st, 1853. (Mrs. Cutler, Springboro, Pa.).

VIII—Levi, son of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Venango, Crawford County, Pa., October 6th, 1855; died June 13th, 1929. He married Margaret Murphy, born January 1st, 1879; died July 28th, 1928. Levi VanDervoort was a stonemason

by trade, but lived as a farmer near Crossingville, Pa., working at his trade during slack times. Children: Myra (Mrs. Snyder) born November 22nd, 1879; lives at Edinboro, Pa. Emmett, born September, 11th, 1881; lives at Best, Tex. Mary (Mrs. Goodenow) born April 14th, 1884. Lena (Mrs. Weithman) born April 20th, 1886; lives at Erie, Pa. Levi, born May 29th, 1887; lives at Erie, Pa. Ethel (Mrs. Dailey) born April 25th, 1889. Inez (Mrs. Morrissey) born April 17th, 1891. George, born September 16th, 1893; lives at Edinboro, Pa. Earl, born July 21st, 1895; lives at Erie, Pa. Forrest, born August 3rd, 1898; lives at Erie, Pa. Arthur, born May 31st, 1900; lives at Erie, Pa.

VIII—Marcus, son of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., April 6th, 1858. He married Lura Homan, who was born September 24th, 1862, and make his home on the old VanDervoort homestead near Crossingville, Pa. Children: Clarence and Edna.

VIII—Elvin Perry, son of Levi and Theresa Crate, born July 27th, 1860.

VIII—Lucinda, daughter of Levi and Theresa Crate, was born at Crossingville, Pa., October 13, 1863 (Mrs. Donahie).

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM VII

VIII—J. W., son of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa. Deceased.

VIII—John, son of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa. Deceased.

VIII—Alfred, son of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa. Deceased. I met this man about the time of the World War at DuBois. At that time he was suffering from

a stroke of paralysis. He had one daughter, Zoa, who died recently.

VIII—Elizabeth, daughter of William and Christena Shaffer, _____

VIII—Hiram, son of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa., and resides at Biltmore, S. C.

VIII—Margaret, daughter of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa.; resides in Virginia.

VIII—William, son of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa.; resides at Brookville, Pa.

VIII—Mabel, daughter of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa.; resides at Johnsonburg, Pa.

VIII—Cassius, son of William and Christena Shaffer, born at Reynoldsville, Pa.; now residing at Tampa, Fla.

VIII—Minnie, daughter of William and Christena Shaffer, was born at Reynoldsville, Pa.; now residing at Canton, Ohio.

DESCENDANTS OF PHILLIP VIII

XI—Harriet, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Walker, born at Albion, Erie County, Pa., July 31st, 1860; married a Spencer. She now resides at Edinboro, Pa. One son, Frank, was born to this couple.

XI—Emma, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Walker, born at Harbor Creek, Erie County, Pa., February 22nd, 1862; married Fred Culbertson, and made her home at Edinboro until her death, January 31st, 1925. She is buried at Edinboro. Her husband followed in death just recently. One adopted daughter, Lena, survives.

XI—Molly, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Walker, was born at Harbor Creek, Pa., October 6th, 1864; married a Wheeler and two children were born.

XI—Alice, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Walker, was born at Harbor Creek, April 30th, 1866. Made her home at Meadville, Pa. Died August 10th, 1928; buried at Edinboro, Pa.

XI—Anna, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Walker, was born at Harbor Creek, Pa., September 1st, 1870. Married an Allen, who died several years ago. She is now Mrs. Jarvis and resides at Edinboro, Pa. Six children were born to Mrs. Allen.

XI—Lyda, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Walker, was born at Edinboro, Pa., August 22nd, 1878; married a Morrison; resides at Meadville, Pa. Five Children.

DESCENDANT OF ALBERT VIII

XI—Vivian, daughter of Albert and Celina Bump, born Dayton, N. Y., June 8th, 1886; married Edward Bussey November 1, 1920 and resides at Akron, Ohio.

XI—Joseph, son of Albert and Celina Bump, was born at Beeler, Kan., April 13th, 1889. Enlisted at Akron, May 16th, 1917, with the 3rd M. G. Battalion, Co. C, 1st div.; discharged April 15th, 1919, having served in the following battles, Soissons, Cantigny, St. Mihiel, and Argonne. Of this time he served but five weeks in the hospital with blood poisoning. He resides at Akron, Ohio.

XI—Clarence, son of Albert and Celina Bump, was born at Beeler, Kan., November 10th, 1891; married and lives in Bradford, Pa. One son, Donald.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN VIII

IX—Jesse, son of John and Ella Bower, born at Sigel, Pa., April 6th, 1877; died with diphtheria when about four years old, April 26th, 1881.

IX—Mary Ellen, daughter of John and Ella Bower, born at Sigel, Pa., September 1st, 1878; married W. A. Keys, of Brockwayville, Pa., and has spent the greater part of her life at the above named place. The past three years the family has taken up their domicile at Long Beach, Calif., where Mr. Keys is interested in mining. Children born: Marion, John, William and James.

IX—Glen, son of John and Ella Bower, born in Pennsylvania June 5th, 1880; married Pauline Snidow, 1906, of Porter, Wash. Spent the early years of his life in Pennsylvania, going west with his father when about eighteen. Now resides at Los Angeles, where he is engaged in the gasoline business. One daughter, Ella, was born to this couple.

IX—Gertrude, daughter of John and Ella Bower, born at Beechtree, Pa., June 7, 1883. Spent the early part of her life in Pennsylvania. Went west where she married Joseph Reeder of Oakville, Wash.; three children were born to this couple: Wanda, Bernard and Clessie. This family now resides at Chambers Prairie, Wash., where Mr. Reeder is postmaster.

IX—Hortense, daughter of John and Ella Bower, born at Indianola, Neb., July 24th, 1886. Spent the early part of her life in Pennsylvania, going to Washington state with her sister, Mrs. Reeder, about 1900 to join the father, who had preceded them to that state several years. She married Mr. Guy Baker, who is an employee of

N. P. R. R. Co.; at present they reside at Bucoda, Wash. They have one daughter, Mary Catharin, now about six years old.

IX—John, son of John and Ella Bower, born at Indianola, Neb., April 23rd, 1888, is the author of this booklet. After the death of the mother in 1890, the father returned with the family to Pennsylvania, where, at the age of ten, he went to make his home with Mr. J. I. Shaw, of Sugar Hill, Pa. He graduated from the Northwestern State Teacher's College, Edinboro, Pa., June, 1910, going to South Dakota in August of that year to become the principal of schools at Java, S. Dak. October 12th, he was stricken with infantile paralysis and returned to Pennsylvania the following spring, after having spent the winter in the sanitorium at Tacoma, Wash. He married Mabel Marshall, of Sugar Hill, Pa., June 14th, 1911, and began his career as a teacher in Pennsylvania at Sigel. In all he spent some 15 years as a teacher in the schools of that state. Finally, due to impaired health, he became persuaded that it was imperative that he take up Chiropractic in behalf of his own health, graduating from the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, July, 1928. At present he resides with his family at Fordyce, Ark. Children: Marshall, Helen and Mary Ellen.

IX—James, son of John and Ella Bower, was born at Indianola, Neb., July 1st, 1890. Went to Washington, with his grandparents when he was eight years old, having made his home with his mother's parents from the time of his mother's death. He married Mary ——— and to them three children were born, William, James and Richard. He now resides as a farmer at Oakville, Wash.

Not having definite material at hand with reference to a complete survey of the ninth generation of this large family, further delineation will be left for future editions.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN V

At this point the descendants of John V, brother of Paul V, Nicholas V, and Jonah V, children of Nicholas and Abigail Halsted, will receive attention as far as present knowledge permits. The following material has been given by Mr. F. VanDervoort of Carrizo Springs, Texas, and has been taken from the family Bible records. Please note the completeness of these dates. Every individual should have a complete record of births and deaths not only of their own immediate family, but of those preceding them at least two generations.

VI—Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth V was born July 29th, 1780.

VI—Hannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth, was born December 28th, 1783; died April 24th, 1843.

VI—Jacob, son of John and Elizabeth, born November 28th, 1785.

VI—John, son of John and Elizabeth, born April 19th, 1787.

VI—James, son of John and Elizabeth, born October 23rd, 1789; died January, 1881.

VI—William, son of John and Elizabeth, born November 6th, 1791.

VI—Catherin, daughter of John and Elizabeth, born November 14th, 1793; died 1804.

VI—Peter, son of John and Elizabeth, born March 18th, 1796; died May 7th, 1875.

VI—Charles, son of John and Elizabeth, born April 12th, 1798.

VI—Cornelius, son of John and Elizabeth, born March 23rd, 1802, in Schoharie County, N.Y. Married Marie Wilson December 24th, 1829, and to them the following children were born: John, who died in infancy; John, a second child, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Hannah, Esther, Freegift, and Cornelius.

VI—Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth, born November 12, 1804; died January 18th, 1874.

VI—Freegift, son of John and Elizabeth, born April 21st, 1807; died May, 1844.

DESCENDANTS OF CORNELIUS VI

VII—John, son of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born 1830; died 1830.

VII—John, son of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born January 6th, 1832; died 1914.

VII—Benjamin, son of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born August 18th, 1833; died 1835.

VII—Elizabeth, daughter of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born August 18th, 1835; died February 15th, 1923.

VII—Mary, daughter of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born February 10th, 1838.

VII—Hannah, daughter of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born January 20th, 1840; died June, 1925.

VII—Esther, daughter of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born January 14th, 1842; died November 28th, 1915.

VII—Freegift, son of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born June 12th, 1844, a veteran of the Civil War, and a practicing lawyer, now residing at Camizo Springs, Tex. He contributed this material. Children: Frances, Margaret, Marie, Evaline, Dannie, Charles and Frederick.

VII—Cornelius, son of Cornelius and Marie Wilson, born April 13th, 1847.

DESCENDANTS OF FREEGIFT VII

VIII—Frances, daughter of Freegift and Sarah VanDervoort; married Wm. Ritchey and have one child, John.

VIII—Margaret, daughter of Freegift and Sarah VanDervort, married Kellog Burns and to them three children were born, Helen, Edward and Mary.

VIII—Marie, daughter of Freegift and Sarah VanDervoort, married Mr. Eardley; children, Alberta, Katherin, Albert.

VIII—Evaline, daughter of Freegift and Sarah VanDervoort; married Mr. Dee Williams; children: Robert, Earnest, John, Leroy and Elizabeth.

VIII—Dannie, daughter of Freegift and Sarah VanDervoort; married Mr. Lee Robinson. Children: Vivian, Sarah, Elane, James.

VIII—Charles, son of Freegift and Sarah VanDervoort.

VIII—Frederick, son of Freegift and Sarah VanDervoort.

DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS V

At this point the descendants of Nicholas V, son of Nicholas and Abigail Halsted, will be considered. This material has been furnished by Mr. Hu. S. VanDervoort, of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mr. W. J. VanDervoort of Parkersburg, W. Va.

VI—Paul, son of Nicholas and Martha Reid, married Mary Jenkins, a sister of Margaret Jenkins, wife of William VI. Among the children of this family were William, James G., Mrs. Max Flemming, Mrs. Alfred Flemming, Mrs. Allison Flemming; still other members of this family can be traced in the vicinity of Fairmont, W. Va.

VI—William, son of Nicholas and Martha Reid,

married Margaret Jenkins, March 10th, 1810. Children: James, John, Nancy, Jonah, Asbury, Amos, Abigal, Paul, William, Coleman, Thomas, Mary and Martha. William VI made his home in Monongalia County, W. Va.

VI—Jonah, son of Nicholas and Martha Reid, lived in the vicinity of Easton, Monongalia County, W. Va. He married Sallie Sidwell and among their children were Irvin, Martha (married James Hare) and Nicholas.

VI—Joseph, son of Nicholas and Martha Reid, lived at Fairmont, W. Va., and married Mehals Davis, to whom were born four children: Norval, Elizabeth, Mary and David.

VI—James, son of Nicholas and Martha Reid, married a Pierpont and moved to Paris, Ill.

VI—Nicholas, son of Nicholas and Martha Reid, moved to Franklin Furnace, now Ironton, Ohio.

VI—Mary, daughter of Nicholas and Martha Reid, married Dr. Davis and moved to Arkansas.

VI—Abigal, daughter of Nicholas and Martha Reid, married James Poston; their children were as follows: Nicholas, Wilbur, Smith and Mary.

VI—Sarah, daughter of Nicholas and Martha Reid, married Jesse Hannaway, later she married John Coburn. Children: Alfred and Sanford.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM VI

VII—James, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born November 8th, 1810; died July 30th, 1828.

VII—John, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born March 17th, 1818; died November 10th 1854. Married Jane Henthorn and three children were born: Strothers, Melissa, Laura.

VII—Nancy, daughter of William and Margar-

et Jenkins, born September 17th, 1819; married Jas. McClaskey, no issue.

VII—Jonah, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born May 10th, 1821; died July 12th, 1821.

VII—Asbury, son of William and Martha Jenkins, born February 19th, 1832.

VII—Amos, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born December 2nd, 1824; died October, 1864; married Susan Holmes. Children: Homer, James and Anna.

VII—Abigal, daughter of William and Margaret Jenkins, born September 12th, 1826; married Henry Stewart; among the members of this family were J. Marcellus Stewart.

VII—Rev. Paul, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born June 19th, 1828; died August 20th, 1865. Married a Miss Chambers and had one son, William.

VII—William, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born July 1st, 1830; married Rebecca McVicker; children, Carrie, Hough.

VII—Coleman, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born July 17th, 1832. Married Amanda McVicker, sister of Rebecca, his brother's wife (William's). Children: James, Frank and William.

VII—Thomas, son of William and Margaret Jenkins, born December 20th, 1834. Remained single.

VII—Mary, daughter of William and Margaret Jenkins, born July 22nd, 1837. Married William Bayles; children: Jessie, Ellery.

VII—Martha, daughter of William and Margaret Jenkins, born Arpil 25th, 1839. Married Amos Hartley; no children, due to her early death.

VII—Nicholas, son of Jonah and Sallie Sidwell, was the father of Virgil VanDervoort VIII and

grandfather of Hu. S. VanDervoort of Morgantown, W. Va. Other children of Nicholas VII were Bruce and Mrs. Jolliffe, also Mrs. Bailey.

VIII—Homer, son of Amos and Susan Holmes, born March 28th, 1853; married Ella Gross, November 27th, 1881, and one child was born, Harry E., September 21st, 1883. After the death of his first wife September, 1885, Homer married a second time Ella Brown, July 11th, 1887. Of this latter union three children were born: Ralph, July 27th, 1889; Homer, October 1st, 1891; Lillian, May 10th, 1893.

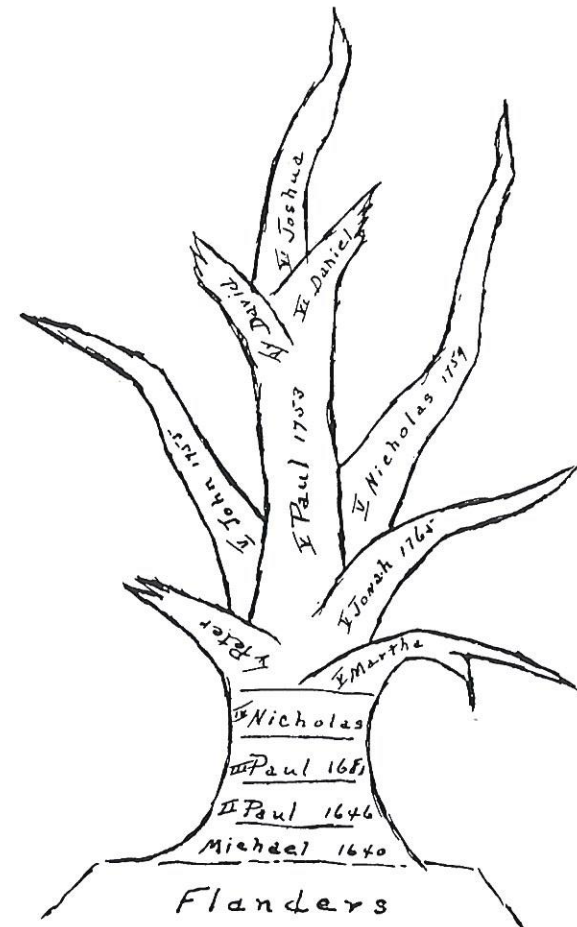
VIII—James, W., son of Amos and Susan Holmes; married Maude Shuttleworth of Parkersburg, W. Va., June 7th, 1882. Issue: George H., Edna B., Maude S., and Margaret E.

IX—George H., son of James and Maude Shuttleworth, married May Shakespeare of Parkersburg, W. Va. Issue: Edna, born June 12, 1908; and Richard, born January 31st, 1910.

IX—Edna, daughter of James and Maude Shuttleworth, resides at Fort Thomas, Ky. No issue.

IX—Maude, daughter of James and Maude Shuttleworth, is single and lives at Parkersburg, W. Va.

VIII—Anna, daughter of Amos and Susan Holmes, born June 1st, 1862; married Rev. Milard F. Pell, August 1st, 1900; resides at 602 W. Nelson Street, Marion, Ind.



The VanDervoort Family Tree

MISCELLANEOUS

Samuel VanDervoort was born March 1808 at Allegheny City, Pa. His father's name was Paul. He had three children; Theodore, Alfred and Elizabeth. They spell their name "Vandivort."

J. G. VanDervoort of Logan, Ohio, says his grandfather was born in the City of New York in 1775, his family came to Allegheny City, Pa., near Pittsburgh, about 1880. His brothers were: Paul, Barney and James.

The following records were given Mr. Jas. W. VanDervoort, Parkersburg, W. Va., by Mr. Addison VanDervoort, Belleville, Ont., being a descendant of Francis and Hannah Acker.

Francis VanDervoort came to Canada from Dutchess County, N. Y., May, 1802. He placed his family of ten persons in an open boat and came by way of the Mohawk River, paddling the stream by day and sleeping under the boat by night until they reached the shores of Lake Ontario, at the mouth of the Oswego River. During the war of 1812, Francis and five of his sons did duty in the Hastings Militia, the father as lieutenant.

Records as follows: Francis VanDervoort, born December 5th, 1763; and died April 20th, 1836. Hannah Acker, born September 7th, 1765; died April 2nd, 1850. They were married November 8th, 1784, in Dutchess County, N. Y. Eight children were born to this couple: James, born September 13th, 1787; died March 4th, 1877. Samuel, born July 19th, 1789; died April 26th, 1870. Peter, born June 9th, 1791; died Aug. 5th, 1846. George born March 22nd, 1793; died January 10th, 1840. Catherine, born May 22nd, 1785; died November

10th, 1840. David, born July 12th, 1797; died October 1st, 1882. John, born February 2nd, 1880; died January 26th, 1879. William, born March 16th, 1802.

Houston, Texas, "Daily Post," October 24, 1911:

"Nathan J. Vandervoort, age 73 years, probably the oldest railroad man in Houston, if not in Texas, and a pioneer in modern railroad operation in the state, died at two o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his son, Arthur S. VanDervoort, 1010 Smith street. He leaves three sons and two daughters: Arthur S. of Houston; A. E. and John of Louisiana; Mrs. Hill Pentecost and Miss Annie of Philadelphia. Mr. VanDervoort held the distinction of having introduced telegraphic train service in the state of Texas. He was born near Trenton, Ont., in 1838 and came to Texas in 1871 to accept a position of chief train dispatcher for the Houston & Texas Central R. R. Co., which he held until 1879."

Mrs. Anna M. Fisher, M.D., descendant of Lieutenant Paul VanDervoort of New York, daughter of Peter VanDervoort and Maria Bartlette, and granddaughter of Paul VanDervoort and Jane VanHorn, 1751-1813.

Paul VanDervoort, 1751-1827, served as lieutenant of Minute men in Orange County, N. Y. Militia. He died in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Some years ago I met a jewelry salesman in DuBois, Pa., by the name of VanDervoort from Syracuse, N. Y.; at that time I was not interested in genealogy. However, he informed me that he and his brother conducted a wholesale jewelry

business in the above named town and that there were many VanDervoorts there.

Here in Arkansas we have a town by the name of VanDervoort. I have never visited this place but it is located in the southwestern part of the state and no doubt derives its name from some of the family who settled there in the early days.

Several years ago a gentleman conducted a hotel in Paragould, Ark., the house carried the name of its owner, VanDervoort. I have learned recently that the same gentleman is in the hotel business in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. J. W. VanDervoort of Parkersburg, W. Va., states that he received from the Consul General at Antwerp, Belgium, the names of some twenty VanDervoorts living in Antwerp. He also received a copy of the VanDervoort coat-of-arms. Mr. Florent VanDervoort and his family, refugees during the World War, living in London, presented same to Mr. VanDervoort.

I herewith quote clipping from paper at the time the Seventh Annual Re-Union was held in Danville, Ill.:

"The VanDervoort family is one of the oldest of which a record has been kept, its history dating back to the early days in New York state. While New York was under the reign of the "Four Dutch Governors" the four VanDervoort brothers came over from Holland and settled there. One of the brothers went farther south after a few years and settled in Virginia. Here Peter VanDervoort Sr., grandfather of Peter VanDervoort, Jr., was born 1777. Later part of the family came to the northwestern part of Ohio and

the family finally became scattered over Illinois and Indiana."

Peter VanDervoort Jr., was one of a family of four sons and four daughters: Peter, John, Thomas, Will, Alice, Nan, Julia and Moliie.

Our father, Peter VanDervoort, Jr., died October, 1929, aged 74. He had five daughters and four sons: Alice, Josie, Minnie, Bessie, Etta, Clarence, Walter, Frank, and Harold.

—From Chicago "Inter-Ocean," April 12, 1897.

OF OLD DUTCH STOCK.

Five Hundred Present at Reunion of Old VanDervoort Family at Wilmington

Descendants of the Fifth Couple Married in New York; Family Line Traced Down From Time of Old Peter Stuyvesant

A reunion of one of the oldest families of the United States occurred on the 26th of August, 1897, in Wilmington, Ohio. The VanDervoort family came from the old city of New Amsterdam of the New Netherlands, which city, in the course of time, became New York.

The family originally came from Flanders. At this Wilmington meeting letters and telegrams were read from people living in various parts of the United States and Canada. It is desirable that the union of this family be enlarged by the addition of all those bearing the same name. At the last reunion there were present some 500 who were connected by the ties of consanguinity. A committee of five was appointed to take such steps as it deemed best to make the society permanent. Those interested in family ties should correspond with the secretary, Mr. B. B. VanDervoort, Jamestown, Ohio, or the president, Mr. Charles F. VanDervoort, Clarkesville, Ohio, who would be glad to give some facts concerning this great family.

It may be of interest to all here today to know that a large portion of this assembly are descendants of the children of Nicholas and Abigail VanDervoort. There are here today some of the descendants of Paul VanDervoort, who took up his residence in Warren county, Ohio, and especially his sons, Paul, Jonah, William and Peter whose sons and daughters and grandchildren are here today. Jonah, the son of Nicholas, was the grandfather of most of those of that name, who located in Clinton county, Ohio, eighty-seven years ago.

My great-grandfather came to the Northwest territory about the year 1800, and located at Columbia, now part of Cincinnati, where he lived for about nine years, and where my father was born. It is not known whether great-grandfather and wife died there or after they came to Clinton county. All of the descendants of Jonah and Jane Tibbs VanDervoort number about 420. There have been about sixty deaths, leaving about 360 living. His descendants now exist under about forty different names, whose residences are scattered over a dozen different states. What is remarkable, there is a very noticeable uniformity in their general characteristics. The great majority of the family have been, through the providence of God, able to provide for their own households, and have, in many cases, been a help to those who are in need. There are no great names among us, but there are a number of real good ones, and, in fact, the name is rather a good one than a great one.

The family tend very strongly toward a literary culture, a large number of them turned their attention to teaching both in the common school and in colleges. Several are graduates from colleges and high schools, and are entitled to be brevetted an A. M., B.S., C.L.S.S., or Ph.D. So we stand today, ladies and gentlemen, in the good cause of keeping up our family ties, we feel that we are of the same bone and the same blood with you, and are really glad to be linked to you in this near and dear relationship. Our name is found in the records in this country 130 years before the revolutionary war. It was enrolled in the archives of the ancient Dutch city of New Amsterdam, during the reign of Peter Stuyvesant over New Netherlands. They were here when the indomitable Diedrich Knickerbocker wrote his immortal history of the Dutch settlers. We were on Ohio soil before the state was admitted into the Union, in this county before the county was formed, now called Clinton. Our fathers

fought in the Federal army of 1812, as our brothers and fathers did in the war of the rebellion of 1861 to 1865. I would therefore urge the importance of keeping up family genealogy. There is just now a fad for keeping up the family records. Large estates are often kept from the legitimate parties, simply because no family records had been kept up. How many societies are there now formed in this country dependent upon family records. The Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Holland society, depend on the ability of the applicant to trace his family record. No one can enter the great society called the Holland society unless he can trace his pedigree through the male line to his Dutch ancestry previous to the year 1665. There are but two of the VanDervoorts of the line I have indicated belonging to the Holland society, namely Dr. J. W. VanDervoort, Harveysburg, Ohio, and General Paul VanDervoort of Omaha, Neb. One of the planks of the constitution of the Holland society provides that it is the duty of each member to keep a family record. I may say that we are under obligations to the Holland society for rendering us a real service. It was members of this society who searched the earliest Dutch records, and there found our name among the very first on record. We had no clew to our forefathers further off than our great grandfather. Further than this the Holland society has discovered, and to them we extend our thanks.