
Descendants

of

ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF

and

EMILY AUGUSTA VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF

ADDRESSES — DECEMBER 25, 1948

CALENDAR OF ANNIVERSARIES

BRINCKERHOFF ANCESTRY

(1600-1948)

with chart

VERMILYE ANCESTRY

(1500-1948)

FOREWORD

TO ALL THE DEAR BRINCKERHOFF CLAN

At New Years 1936, Emily Brinckerhoff Duncan and I sent to all the then living members of the Brinckerhoff family a Booklet giving by families the "Descendants of Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff and Emily Augusta Vermilye Brinckerhoff". At a later date we sent you a "Calendar of Anniversaries of Marriages, Birth and Deaths".

These proved of no little convenience in keeping track of the large clan and of the anniversaries we wish to celebrate.

Since then the family has grown; marriages have occurred, births have been many and some deaths have taken place. Emily Duncan was always filled with loyalty and love for the family. As a Christmas gift to you all from her and me, here is a new edition of the "Descendants" and of the "Calendar" brought up-to-date. May it serve to keep fresh in our minds the memory of Elbert and Emily Brinckerhoff, those wonderful personalities from whom you are descended and to help us to cherish the traditions established by their noble lives.

I am proud to be one of the clan by marriage.

Merry Christmas.

Affectionately,

FREDERICK DUNCAN

Englewood, New Jersey
December 25, 1948

FOREWORD.

This little volume gives in convenient form data concerning ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF and EMILY AUGUSTA VERMILYE, his wife, and concerning their descendants, and other items of general family interest; also names and addresses of present living descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Brinckerhoff.

The pamphlet distributed at Christmas 1927 contained the Brinckerhoff-Vermilye ancestries. To this pamphlet reference may be made for many interesting facts in the histories of these families.

For convenient reference, we are now including reproductions in the handwriting of Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff of the Brinckerhoff-Vermilye family trees.

The clan has increased in number so rapidly and under so many family names and in so many widely separated places that an easy compendium of reference may be helpful in keeping cousins in touch with each other.

In most instances our data are complete and dependable, though in a few cases we have not been able to get desired information.

If this little book helps preserve the tradition of the family and keep alive its admiration and affection for the two noble and lovable characters from whom the Brinckerhoff clan is descended, by whatever names they may now be known, our purpose will be served.

We wish you all a long succession of Happy New Years.

EMILY BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN
FREDERICK SMYTH DUNCAN

Englewood, New Jersey
January 1, 1936.

DESCENDANTS

of

ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF

(November 29, 1838 - March 23, 1913)

and

EMILY AUGUSTA VERMILYE

(March 24, 1846 - October 21, 1921)

ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF, (born at Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., November 29, 1838; second child and only son of John Nostrand Brinckerhoff and Mary Moore Adrain; died Englewood, New Jersey, March 23, 1913) and EMILY AUGUSTA VERMILYE (born in New York City, N. Y., March 24, 1846; only adult daughter of Col. Washington Romeyn Vermilye and Elizabeth Dwight Lathrop; died Englewood, N. J., October 21, 1921). Mr. and Mrs. Brinckerhoff were married at Col. Vermilye's residence at Englewood, N. J., April 22, 1869 by the Reverend Thomas E. Vermilye. Children as follows:

I. EMILY VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF: Born Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., February 7, 1870; married at Englewood, N. J., June 14, 1892 to FREDERICK SMYTH DUNCAN, (eldest child of Gen. Samuel A. Duncan and Julia Jones Duncan of Englewood), died October 3, 1945; buried Brookside Cemetery, Englewood.

II. MARY ELIZABETH BRINCKERHOFF: Born Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., November 1, 1871; married at Englewood, N. J. November 6, 1894 to JAMES DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG, St. Paul, Minnesota; died March 10, 1931 at St. Paul, Minnesota; interred at St. Paul, Minnesota. JAMES D. ARMSTRONG died at St. Paul, November 15, 1939.

III. ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF, JR.: Born June 6, 1874 at Englewood, N. J.; married (1) at Brooklyn, N. Y. on June 4, 1895 to Harriet Holly Clarkson (divorced Nov. 18, 1921); (2) to Maude Delmont, who died October 11, 1926; (3) to Edna C. Connor at Ventnor, N. J. on April 30, 1927; died Jackson Heights, N. Y., November 11, 1943; buried, Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, N. J.

IV. ELIZABETH LATHROP BRINCKERHOFF: Born Englewood, N. J. October 7, 1876; married (1) Englewood, N. J. April 17, 1901 to WILLIAM BUSHNELL

CHAPIN (who died in Washington, D. C., March 9, 1914); (2) at Englewood, N. J., June 9, 1923, to COL. FRED B. RYONS of Lincoln, Nebraska, (who died at Hoadly, Va., Jan. 13, 1945; no children by this marriage).

V. MARGARET BRINCKERHOFF: Born Englewood, N. J., February 3, 1880; married at Englewood, N. J. April 16, 1903 to HERBERT LEROY PITKIN, eldest son of John W. Pitkin and Julia S. Pitkin; address, Lydecker St., Englewood. Mr. Pitkin died Feb. 24, 1946; buried, Brookside Cemetery, Englewood.

VI. HELEN MONTGOMERY BRINCKERHOFF: Born Englewood, N. J. September 13, 1881; married (1) at Englewood, N. J. October 15, 1903 to FRANK BONAPARTE PROBST (divorced Nov. 7, 1919); (2) at Plymouth, Mass. on October 8, 1921 to MAXWELL VAN BUSKIRK. Address, R.F.D. Long Pond, Bournedale, Mass.

VII. JANET BRINCKERHOFF: Born Englewood, N. J. October 9, 1883; married at Englewood, N. J. on April 17, 1906 to CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr of Englewood, N. J. Address 30 Dana Place, Englewood.

DESCENDANTS

of

1. EMILY VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN

First child of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye, born Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. February 7, 1870; married June 14, 1892 at Englewood, N. J. to FREDERICK SMYTH DUNCAN (185 East Palisade Avenue, Englewood*), first child of Gen. Samuel A. Duncan and Julia J. Duncan of Englewood, N. J. (Died at Englewood, October 3, 1945; buried, Brookside Cemetery, Englewood.) Children as follows:

A. FREDERICK BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN: Born at Englewood, N. J. October 11, 1894; (married February 12, 1920 to AMY V. HAYES, divorced April 10, 1928. No children). Died, November 21, 1948, Veterans Hospital, Lyons, N. J.; interred, Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, N. J.

B. ELBERT BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN: Born at Englewood, N. J. September 29, 1897; married November 18, 1921 at Emmanuel Church, Boston to PHYLLIS EDITH CURL, born April 13, 1897, Cheshire, England, daughter of Mrs. Philip Arthur Curl of Boston, Mass. Address, 12 Bowditch Road, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Children as follows:

1. ROBERT ADRAIN DUNCAN: Born Jamaica Plain, Mass. April 25, 1925.
2. ALEXANDRA S. DUNCAN: Born Jamaica Plain, Mass., 11 A.M. November 11, 1929 (eleven years to the day and hour from the signing of the Armistice, first World War, at 11 A.M., November 11, 1918).

C. SAMUEL AUGUSTUS DUNCAN: Born Englewood, N. J. October 22, 1898; married (1) February 7, 1925 at Providence, R. I. to ELINOR HOFFMAN, (born, January 8, 1905) second child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Hoffman of Barrington, R. I. (Divorced July 7, 1930); (2) May 30, 1937 to MARY HOPPLE, (born November 2, 1908, Lebanon, Pa.) at Englewood, N. J. Address, 322 West 72nd St., New York City. Children as follows:

1. PATRICIA DUNCAN: Born Greenwich, Conn., June 11, 1927, (daughter by marriage with Elinor Hoffman Duncan). Married at Kittery, Maine, August 28, 1948 to William Burdett Moore, address, 104 Main Street, Orono, Maine.

*NOTE: Addresses as of December 25, 1948 are given as far as possible. Where addresses for children are not given, parents addresses should be used.

D. MABEL DUNCAN: Born at Englewood, N. J. August 8, 1904 (named after her Aunt Mabel Ticknor Duncan, born August 8, 1872; died June 29, 1892); married at Englewood, N. J. May 30, 1929 to FRANK SAMUEL GRANDIN, second son of Mrs. William J. Grandin of Englewood, N. J. (Address, 14 Birchwood Pl., Tenafly, N. J.). Children as follows:

1. ELIZABETH DUNCAN GRANDIN: Born Englewood February 28, 1930;
2. SAMUEL DUNCAN GRANDIN: Born Englewood, N. J. May 13, 1932;
3. DOUGLAS GORDON GRANDIN: Born Englewood, N. J. October 2, 1934.

C. EMILY VERMILYE DUNCAN: Born at West Hampton Beach, L. I., N. Y. June 19, 1908; married (1) at Harrison, N. Y. May 22, 1931 to LOUIS STEWART, JR., 4 Washington Square, North, New York City; (divorced August 1, 1941, Miami, Florida); (2) at Miami Springs, Florida, June 29, 1942, to HAROLD FRANCIS DENNISON. (Address, 185 East Palisade Avenue, Englewood, N. J.). Children as follows:

1. JOAN STEWART: Born New York City, N. Y. September 3, 1932, by marriage with Louis Stewart, Jr.
2. LITA DUNCAN DENNISON: Born Englewood, N. J., June 21, 1946, by marriage with Harold F. Dennison (born December 1, 1911).

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of

II. MARY ELIZABETH BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG

Second child of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye of Englewood, N. J.: Born at Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. November 1, 1871; married at Englewood, N. J. November 6, 1894 to JAMES DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG of St. Paul Minnesota; died March 10, 1931 at St. Paul, Minnesota; buried at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Armstrong died at St. Paul, Minn., November 15, 1939. Children as follows:

A. JAMES BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG: Born St. Paul, Minnesota, August 10, 1895; married at New York City, New York December 23, 1932 to ALICE GARRETT NEVIN, (born February 20, 1901). Address, 104 East 40th Street, New York City. No children.

B. MARGARET ARMSTRONG: Born St. Paul, Minnesota, January 18, 1898; married at St. Paul, Minnesota May 28, 1927 to FRANCIS BAYLIES DEAN, born, August 31, 1895, (address, 6 Nutmeg Lane, Westport, Conn.). Children as follows:

1. MARY ELOISE: Born New York City, N. Y. April 22, 1929.
2. MARGARET RANDALL: Born New York City, N. Y. May 13, 1934.

C. ELBERT BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG: Born St. Paul, Minnesota February 4, 1901; married (1) at Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 10, 1923 to CLAIRE E. ROSENFELD (divorced); (2) to CAROL MURPHY (Monica Mary Carol Pogatsnik at Anoka, Minn.) Feb. 13, 1941. Address 171 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. Children as follows:

1. ROBERT DOUGLAS: Born at St. Paul February 16, 1926, by first marriage to Claire Rosenfeld.

By second marriage to Carol Murphy children as follows:

2. THOMAS ELBERT ARMSTRONG, born January 29, 1942 at Minneapolis, Minn.
3. JAMES MICHEAL ARMSTRONG, born January 28, 1945 at Minneapolis, Minn.

D & E. WILLIAM BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG: JOHN BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG: Twins, born at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 9, 1904.

WILLIAM BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG, married to FRANCES LONG (born May 28, 1899) of Minneapolis at Minneapolis, July 3, 1930. Address, 1312 Lake Street, Glendale, California.) Children as follows:

1. SUSAN LONG, born May 14, 1931.

JOHN BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG: Married at St. Cloud, Minnesota August 2, 1930 to ELEANOR E. DITTENHOFER of St. Paul (divorced February 1932). Address, 357 Vine Street, Glendale, California. No children.

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of

III. ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF, JR.

Third child and only son of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye of Englewood, N. J. Born at Englewood, N. J. June 6, 1874; married (1) at Brooklyn, N. Y. on June 4, 1895 to HARRIET HOLLEY CLARKSON (divorced November 18, 1921); (2) to MAUDE DELMONT, who died October 11, 1926; (3) to EDNA C. CONNOR at Ventnor, N. J. April 30, 1927, (who died March 27, 1938; buried Brookside Cemetery, Englewood, N. J.). Children as follows: one child by first marriage; no children by subsequent marriages.

A. ELBERT VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF: Born Englewood, N. J. November 12, 1899; married on September 30, 1927 to DIANE SARDI, (born October 10, 1900). Address, 928 Gov. Nichols Street, New Orleans, La. Children as follows:

1. DEON SARDI, daughter of Diane Sardi, (born June 12, 1923) step-daughter of Elbert V. Brinckerhoff. (Married October 24, 1943 at New Canaan, Conn. to Bradley Fisher.)
2. ELBERT CLARKSON BRINCKERHOFF: Born New York City November 18, 1930.

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IV. ELIZABETH LATHROP BRINCKERHOFF RYONS

Fourth child of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye of Englewood, N. J.; born at Englewood, N. J. October 7, 1876; married (1) at Englewood, N. J. to WILLIAM BUSHNELL CHAPIN April 17, 1901 (who died in Washington, D. C. March 9, 1914) and (2) at Englewood, N. J. to COL. FRED B. RYONS of Washington, D. C., June 9, 1923, who died at Hoadly, Virginia, Jan. 13, 1945. Present address % Rear Admiral Dixwell Ketcham, Alameda, California. Children as follows by marriage with William Bushnell Chapin; no children by second marriage:

A. EMILY ELIZABETH CHAPIN: Born Englewood, N. J. January 31, 1902; married at Englewood, N. J. November 26, 1924 to JOHN ALDEN REED of Englewood, N. J., born, September 26, 1898, (present address, West Nyack, N. Y.). Children as follows.

1. JOHN ALDEN REED, JR., born at New York City, October 17, 1925. Married Marjorie Elaine Oblinger of Chicago, Illinois, September 4, 1948 at Bakersfield, California.
2. WILLIAM CHAPIN REED, born at New York City December 2, 1926.
3. RICHARD COE REED, born at New York City, January 14, 1928.
4. PHILIP MARVIN REED, born at Washington, D. C. November 26, 1934.
5. JAMES DIXWELL REED, born Washington, D. C., December 10, 1938.

B. SARAH BUSHNELL CHAPIN: born Cranford, N. J. June 22, 1905; married at Englewood, N. J. September 19, 1925 to Lt. DIXWELL KETCHAM, U.S.N. (now Rear Admiral Ketcham). Present address, Naval Air Base, Alameda, California. Children as follows:

1. ELIZABETH AGNES KETCHAM, born at Pensacola, Florida, September 22, 1926; married Dec. 21, 1946, to JAMES LEWIS MICHAEL at Coronado, California. Present address, 889 Woodland Ave., North Palo Alto, Calif.
2. JOAN TUTHILL KETCHAM, born Norfolk, Va., March 19, 1930.
3. FRED DIXWELL KETCHAM, born Coronado, Calif., December 26, 1935.

C. PHILIP EUGENE CHAPIN: Born Englewood, N. J. August 13, 1907; died March 27, 1911.

D. MARY ELIZABETH CHAPIN: Born Englewood, N. J. January 9, 1913; died at Quogue, L. I., N. Y. August 15, 1913.

DESCENDANTS

of

V. MARGARET BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN

Fifth child of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye, born Englewood, N. J. February 3, 1880; married at Englewood, N. J. April 16, 1903 to HERBERT LEROY PITKIN, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pitkin of Englewood, N. J. Residence Lydecker Street, Englewood, N. J. Herbert LeRoy Pitkin died Feb. 24, 1946, buried Brookside Cemetery, Englewood. Children as follows:

A. JULIA PITKIN: Born Englewood, N. J. August 17, 1905; married November 19, 1927 at Englewood to NOEL BLEECKER MARTIN, divorced March 1946. Address Ivy Lane, Englewood, N. J. Children as follows:

1. MARGARET B. MARTIN: Born Englewood, N. J. December 16, 1929.
2. KATHLEEN MARTIN: Born Englewood, N. J. March 31, 1935.

B. LEROY BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN: Born Englewood, N. J. June 8, 1909. Married October 2, 1937 at Englewood, N. J. to EMILY LOWELL HUTCHINS. No children (divorced).

C. JOHN BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN: Born Englewood, N. J. September 16, 1917. Married GENEVIEVE MARTIN of Newport, R. I. at First Presbyterian Church, Englewood, December 7, 1942 (80 E. Fort Lee Road, Teaneck, N. J.). Children as follows:

1. JOHN BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN, JR., born June 4, 1944 at Wilmington, N. C.

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of

VI. HELEN MONTGOMERY BRINCKERHOFF VAN BUSKIRK

Sixth child of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye, born Englewood, N. J. September 13, 1881; married (1) at Englewood, N. J. to FRANK BONAPARTE PROBST on October 15, 1903 (divorced November 7, 1919); (2)

at Plymouth, Mass. on October 8, 1920 to MAXWELL VAN BUSKIRK, born November 11, 1871. Address, R.F.D., Long Pond, Bournedale, Mass.

Children by first marriage as follows; no children by second marriage:

A. FRANK BONAPART PROBST, JR.: Born at Englewood, N. J. July 15, 1906; died January 28, 1929. Unmarried.

B. HELEN PRISCILLA PROBST: Born at Plymouth, Mass. September 5, 1904; married October 21, 1935 at Santa Barbara, Calif. to HAROLD A. HOLLISTER, JR., of Gaviota, Calif., (divorced February 1939). Children as follows:

1. BERNICE HOLLISTER, born March 17, 1939 at Norwalk, Conn.

DESCENDANTS

of

VII. JANET BRINCKERHOFF KERR

Seventh child of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and Emily A. Vermilye, born at Englewood, N. J. October 9, 1883; married at Englewood, N. J. on April 17, 1906 to CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, born August 15, 1878, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Kerr of Englewood, N. J. Address, 30 Dana Place, Englewood. Children as follows:

A. JOHN BRINCKERHOFF KERR: Born at Englewood, N. J. April 7, 1907; married MURIEL TICKNER (born, May 26, 1903), Syracuse, N. Y. June 19, 1931. Address, Grand Avenue, Englewood, N. J. Children as follows:

1. JOHN BRINCKERHOFF KERR, JR.: Born Englewood, N. J. May 30, 1932;
2. GEORGE TICKNER KERR: Born Englewood, N. J. December 18, 1933;
3. JANET ESTELLE KERR: Born December 27, 1936.

B. HAROLD BRINCKERHOFF KERR: Born Englewood, N. J. August 29, 1909. Address, R.F.D. 1, Bethel, Conn.; married June 24, 1936 at Ft. Slocum, N. Y. to MARGARET MAUL, born April 8, 1910, Philadelphia, Pa. Children as follows:

1. KATHARINE AND JANE: Twins born November 9, 1941; (Katharine died February 27, 1945).

C. CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, JR.: Born Englewood, N. J. October 3, 1913; married CORNELIA JOSEPHINE DUFFIELD, (born June 22, 1914) of Princeton, N. J., January 25, 1934. Address, 4549 Lawn Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois. Children as follows:

1. CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, 3RD.: Born at Englewood, N. J. July 23, 1934;
2. CHARLES DOUGLAS KERR, born November 20, 1939;
3. PAMELA BURGESS KERR, born November 20, 1939;

D. MARY MASON KERR: Born Englewood, N. J. July 23, 1916. Married LESLIE D. TAGGART (born August 28, 1910), September 27, 1940. Address Melwood Lane, R.F.D. 1, Westport, Conn. Children as follows:

1. GEORGIA MASON TAGGART: Born August 30, 1942;
2. WILLIAM KERR: Born December 10, 1944;
3. PATRICIA ANN: Born September 22, 1948.

E. WILLIAM DILWORTH KERR: Born Englewood, N. J. January 28, 1920. Married HELEN CRICKET GODWIN, (born June 17, 1922) November 20, 1945. Children as follows:

1. STEPHANIE CRICKET: Born March 19, 1947.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF
DESCENDANTS
OF
ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF
AND
EMILY AUGUSTA VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF
(Living December 25, 1948)

I. DUNCAN FAMILY

- (A) EMILY VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN
(Born February 7, 1870; first child of Mr. and Mrs.
Brinckerhoff) (Died October 3, 1945)

FREDERICK SMYTH DUNCAN

(Born September 30, 1868, East Washington, N. H.) 185 East Palisade Avenue
(Husband of Emily Vermilye Brinckerhoff Duncan) Englewood, New Jersey

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Duncan:

- (1) FREDERICK BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN
(Born October 11, 1894)
(Died November 21, 1948)

- (2) ELBERT BRINCKERHOFF DUNCAN
(Born September 29, 1897)

PHYLLIS CURL DUNCAN, his wife
(Born April 13, 1897)

Children:

12 Bowditch Road
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

- (a) ROBERT ADRAIN DUNCAN
(Born April 25, 1925)
(b) ALEXANDRA S. DUNCAN
(Born November 11, 1929)

- (3) SAMUEL AUGUSTUS DUNCAN
(Born October 22, 1898)

MARY HOPPLE DUNCAN, his wife
(Born November 2, 1907)

322 West 72nd Street
New York, New York

Children:

- (a) PATRICIA DUNCAN
(Born June 11, 1927)

Married WILLIAM BURDETT MOORE, 104 Main Street
Kittery, Maine, August 28, 1948 Orono, Maine

- (4) MABEL DUNCAN GRANDIN
(Born August 8, 1904)

FRANK SAMUEL GRANDIN, Husband
(Born August 11, 1898)

14 Birchwood Place
Tenafly, New Jersey

Children:

(a) ELIZABETH DUNCAN GRANDIN
(Born February 28, 1930)

(b) SAMUEL DUNCAN GRANDIN
(Born May 13, 1932)

(c) DOUGLAS GORDON GRANDIN
(Born October 2, 1934)

14 Birchwood Place
Tenafly, New Jersey

(5) EMILY VERMILYE DUNCAN STEWART
(Born June 19, 1908)

185 E. Palisade Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey

LOUIS STEWART, JR. (First marriage; divorced)
New York City

Children:

JOAN STEWART
(Born September 3, 1933)

Second marriage to:

HAROLD FRANCIS DENNISON
(Born December 1, 1911)

185 E. Palisade Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Children:

LITA DUNCAN DENNISON
(Born June 21, 1946 at Englewood)

II. ARMSTRONG FAMILY

(A) MARY ELIZABETH BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG
Born November 1, 1871; died March 10, 1931; second
child of Mr. and Mrs. Brinckerhoff)

JAMES DOUGLAS ARMSTRONG, husband
(Remarried, Nov. 1931 to Cora Hubbell Johnson)
(Died November 15, 1939)

Children of Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff and James
Douglas Armstrong:

(1) JAMES BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG
(Born August 10, 1895)

ALICE GARRETT NEVIN ARMSTRONG, wife
(Born Feb. 20, 1901)

104 East 40th St.
New York City

(2) MARGARET ARMSTRONG DEAN
(Born Jan. 18, 1898)

FRANCIS BAYLIES DEAN, husband
(Born August 31, 1895)

Children:

(a) MARY ELOISE DEAN
(Born April 22, 1929)

(b) MARGARET RANDALL
(Born May 13, 1934)

6 Nutmeg Lane
Westport, Conn.

(3) ELBERT BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG 1718 Hennepin Ave.
(Born February 4, 1901) Minneapolis, Minn.

CLAIRE E. ROSENFELD ARMSTRONG, wife
(Divorced)

Children:

(a) ROBERT DOUGLAS
(Born February 16, 1926)

Second marriage to CAROL MURPHY, February 13,
1941. Children:

(a) THOMAS ELBERT ARMSTRONG
(Born Jan. 29, 1942)

(b) JAMES MICHAEL ARMSTRONG
(Born January 28, 1945)

(4) WILLIAM BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG
(Born September 9, 1904)

FRANCES LONG ARMSTRONG, wife 1312 Lake Street
Glendale, California

Children:

(a) SUSAN LONG ARMSTRONG
(Born May 14, 1931)

(5) JOHN BRINCKERHOFF ARMSTRONG
(Born September 9, 1904)

357 Vine Street
Glendale, California

III. BRINCKERHOFF FAMILY

(A) ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF, JR.

(Born June 6, 1874—third child and only son of Mr. and
and Mrs. E. A. Brinckerhoff; died Nov. 11, 1943)

Married (1) HARRIET H. CLARKSON June 4, 1895 (di-
vorced); married (2) MAUDE DELMONT, died Oct. 11,
1926; married (3) EDNA CONNOR BRINCKERHOFF, wife
(died March 27, 1938)

928 Gov. Nichols Street
New Orleans, La.

Children by first marriage to Harriet H. Clarkson:

(1) ELBERT VERMILYE BRINCKERHOFF
(Born Nov. 12, 1899)

DIANE SARDI, wife (born Oct. 10, 1900)
(Married Sept. 30, 1927)

Children:

(a) DEON SARDI (Step daughter)
(Born June 12, 1923)

(b) ELBERT CLARKSON BRINCKERHOFF
(Born November 18, 1930)

IV. CHAPIN-RYONS FAMILY

(A) ELIZABETH LATHROP BRINCKERHOFF RYONS

(Born October 7, 1876—fourth child of Mr. and Mrs.
E. A. Brinckerhoff)

% Rear Admiral Dixwell Ketcham
Naval Air Base, Alameda, California

COL. FRED B. RYONS, husband
(died January 13, 1945)

Children of Elizabeth Lathrop Brinckerhoff and William
Bushnell Chapin:

- (1) EMILY ELIZABETH CHAPIN REED
(Born January 31, 1902)

JOHN ALDEN REED, husband
(Born September 26, 1898)

Children:

- (a) JOHN ALDEN REED, JR.
(Born October 17, 1925)
Married MARJORIE OBLINGER,
September 4, 1948

West Nyack, New York

- (b) WILLIAM CHAPIN REED
(Born December 2, 1926)

- (c) RICHARD COE REED
(Born January 14, 1928)

- (d) PHILIP MARVIN REED
(Born November 26, 1934)

- (e) JAMES DIXWELL REED
(Born December 10, 1938)

- (2) SARAH BUSHNELL CHAPIN KETCHAM
(Born June 22, 1905)

REAR ADMIRAL DIXWELL KETCHAM, U.S.N.
husband

Naval Air Base
Alameda, California

Children:

- (a) ELIZABETH AGNES KETCHAM
(Born September 22, 1926)
Married December 21, 1946 to
JAMES LEWIS MICHAEL

889 Woodland Avenue
North Palo Alto, Calif.

- (b) JOAN TUTHILL KETCHAM
(Born March 19, 1930)

- (c) FRED DIXWELL KETCHAM
(Born December 26, 1935)

V. PITKIN FAMILY

- (A) MARGARET BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN

(Born February 3, 1880—fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Lydecker Street
E. A. Brinckerhoff) Englewood, N. J.

HERBERT LEROY PITKIN, husband (died Feb. 24, 1946)
(Born December 13, 1877)

Children:

- (1) JULIA PITKIN MARTIN
(Born August 17, 1905)

Ivy Lane
Englewood, N. J.

NOEL BLEECKER MARTIN, husband
(Divorced, March 1946)

Children:

- (a) MARGARET B. MARTIN
(Born December 16, 1929)

- (b) KATHLEEN MARTIN
(Born March 31, 1935)

- (2) LEROY BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN
(Born June 8, 1909)

Lydecker Street
Englewood, N. J.

- (3) JOHN BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN
(Born September 16, 1917)

80 E. Fort Lee Road
Teaneck, N. J.

GENEVIEVE MARTIN, his wife

Children:

- (a) JOHN BRINCKERHOFF PITKIN, JR.
(Born June 4, 1944)

VI. VAN BUSKRIK FAMILY

- (A) HELEN MONTGOMERY BRINCKERHOFF VAN BUSKIRK
(Born September 13, 1881—sixth child of Mr. and Mrs.
E. A. Brinckerhoff)

Long Pond, R.F.D.
Bourndale, Mass.

MAXWELL VAN BUSKIRK, husband (married Oct. 8, 1920)
(Born, Nov. 11, 1871)

Children by first marriage to Frank Bonaparte Probst
Englewood, N. J.

- (1) HELEN PRISCILLA PROBST HOLLISTER
(Born September 5, 1904)
HAROLD A. HOLLISTER, JR., husband
(Divorced, Feb. 1939)

% Mrs. Maxwell Van Buskirk
Long Pond, R.F.D.
Bourndale, Mass.

Children:

- (a) BERNICE HOLLISTER
(Born March 17, 1939)

VII. KERR FAMILY

- (A) JANET BRINCKERHOFF KERR
(Born October 9, 1883—seventh child of Mr. and Mrs.
E. A. Brinckerhoff)

Dana Place
Englewood, N. J.

CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, husband
(Born August 15, 1878)

Children:

- (1) JOHN BRINCKERHOFF KERR
(Born April 7, 1907)
MURIEL TICKNER KERR, wife
(Born May 26, 1903)

Grand Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Children:

- (a) JOHN BRINCKERHOFF KERR, JR.
(Born May 30, 1932)
(b) GEORGE TICKNER KERR
(Born December 18, 1933)
(c) JANET ESTELLE KERR
(Born December 27, 1936)

- (2) HAROLD BRINCKERHOFF KERR
(Born August 29, 1909)
Married MARGARET MAUL
(Born April 8, 1909)

Rock House Road
R.F.D. 1
Bethel, Conn.

Children:

- (a) JANE KERR
(Born November 9, 1941)

- (3) CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, JR.
(Born October 3, 1913)
CORNELIA JOSEPHINE DUFFIELD KERR, wife
(Born June 22, 1914)

Children:

- (a) CLARENCE DILWORTH KERR, III
(Born July 23, 1934)
- (b) CHARLES DOUGLAS KERR
(Born November 20, 1939)
- (c) PAMELA BURGESS KERR
(Born May 21, 1947)

- (4) MARY MASON KERR TAGGART
(Born July 23, 1916)
Married LESLIE D. TAGGART
(Born August 28, 1910)

Melwood Lane, R.F.D. 1
Westport, Conn.

Children:

- (a) GEORGIA MASON
(Born August 10, 1942)
- (b) WILLIAM KERR
(Born December 10, 1944)
- (c) PATRICIA ANN
(Born September 22, 1948)

- (5) WILLIAM DILWORTH KERR
(Born January 28, 1920)
Married HELEN CRICKET GODWIN
(Born July 17, 1922)

Apt. 77A
Elmwood Terrace
E. Paterson, N. J.

Children:

- (a) STEPHANIE CRICKET KERR
(Born March 19, 1947)

CALENDAR OF ANNIVERSARIES
OF
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS
OF
FAMILIES OF BRINCKERHOFF DESCENDANTS

JANUARY

3. Birth of Julia Jones Duncan (1841)
4. Wedding Anniversary of John Duff and Ruth H. Duncan (1908)
8. Birth of Elinor Hoffman Duncan (Mrs. Samuel A. Duncan) (1905)
9. " " Mary Elizabeth Chapin (1913)
13. Death of Fred B. Ryons (1945)
14. Birth of Richard Coe Reed (1928)
18. " " Margaret Armstrong Dean (Margaret Armstrong) (1898)
21. Death of Julia J. Duncan (1919)
25. Wedding Anniversary of Clarence D. Kerr, Jr. and Cornelia J. Duffield (1934)
28. Death of Frank B. Probst, Jr. (1929)
28. Birth of William Dilworth Kerr (1920)
28. " " James Michael Armstrong (1945)
29. " " Thomas Elbert Armstrong (1942)
31. " " Emily Chapin Reed (Emily Elizabeth Chapin) (1902)

FEBRUARY

2. Death of Ruth Harland Duncan Duff (1937)
3. Birth of Mrs. H. LeRoy Pitkin (Margaret Brinckerhoff) (1880)
4. " " Elbert B. Armstrong (1901)
5. " " Robert Jones Duncan (1871)
7. " " Emily B. Duncan (Emily V. Brinckerhoff) (1870)
7. Wedding Anniversary of Samuel A. Duncan and Elinor Hoffman (1925)
13. Wedding, Elbert B. Armstrong to Carol Murphy (1941)
16. Birth of Robert Douglas Armstrong (1926)
20. " " Alice Garrett Nevin (Armstrong) (1901)
24. Death of H. LeRoy Pitkin (1946)
28. Birth of Elizabeth Duncan Grandin (1930)

MARCH

9. Death of William Bushnell Chapin (1914)
10. " " Mrs. James D. Armstrong (Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff) (1931)
17. Birth of Bernice Hollister (1939)
19. " " Joan Tuthill Ketcham (1930)
19. " " Stephanie Cricket Kerr (1947)
23. " " Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Sr. (1838)
24. " " Emily V. Brinckerhoff (Emily A. Vermilye) (1846)
27. Death of Philip E. Chapin (1911)
27. " " Edna Connor Brinckerhoff (1938)
31. Birth of Kathleen Martin (1935)

APRIL

7. Birth of John Brinckerhoff Kerr (1907)
8. " " Margaret Maul (Kerr) (1909)
8. " " James Douglas Armstrong (1866)
13. " " Mrs. Elbert B. Duncan (Phyllis E. Curl) (1897)
16. Wedding Anniversary of H. LeRoy Pitkin and Margaret Brinckerhoff (1903)
17. " " Clarence D. Kerr and Janet Brinckerhoff (1906)
17. " " William Bushnell Chapin and Elizabeth L. Brinckerhoff (1901)
22. " " Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Sr. and Emily A. Vermilye (1869)
22. Birth of Mary Eloise Dean (1929)
25. " " Robert Adrain Duncan (1925)
30. Wedding Anniversary of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Jr. and Edna V. O'Connor (1927)

MAY

13. Birth of Samuel Duncan Grandin (1932)
13. " " Margaret Randall Dean (1934)
14. " " Susan Long Armstrong (1931)
21. " " Pamela Burgess Kerr (1947)
22. Wedding Anniversary of Louis Stewart and Emily V. Duncan (1931)
26. Birth of Muriel Tickner Kerr (Mrs. John B. Kerr) (1903)
28. Wedding Anniversary of Francis B. Dean and Margaret Armstrong (1927)
28. Birth of Mrs. William B. Armstrong (Frances Long Armstrong) (1899)
30. " " John B. Kerr, Jr. (1932)
30. Wedding Anniversary of F. Samuel Grandin and Mabel Duncan (1929)
30. " " Samuel A. Duncan and Mary Hopple Duncan (1937)

JUNE

2. Wedding Anniversary of McGregor Jenkins and Alice B. Duncan (1904)
4. Wedding, Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Jr. to Harriet Holley Clackson (1895)
4. Birth of John Brinckerhoff Pitkin, Jr. (1944)
6. " " Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Jr. (1874)
8. " " LeRoy B. Pitkin (1909)
9. Wedding Anniversary of Fred B. Ryons and Elizabeth L. Brinckerhoff Chapin (1923)
11. Birth of Patricia Duncan (Moore) (1927)
12. " " Deon Sardi Brinckerhoff (Fisher) (1923)
14. Wedding Anniversary of Frederick S. Duncan and Emily V. Brinckerhoff (1892)
14. Birth of Susan Long Armstrong (1931)
18. Birth of Alice B. Duncan (Jenkins) (1875)
19. Wedding Anniversary of John B. Kerr and Muriel Tickner (1931)
19. Birth of General Samuel A. Duncan (1836)
19. " " Emily Vermilye Duncan (Stewart) (Dennison) (1908)
21. " " Lita Duncan Dennison (1946)
22. " " Cornelia Duffield (Kerr) (1914)
22. " " Julia Duncan Jenkins (1912)
22. " " Sarah Bushnell Chapin (Ketcham) (1905)
24. Wedding Anniversary of Harold B. Kerr and Margaret Maul (1936)
28. Birth of Frances Long (1899)
29. Death of Mabel Ticknor Duncan (1892)
29. Wedding, Emily Vermilye Duncan (Stewart) to Harold F. Dennison (1942)

JULY

3. Wedding Anniversary of William B. Armstrong and Frances Long (1930)
15. Birth of Frank B. Probst, Jr. (1906)
17. " " Helen Cricket Godwin (Kerr) (1922)
23. " " Clarence D. Kerr, 3rd (1934)
23. " " Mary Mason Kerr (Taggart) (1916)

AUGUST

2. Wedding Anniversary of John B. Armstrong and Elinor L. Dittenhofer (1930)
8. Birth of Mabel Ticknor Duncan (1872)
8. " " Mabel Duncan (Grandin) (1904)
10. " " James B. Armstrong (1895)
11. " " F. Samuel Grandin (1898)
13. " " Philip E. Chapin (1907)
15. Death of Mary Elizabeth Chapin (1913)
15. Birth of Clarence D. Kerr (1878)
17. " " Julia Pitkin (Martin) (1905)
27. " " Sarah Eaton Jenkins (1914)
28. Wedding, Patricia Duncan to William Burdett Moore (1948)
28. Birth of Leslie Davidson Taggart (1910)
29. " " Harold B. Kerr (1909)
30. " " John Duff (1870)
30. " " Georgia Mason Taggart (1942)
31. " " Francis Baylies Dean (1895)

SEPTEMBER

3. Birth of Joan Stwerat (1932)
3. " " Auntie Story (Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff Story) (1830)
4. Wedding, John Alden Reed to Marjorie Oblinger (1948)
5. Death of Auntie Story (Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff Story) (1912)
5. Birth of Helen Priscilla Probst (Hollister) (1904)
9. " " Wm. B. Armstrong (1904)
9. " " John B. Armstrong (1904)
13. " " Mrs. Maxwell Van Buskirk (Helen M. Brinckerhoff) (1881)
16. " " John Brinckerhoff Pitkin (1917)
19. Wedding Anniversary of Dixwell Ketcham and Sarah Chapin (1925)
22. Birth of Patricia Ann Taggart (1948)
22. " " Elizabeth A. Ketcham (Michael) (1926)
26. " " John Alden Reed (1898)
27. Wedding, Mary Mason Kerr and Leslie D. Taggart (1940)
28. " " Patricia Duncan and William Burdett Moore (1948)
29. Birth of Elbert B. Duncan (1897)
30. " " Frederick S. Duncan (1868)
30. Wedding Anniversary of Elbert V. Brinckerhoff and Diane Sardi (1927)

OCTOBER

2. Birth of Douglas Gordon Grandin (1934)
3. " " Clarence D. Kerr, Jr. (1913)
3. Death of Emily V. Brinckerhoff Duncan (wife of Frederick S. Duncan) (1945)
7. Birth of Mrs. Fred B. Ryons (Elizabeth Lathrop Brinckerhoff) (1876)
7. " " Harold A. Hollister, Jr. (1905)
8. Wedding Anniversary of Maxwell Van Buskirk and Helen M. Brinckerhoff Probst (1920)
9. Birth of Mrs. Clarence D. Kerr (Janet Brinckerhoff) (1883)
10. " " Diane Sardi Brinckerhoff (1900)
10. Wedding Anniversary of Elbert B. Armstrong and Claire E. Rosenfeld (1923)
11. Birth of Frederick B. Duncan (1894)
11. Death of Maude Delmont Brinckerhoff (Mrs. E. A. Brinckerhoff, Jr.) (1926)
15. Marriage, Helen M. Brinckerhoff to Frank B. Probst, Jr. (1903)
17. Birth of John Alden Reed, Jr. (1925)
18. Death of General Samuel A. Duncan (1895)
19. " " Robert Jones Duncan (1896)
21. Wedding Anniversary of Harlod A. Hollister and Helen Priscilla Probst (1935)
21. Death of Emily Vermilye Brinckerhoff (Mrs. E. A. Brinckerhoff) (1921)
22. Birth of Samuel A. Duncan (2nd) (1898)
24. Wedding Deon Sardi Brinckerhoff to Bradley Fisher (1943)

NOVEMBER

1. Birth of Mrs. James Douglas Armstrong (Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff) (1871)
2. " " Mary Hopple Duncan (1908)
6. Wedding Anniversary of James D. Armstrong and Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff (1894)
9. Birth of Jane Kerr (1941)
11. Death of Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Jr. (1943)
11. Birth of Maxwell Van Buskirk (1871)
11. " " Alexandra S. Duncan (Nana) (1929)
12. " " Elbert V. Brinckerhoff (1899)
15. Death of James Douglas Armstrong (1939)
18. Birth of Mrs. John Duff (Ruth Harland Duncan) (1876)
18. Wedding Anniversary of Elbert B. Duncan and Phyllis Edith Curl (1921)
18. Birth of Elbert Clarkson Brinckerhoff (1930)
19. Wedding Anniversary of Noel Bleecker Martin and Julia Pitkin (1927)
20. Wedding of William D. Kerr and Helen Cricket Godwin (1945)
20. Birth of Charles Douglas Kerr (1939)
21. Death of Frederick Brinckerhoff Duncan (1948)
26. Wedding Anniversary of John Alden Reed and Emily Elizabeth Chapin (1924)
26. Birth of Philip Marvin Reed (1934)
29. " " Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, Sr. (1838)

DECEMBER

1. Birth of Harold Francis Dennison (1911)
2. " " William Chapin Reed (1926)
7. Wedding, John Brinckerhoff Pitkin to Eleanor Martin
10. Birth of William Kerr Taggart (1944)
10. " " James Dixwell Reed (1938)
13. " " H. LeRoy Pitkin (1877)
16. " " Margaret Brinckerhoff Martin (1929)
18. " " George Tickner Kerr (1933)
21. Wedding of Elizabeth A. Ketcham to James Lewis Michael (1946)
23. Wedding Anniversary of James B. Armstrong and Alice Garrett Nevin (1932)
25. " " General and Mrs. Samuel A. Duncan (Julia Jones) (1867)
25. Birth of Louis Stewart, Jr. (1889)
26. " " Fred Dixwell Ketcham (1935)
27. " " Janet Estelle Kerr (1936)

HISTORICAL NOTES
ON
ANCESTRY
OF

ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF

From 1600

AND OF
EMILY AUGUSTA LATHROP BRINCKERHOFF

From 1575

WITH FAMILY CHARTS

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Brinckerhoff

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on that account.

Admirance of Perry Bay, Antigua, C.I.

~~Hegeman~~ in Rome, N.Y.

~~Elizabet H. Strand~~ in Antigua, C.I.
(son)

~~Strand~~ (only son) ~~Marjorie Strand~~ in Antigua, C.I.
1808.

~~Elbert Strand~~ (only son) ~~Emilie Strand~~ in Antigua, C.I.
born 1838

~~Harriette Helen Clarkson~~ in Antigua, C.I. ~~Elbert Strand~~ (only son)
born 1874

~~Elbert Strand~~ (only son) ~~Elaine Sardin~~ Sept 30, 1927
born Englewood, N.Y. Nov 12, 1899

~~Elbert Clarkson~~ (only son)
born New York City, Nov. 18, 1930

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27 Boys 24 Girls
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Netherlands
 1. Joris Dircksen
 arr. Brooklyn 1638
 died 1661

Susanna Duffles
 b. 1632, 1714
 Netherlands
 Flushing, Holland

Abraham Dircksen
 b. 1632, 1714
 Netherlands
 Flushing, Holland

Alte Stuycker
 b. 1632, 1714
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 Flushing, Holland

Joris Abrahamse
 b. 1632, 1714
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THE
ANNALS OF NEWTOWN,
IN
QUEENS COUNTY, NEW-YORK:

CONTAINING

Its History from its first Settlement,

BY JAMES RIKER, JR.

THE BRINCKERHOFF FAMILY.



This respectable and extensive family is of Flemish extraction, and was anciently located in the city of Ghent, in the Netherlands, where its members are mentioned as free born citizens or patricians of that city, and among whom Andries Brinckerhoff, senator and syndic in 1307, is particularly noticed in the annals of those times. From Ghent the fami-

"Constans fides et Integritas" ly extended itself in the sixteenth century to Holland, Friesland, and Lower Saxony, probably compelled to make this remove by the galling severity of the Spanish government, which, during that century, forced into exile thousands of the inhabitants of Ghent and other places in Flanders. In the above-mentioned provinces the Brinckerhoffs became established, and their descendants enjoy much distinction there at the present day.

1. Joris Dericksen Brinckerhoff, the ancestor of the entire American family, was from the county of Drent or Drenthe, in the United Provinces, and having lived some time at

Flushing, a sea-port in Zealand, emigrated to this country in 1638,* and with his wife Susannah, (whose maiden name was Dubbels,) settled in Brooklyn, where Mr. Brinckerhoff obtained a grant of land by brief dated Mar. 23, 1646. He was a man of worth, and was an elder of the Brooklyn church at the time of his death, which happened Jan. 16, 1661. His widow survived many yrs. His ch. were Derick, Hendrick, Abraham,⁵ and Aeltie, who m. Wm. Van Couwenhoven. *Derick* was slain by the Indians and left no issue. *Hendrick* m. Claesie Boomgaert and settled on the eastern bank of the Hackensack river, in New Jersey, where he bought a tract of land June 17, 1685. He did not long survive his purchase. He left sons, Cornelius, Derick, and Jacobus, whose descendants, now considerably scattered, write their name *Brinkerhoff*; omitting the letter *c*, which was dropped by this branch of the family many years ago, and is now also disused by a few others not of this branch. Of the three sons above-named, Cornelius, the eldest, settled at Communipau, and d. in 1770, leaving sons, Hendrick, and Hartman, who were ancestors to the B. families of Bergen. Derick and Jacobus bought the paternal estate. The former has descendants at Hackensack and Schraalenburgh.

2. Jacobus Brinckerhoff, like his grandfather *Joris*,¹ was a person of character, and a member of the Dutch church. He d. in 1769 or '70. By his wife Agnietie, he had issue Hendrick, George,³ Jacob, and Maria, who m. Elias Houseman. *Hendrick* d. in 1760, having had five ch. namely, Jacobus, (grandfather of the Rev. James G. Brinkerhoff,) Nicausie, (grandfather to the wife of Rev. Cor. T. Demarest, of English Neighborhood,) George, (grandfather of George, formerly sheriff of Bergen co.) Hendrick, and Ann, who m. Henry Verbryck. *Jacob* d. in 1771, having had issue Agnietie, m. Daniel Haring; Lucas; Nautie (Hannah) m. John Christie; Jacobus, Hendrick, Albert, and George. Jacob, a son of Albert, now occupies the old homestead of the family on the Hackensack river, nearly two miles below the village of that name.

* The places of their residence in Europe, and date of emigration are derived from a MS. account of the family, compiled more than thirty years since by the late Isaac Brinckerhoff, Esq. of Troy, who appears to have drawn his information from authentic sources.

II. Of the three sons of Joris Dericksen Brinckerhoff Derick, the oldest was killed by the Indians, leaving no children.

Hendrick married Claesie Boomgaest and settled on the east bank of the Hackensack River in New Jersey and became the ancestor of the New Jersey Brinckerhoffs (spelling their name without a "c"), which family spread to many other states.

Abraham Jorisz Brinckerhoff, the youngest son of Joris, was born at Flushing (Vlissingen) Holland in 1632. He became the ancestor of the Long Island Brinckerhoffs and of the branches that later settled in Dutchess County and in Albany.

The male descendants of Abraham Jorisz Brinckerhoff who were ancestors of Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff lived on Long Island, New York, in or near Flushing and Jamaica, where John N. Brinckerhoff, and his son Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff were born (as well as the eldest two daughters of Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff, Emily V. and Mary E.). In 1872, Elbert A. Brinckerhoff and his family moved to Englewood, New Jersey, followed in 1875 by his father, John N. Brinckerhoff and his family. For six generations commencing with Johannes Brinckerhoff (1776-1764) there has been an only son; viz., Hendrick Brinckerhoff (1763-1807); Elbert Adriaan Brinckerhoff (1786-1875); John Nostrand Brinckerhoff (1808-1891); Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff (1838-1913); Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff, Jr. (1874-); and Elbert Vermilye Brinckerhoff (1899-).

Accounts of the Brinckerhoff family can be found in Annals of Newtown, by James Riker, Jr. pub. D. Fanshaw, New York 1852 Early Settlers of Kings County, by Teunis G. Bergen, New York, 1881, and in a publication by General Roeloff Brinckerhoff, Mansfield, Ohio entitled "The Brinckerhoff Family".

III. In a paper read by General Roeloff Brinkerhoff of Mansfield, Ohio (with whom Elbert A. Brinckerhoff was in frequent correspondence at one period) at a reunion of the Brinckerhoff family at Gettysburg, Pa. August 21, 1884 occurs the following:

Our family stream in America has but one fountain head, and that dates back to 1638, when Joris Dericksen Brinkerhoff, with his family landed in the little city of New Amsterdam. From Joris Dericksen (Joris, son of Derick) so far as known, without exception, have come all who bear the name, or lineage, of Brinkerhoff upon the American continent. Some spell the name Brinck and some Brink, and the orthography of either is fully authenticated in ancient documents. In a few manuscripts it is written "Blinkerhoff," and in one instance Van Blynckerhoff. The Flushing Branch of the family, (descendents of Abraham, son of Joris Dericksen) for the most part, use the "e." The Bergen branch (descendents of Hendrick, son of Joris Dericksen,) have almost entirely omitted it. Among the families of the name remaining in Holland the "c" has never been known, and my own judgment is that it is an American innovation. It is, however, a matter of but little importance, for "c" or no "c," we are all descendents of Joris Dericksen as our common ancestor.

From the foregoing sketch it may be safely said that Joris Dericksen Brinkerhoff was a very worthy representative of the Holland family to plant in America, and very deserving of remembrance by all who bear his family name or have descended from him. All of these may feel assured that the first representative of that name in America was an honest and upright man. The family motto, "*Constantia fides et integritas*," seems evidently fitting to the man. He held in those early days positions of trust requiring probity and integrity of character, and held them for years, and more than, this he was pre-eminently a religious man. He lived in times of great religious excitement. Nothing before it, nothing since it, in all the world's history can compare with it for an instant. The reformation had reached out and down until it had laid its hand upon the masses of the common people. Free untrammelled thought was battling then and there against the solid customs and usages of centuries, and the victory was then being won. It was the voice of many thousands sounding throughout the earth and could not be stifled. If the soul of our common ancestor had been stirred within him, and he had "flown before the Spaulard" in order that he might maintain religious freedom in the new world, it was most fitting that he should close his life (although not yet grown old or gray) in serving as a ruling Elder in one of the earliest of the reformed churches in America. His children (two sons and a daughter) were all members of that church and his descendants, with very rare exceptions, down to the present time, have been loyal adherents of the churches of the Reformation. The records of any of the Dutch churches in the neighborhood of New York will give abundant evidence of this fact. I have a list of the subscribers to the building fund of the Dutch church at Flushing, Long Island, for 1781, and seven of them are Brinckerhoffs, and in the list of pew-holders for 1786, twenty-one of them are Brinckerhoffs. I have copies of the early records of the Dutch churches of Brooklyn, N. Y., Hackensack, N. J., Adams county, Pa.,

and Cayuga county, N. Y. The first two names on the roll of the Brooklyn church organized in 1680, are Joris Dericksen Brinkerhoff and his wife, Susannah. The first two names in the Hackensack church, organized in 1686, are Hendrick Jorise Brinkerhoff and his wife, Claude. Among the first of the Adams county church are those of Joris Brinkerhoff (my great grandfather) and his wife, Martina; and so also in the Cayuga county church at the head of the list are Roeliff (my grandfather) and Jacobus Brinkerhoff and their wives. I remember hearing my father, (George R.) say "the Brinkerhoffs have not been very famous or very rich, but this much I can say for them, that in an unbroken line from Joris Dericksen to the present they have been honest, upright, Christian men and women, and I hope none of my children will break out of the line." Certainly the children of Hendrick were all members of the Dutch churches of Bergen county, N. J., so also were the children of his son Jacobus, and so also were the children of Jacobus' son, Joris, the common ancestor of the Pennsylvania and Central New York Brinkerhoffs. Joris, who removed to Adams county, Pa., in 1770, had seven sons and every one of them was a member of the Dutch church, and one of them was a clergyman of that church. Since that time as the family has enlarged its borders, as would be natural and proper, many have gone into other communions, but, as a rule, they have thus far maintained the faith of their fathers, and for a Brinkerhoff to be disloyal to the teachings and the philosophy of the Divine Nazarene, is, to say the least, a serious defection from the traditions and history of the Brinkerhoff family.

With six generations of honest, upright Christian men and women behind me, it would only seem necessary to float with the stream in order to be a good man, but to be a bad one would seem to require a special effort. Let us remember what Shakespeare says of a similar circumstance:

"Of six preceding ancestors, that gem
Conferred by testament to the sequent issue,
Hath it been owned and worn.
It is an honor belonging to our house,
Bequeathed down from many ancestors,
Which were the greatest obloquy in the world
In me to lose."

The history of our family is in every respect worthy of preservation. All the way down in every generation are men and women of character and influence in the communities in which they lived. We have furnished Legislators for States and Nation; clergymen for many pulpits; soldiers for every war of the Republic; judges for the highest Courts, and magistrates without number as Justices of the Peace. Even to-day in a score of cities are lawyers, physicians, merchants, manufacturers, editors, bankers, college professors, railroad officials and artisans of the highest skill who bear the name of Brinkerhoff, and in the country in a dozen different States are farmers of that name who are affluent in broad acres and honored citizens of the communities in which they live.

IV. The direct line of descent from Joris Dericksen Brinckerhoff to Elbert A. Brinckerhoff is as follows:

1. JORIS DIRCKSEN BRINCKERHOFF, the common ancestor of the Brinckerhoff family in America, was born in the Netherlands and arrived in Brooklyn, L.I., 1638; died in Brooklyn, L.I., January 16th, 1661; married Susannah Dubbles. He obtained March 23rd, 1646, a grant for a tract of 18 morgans of land. Was a magistrate of Brooklyn from 1654 to 1660; was connected with the Reformed Dutch Church of Brooklyn at its organization, and an elder at the time of his death.
2. ABRAHAM JORIS BRINCKERHOFF: Born at Flushing, Holland, 1632; died Flushing Bay, L.I., 1714; married Aeltie, daughter of Jan Stryker. He obtained April 13th, 1661, a patent for 32 morgans of land at Flatbush, but located at Flatlands, where he served as Elder of the Church and chosen magistrate in 1673. He was the third son of Joris Dircksen Brinckerhoff.
3. JORIS ABRAHAM BRINCKERHOFF: Eldest son of Abraham Joris, was born at Flatbush, L.I., March 1st, 1664, died at Flushing Bay, L.I., March 27th, 1729; married Annetie, daughter of Teunis Gysbert Bogaert; her mother's maiden name was Sarah Rapalje, who was born at Albany, N.Y., June 9th, 1625, and reputed to be the first white female child of European family born in the Colony. A grant of land at the Wallabout was bestowed upon her in honor of the event. He succeeded to the paternal estate on Flushing Bay, and acquired several other farms, which

he distributed among his sons; early in life he joined the Flatlands Church.

4. HENDRICK BRINCKERHOFF (fourth son of Joris), born Flushing Bay, L.I., January 2nd, 1709, died 1777, married Lammetie, daughter of Daniel Rapalje. He succeeded to the Homestead on Flushing Bay, where he resided until his death. Was a pious and exemplary man, an Elder of the Dutch Church at Newtown, and magistrate for several years.
5. JOHANNES BRINCKERHOFF: (fifth son of Hendrick), born at Flushing Bay, L.I., in 1736; died at New Hackensack, Dutchess Co., N.Y., November 23rd, 1764, married Sarah Brinckerhoff, daughter of Abm. Brinckerhoff. He removed from Long Island to Dutchess Co., engaging in business at New Hackensack, N.Y. On a visit to New York City he contracted the yellow fever, and died at the early age of 28 years. His widow, a pious, exemplary woman, with her babe returned to her paternal home, and afterwards married Elbert Adriance.
6. HENDRICK BRINCKERHOFF: (the only son of Johannes Brinckerhoff), was born at New Hackensack, Dutchess Co., N.Y., in 1763, died at the Homestead of his step-father, Elbert Adriance, in the Township of Flushing in 1807, married Elizabeth Hegeman, daughter of Rem Hegeman. He inherited the farm and the extreme portion of the Creedmore Range was taken from this land.

7. ELBERT ADRIANCE BRINCKERHOFF: (only son of Hendrick), was born in Flushing Township, near the present site of Creedmore in 1786, and died at Jamaica, L.I., March 5th, 1875; married Elizabeth Nostrand, daughter of John Nostrand. His birth occurred three years prior to the election of the First President of the United States. Brought up upon his father's farm, but from early manhood and for many years he was a merchant in the City of New York. He was an officer in the Middle Dutch Church (afterwards known as the old Post Office) and for successive years occupied the position of Elder in the Collegiate Dutch Church of New York, and was at the date of his death the oldest living Elder of this Church.
8. JOHN NOSTRAND BRINCKERHOFF, of Englewood, N.J. (only son of Elbert Adriance Brinckerhoff) born in Flushing Township, L.I., near the present site of Creedmore, November 16th, 1808, married Mary Moore Adrain (daughter of Robert Adrain, L.L.D., an eminent mathematician who died August 10th, 1843), graduated from the University of Penn., 1829, and became associated with his father in business in New York City under the firm of E. A. Brinckerhoff & Son, until delicate health forced a retirement to the country. He afterwards became a resident of Jamaica, L.I., and was connected with Union Hall Academy at that place from 1835 to 1865, a period of 30 years, the latter half of which, as Principal of the Academy. In 1865 he retired from all active duties and in 1875 removed to Englewood, N.J.

9. ELBERT ADRAIN BRINCKERHOFF, of Englewood, N.J., merchant, New York City, firm Brinckerhoff, Turner & Co., the only son of John N. Brinckerhoff, was born at Jamaica, L.I., November 29th, 1838, married April 22nd, 1869, Emily A. Vermilye, daughter of Col. Washington R. Vermilye of New York City; died, Englewood, N.J., March 24, 1913. As a boy of sixteen, Elbert started on a voyage around the world on the clipper ship "Adelaide," under Captain Joseph Hamilton, a warm friend of Mr. Brinckerhoff's father. Arriving at San Francisco after a voyage around Cape Horn, the Adelaide discharged her cargo and, unexpectedly obtaining a cargo back to New York, abandoned her projected voyage to the Orient. Elbert thereupon decided to remain in California where he stayed until 1860, during most of which time he was connected with Wells Fargo Company as treasure agent in the Shasta mining districts and on the Sacramento boat. While in the latter position he carried the first bag of Pony Express mail leaving San Francisco on its way East. He took an active part in the exciting proceeds of the Vigilance Committee in San Francisco in 1856. Returning East in 1860 he was successively connected with Wells Fargo at Albany, N.Y., and later with Fox & Polhemus, and Brinckerhoff Turner & Co. in New York City. He was for years associated with Vermilye & Co., bankers; was Vice President of the Merchants National Bank; Treasurer of the American Bible Society and of the Presbyterian Hospital; and served as Mayor of the

City of Englewood. He was sincerely religious, and during his entire life in Englewood, New Jersey, was an Elder and Trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Englewood. His other civic and philanthropic activities were many. He was universally admired and respected by business associates and neighbors and beloved by his friends and family.

His descendants are as follows:

- (a) Emily Vermilye Brinckerhoff: Born February 7, 1870, Jamaica, L.I.; married June 14, 1892 Frederick S. Duncan of Englewood, N.J.; five children, three sons and two daughters, and one grandson and one granddaughter; lives at Englewood, N.J.
- (b) Mary Elizabeth Brinckerhoff: Born Jamaica, N.Y., November 1, 1871; married James Douglas Armstrong of St. Paul, Minn. (five children, four boys, one daughter); lives at St. Paul, Minn.
- (c) Elbert Adrain Brinckerhoff, Jr.: Born Englewood, N.J., June 6, 1874; married Harriet A. Clarkson of Columbia, Mo.; one child, Elbert Vermilye Brinckerhoff, born Englewood, N.J., November 12, 1899; later married to Edna Connor at Ventnor, N.J.; lives in New York City.
- (d) Elizabeth Lathrop Brinckerhoff: Born Englewood, N.J., October 7, 1876; married William Bushnell Chapin of Pine Meadow, Connecticut; two children, daughters; later married Col. Fred B. Ryons; lives at Washington, D. C.

- (e) Margaret Brinckerhoff: Born Englewood, N.J.,
February 3, 1880; married H. LeRoy Pitkin of Englewood,
N.J.; three children, one daughter, two sons; lives
at Englewood, N.J.
- (f) Helen Montgomery Brinckerhoff: Born Englewood, N.J.,
September 13, 1881; married Frank B. Probst of Englewood,
N.J.; two children, one son, one daughter; later married
Maxwell Van Buskirk; lives at Rye, N.Y.
- (g) Janet Brinckerhoff: Born Englewood, N.J., October 9,
1883; married Clarence D. Kerr of Englewood, N.J.;
five children, four sons, one daughter; lives at Englewood,
N.J.

Vermilye

man

2 w Mary Taylor (first wife)

William W. Vermilye w Mary Montgomery

b. July/Dec 74-1780

d. Nov 14, 1849

Washington Company Vermilye w Elizabeth Wright Lathrop

b. N.Y. 1810

d. Dec 13, 1876 (England)

Nash Company Vermilye w

Emily Augusta Vermilye w Elbert Thomas Brinckhoff

b. N.Y. 1846

Elbert Brinckhoff Jr

Harriette Halley Clarkson

b. England June 6, 1874

Elbert Vermilye

b. Englewood N.Y. Nov 12, 1899

in. Diane Sardin Sept 30, 1927.

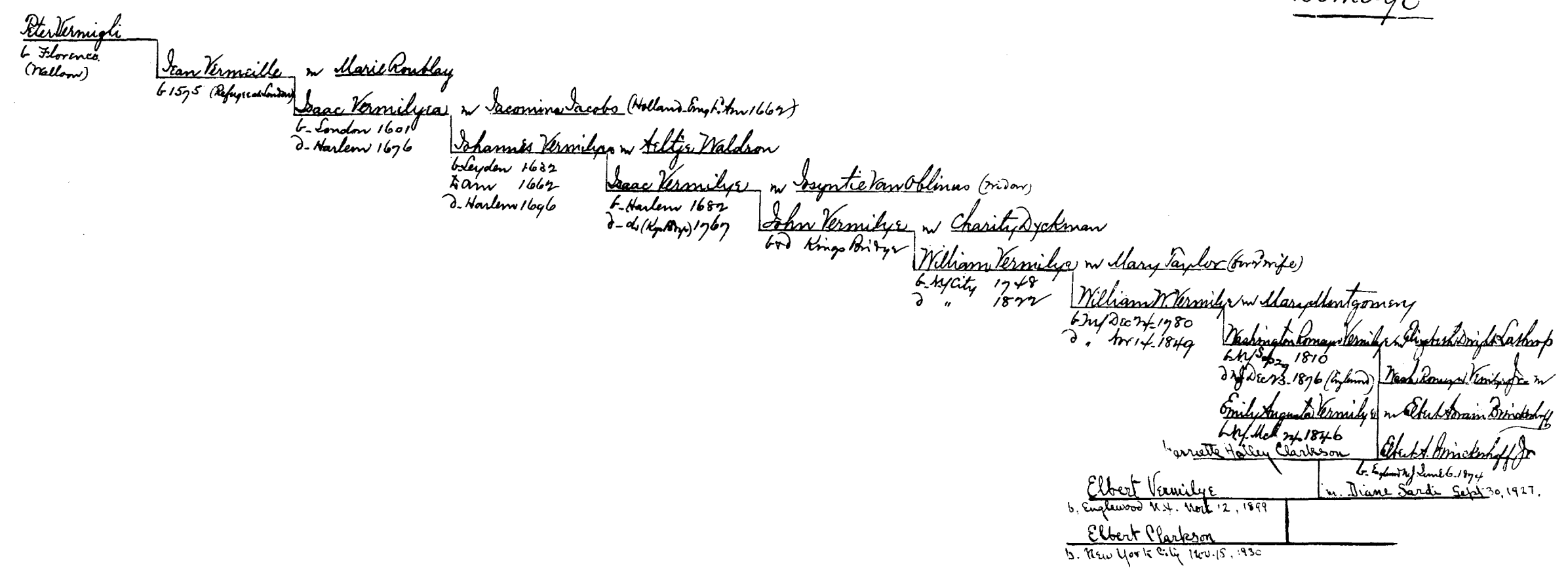
Elbert Clarkson

b. New York City Nov. 15, 1930

309 years
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Dec. 25, 1935.
Dec. 25, 1948.

Vermilye



300 years
 369 - - Dec. 25, 1435.
 381 - - Dec. 25, 1948.

ORIGIN OF THE VERMILYE FAMILY

The Vermilye family probably originated in Peruggia, Italy, where it was known as Vermigli. Later in France the name was spelled Vermeille (vermillion) and several other variants of the name have been known. In English it has been spelled Vermilye or Vermilyea.

The most illustrious member of the family was Pietro Martire Vermigli, generally known as Peter Martyr, born in Florence, Italy in 1500, son of Stefano Vermigli, a follower of Savonarola, and his wife, Maria Fumantina. A learned scholar, he became an Augustinian friar and distinguished himself as an eloquent preacher and able administrator. He soon caught the spirit of the Reformation and was accused of preaching false doctrine. Ultimately he was compelled to flee from Italy and take refuge in Germany and England where he became one of the important figures of the Reformation period.

A tradition is extant that Marie Roubley who was married to Jean Vermeille toward the end of the Sixteenth Century was a refugee French nun, who had turned Huguenot, and fell in love with this grandson of Peter Martyr the former priest, fleeing with him from the Walloon Country to London.

The Vermeilles (Vermilyes) played an important part in the life of early Harlem where Isaac Vermeille, son of Jean Vermeille and Marie Roubley, brought his family from Leyden, embarking October 12, 1662 and arriving at Harlem early in 1663. His descendants have been men of substance, taking active part in the civic life of Harlem and of New Amsterdam and Colonial New York. From that time to the present the Vermilyes have been

prominent in New York and vicinity as bankers, manufacturers, ministers, physicians, and merchants.

The family of Col. Washington Romeyn Vermilye (born Sept. 29, 1810, died Dec. 23, 1876), father of Emily A. Vermilye, who married Elbert A. Brinckerhoff in 1869, is typical of the fine quality of this family. William W. Vermilye, born Dec. 24, 1780, was a printer of note in New York in the first half of the Nineteenth Century. In 1800 he married Mary Montgomery and brought up a large and distinguished family. William Montgomery Vermilye, Banker; Thomas Edward Vermilye, minister; Washington Romeyn Vermilye, banker; Robert George Vermilye, minister; Jacob Dyckman Vermilye, banker; Erskine Rockwood Vermilye, teacher; Ebenezer Vermilye merchant; and four daughters, who married men of prominence. A remarkable photograph of Washington Romeyn Vermilye, Colonel of the Seventh Regiment New York Infantry during the Civil War, with his six brothers hung for many years in the residence of his son-in-law, Elbert A. Brinckerhoff in Englewood, New Jersey.

The account of the life of Peter Martyr appearing on the opposite page is taken from Encyclopædia Britannica Eleventh Edition, Vol. XXV, II, page 1024-1025.

VERMIGLI, PIETRO MARTIRE, generally known as **PETER MARTYR** (1500–1562), born at Florence on the 8th of May 1500, was son of Stefano Vermigli, a follower of Savonarola, by his first wife, Maria Fumantina. He owed his Christian names to a vow which his father, actuated by the death of several children in infancy, had made to dedicate any that survived to the Dominican saint, Peter Martyr, who lived in the 13th century. Educated in the Augustinian cloister at Fiesole, he was transferred in 1519 to the convent of St John of Verdara near Padua, where he graduated D.D. about 1527 and made the acquaintance of the future Cardinal Pole. From that year onwards he was employed as a public preacher at Brescia, Pisa, Venice and Rome; and in his intervals of leisure he mastered Greek and Hebrew. In 1530 he was elected abbot of the Augustinian monastery at Spoleto, and in 1533 prior of the convent of St Peter *ad Aram* at Naples. About this time he read Bucer's commentaries on the Gospels and the Psalms and also Zwingli's *De vera et falsa religione*; and his Biblical studies began to affect his views. He was accused of erroneous doctrine, and the Spanish viceroy of Naples prohibited his preaching. The prohibition was removed on appeal to Rome, but in 1541 Vermigli was transferred to Lucca, where he again fell under suspicion. Summoned to appear before a chapter of his order at Genoa, he fled in 1542 to Pisa and thence to another Italian reformer, Bernardino Ochino, at Florence. Ochino escaped to Geneva, and Vermigli to Zürich, thence to Basel, and finally to Strassburg, where, with Bucer's support, he was appointed professor of theology and married his first wife, Catherine Dammartin of Metz.

Vermigli and Ochino were both invited to England by Cranmer in 1547, and given a pension of forty marks by the government. In 1548 Vermigli was appointed regius professor of divinity at Oxford, in succession to the notorious Dr Richard Smith, and was incorporated D.D. In 1549 he took part in a great disputation on the Eucharist. He had abandoned Luther's doctrine of consubstantiation and adopted the doctrine of a Real Presence conditioned by the faith of the recipient. This was similar to the view now held by Cranmer and Ridley, but it is difficult to prove that Vermigli had any great influence in the modifications of the Book of Common Prayer made in 1552. He was consulted on the question, but his recommendations seem hardly distinguishable from those of Bucer, the effect of which is itself disputable. He was also appointed one of the commissioners for the reform of the canon law.

On Mary's accession Vermigli was permitted to return to Strassburg, where, after some opposition raised on the ground that he had abandoned Lutheran doctrine, he was reappointed professor of theology. He befriended a number of English exiles, but had himself in 1556 to accept an offer of the chair of Hebrew at Zürich owing to his increased alienation from Lutheranism. He was invited to Geneva in 1557, and to England again in 1561, but declined both invitations, maintaining, however, a constant correspondence with Jewel and other English prelates and reformers until his death at Zürich on the 12th of November 1562. His first wife, who died at Oxford on the 15th of February 1553, was disinterred in 1557 and tried for heresy; legal evidence was not forthcoming because witnesses had not understood her tongue; and instead of the corpse being burnt, it was merely cast on a dunghill in the stable of the dean of Christ Church. The remains were identified after Elizabeth's accession, mingled with the supposed relics of St Frideswide to prevent future desecration, and reburied in the cathedral. Vermigli's second wife, Caterina Merenda, whom he married at Zürich, survived him, marrying a merchant of Locarno.

Vermigli published over a score of theological works, chiefly Biblical commentaries and treatises on the Eucharist. His learning was greater than his originality, and he was one of the least heterodox of the Italian divines who rejected Roman Catholicism. His views approximated most nearly to those of Martin Bucer.

Josias Simler's *Oratio*, published in 1563 and translated into English in 1583, is the basis of subsequent accounts of Vermigli. The best lives are by F. C. Schlosser (1809) and C. Schmidt (1858). See also Parker Soc. Publ. (General Index), especially the Zürich Letters; Strype's Works; Foxe's *Acts and Monuments*; Burnet's *Hist.*, ed. Pocock; Dixon's *History*; and *Dict. of Nat. Biogr.* lviii. 253–256. (A. F. P.)

HARLEM

(CITY OF NEW YORK):

ITS ORIGIN AND EARLY ANNALS.

By JAMES RIKER,

ISAAC VERMEILLE, one of the Harlem settlers and head of the well-known family of *Vermilye*, was the son of Jean Vermeille and Marie Roubley, who are found among the Walloon refugees at London toward the close of the sixteenth century.* They were members of the Walloon church, and had several children born in that city, among these Isaac, in 1601. The last child was Rebecca, born 1609, and three years later we lose sight of the father. Some of the family soon removed to Leyden, where Isaac's elder sister Rachel, who had been admitted to the church in London July 15th, 1613, was married April 25th, 1615, to Jacques Bordelo, a Walloon from Valenciennes. Jean Vermeille, to whom a child was born in 1633 at London, and who married a second wife at Leyden in 1647, was probably brother to Isaac. Marie Vermeille (mother or sister?), with her husband Jean Dimanche, stood as godparents for Isaac's daughter Marie (afterward Mrs. Montanye), at her baptism at Leyden, August 2d, 1629. Then Isaac first attracts our notice here, with his Dutch *vrouw*, Jacomina Jacobs, but later has two other children baptized, the last in 1637. Thence not finding his name at Leyden for full twenty-five years, it seems to imply his absence; and

* We nowhere find it stated that our Vermilyes were Walloons, but think it a safe assumption, for several reasons. The congregation at London of which they were members was then composed quite exclusively of that people. Then their Christian names favor it. And one of the Walloon towns bears the name *Vermelle*; being in Artois, south-east of Bethune, near a lake at the source of the Papegay, which latter runs northward, entering the Lys near Armentieres. Traced to its origin, the surname was doubtless the same as the Italian *Vermigli*. "Its birthplace," says Rev. A. G. Vermilye, "was probably Peruggia." Peter Vermigli (or Martyr), the reformer, was born at Florence. Like many others, the name had evidently worked upward to Northern France, but how early we know not. *Vermille* is the French for vermilion.

he probably went to Mannheim, as the name Isaac *Wurmel*, found on its civil records, is thought by a good authority there to refer to him. However, again at Leyden in the company of other French, who "by advice of some gentlemen, and reading the New Netherland conditions, were allured and persuaded to emigrate with their families," we meet with Vermeille, about to leave with them for that much-mooted country, whither during his time so many Leyden refugees, back to the De Forests and Montagne, had already gone. With wife, his two sons and as many daughters, Vermeille embarked October 12th, 1662, in the ship *Purmerland Church*, Captain Barentsen, which on the 14th weighed anchor and "passed the last village on the Texel," bound with supplies to New Amstel.*

Soon after this the Palatinate was threatened with hostile invasion by the Duke of Lorraine and other neighboring Catholic princes. The refugees having every thing to fear from such enemies to their kind and religion, many more of these hastily quit Mannheim. The Demarest, Oblinus, and Parmentier families, with Journee, returned to Holland, apparently with purpose formed of going to New Netherland, for making short stay at Amsterdam they all embarked for that country in the *Brindled Cow*, April 16th, 1663; having in company Jean Mesurolle, a Picard, but then from Mannheim, Jerome Boquet (Bokee) and Pierre Noue, both originally from Walslant; beside our several Dutch colonists before noticed, the Bogerts and Kortrights, from Schoonrewoerd and vicinity. Men, women, and children, there were ninety odd passengers, the French composing a third. Each adult was charged for passage and board thirty-nine florins; children of ten years and under, except infants, half price.

* The charges for their passage stand thus in the accounts of the West India Co. :

"ISAACQ VERNIELE.debet	
Voor vracht en costgelt dat hy A°. 1662, 12 Octob°. pr: 't Schip de	
<i>Purmerlander Kerck</i> , Schipp°. Benjamin Barentsen, is herwaerts	
gecomen.....	f. 39
Voor syn vrou.....	39
En 4 kinderen, alle boven de 20 ^e Jaeren.....	156
	f. 234"

VERMILYE.

JOHANNES VERMILYE, the patentee, was common anc. of all who in this country bear the name of Vermilye or Vermilyea.

His fa., Isaac Vermeille, has been already the subject of notice, before as well as after he emigrated with his family, in 1662. Welcomed to H. by some of his former acquaintances, Vermeille's worth was recognized by an appointment to command a military company in 1663. Later he served two terms as magistrate. Buying the northern end (a morgen) of lot No. 5, Van Keulen's Hook, probably from Montagne, his son-in-law, he built a house, planted fruit-trees, and here made his home. His house occupied a spot nearly central of the block between 1st and 2d Aves. and 122d and 123d Sts. Vermeille held no other farming land, no doubt having some other calling suited to his now advanced yrs., perhaps with his son in the brewery. He was living Aug. 29, 1676, when he witnessed the will of Aert Pietersen Buys and w. Jenneke Cornelis, of Fordham, and on Sept. 4 ensuing, Vermilye, either fa. or son, is called "clerk." Observing that on the d. of Jean le Comte, in 1675, there was paid "To Isaac Vermeille, for the burial, *f.* 12;" we think he performed the office of "clerk" for the French residents at H. He probably d. in 1676, and is not among the proprietors Feb. 19, 1677, when his house and lot stand in the name of Johannes.* Isaac's chn. were Johannes aforesaid, Abraham, who had no issue, Maria, b. 1629, who m. John La Montagne and Isaac Kip, and Rachel, b. 1637, who m. John Terbosch and Derick Wessels.

Johannes Vermelje, as he wrote his name, was b. in 1632 at Leyden.† Coming here in ripe manhood, and uniting in his character the sterling traits of the French and Dutch, he was made court messenger in 1665, and constable in 1667, being for this year also farmer of the excise; previous to which he had set up a brewery. In 1670, then holding the position of magistrate, he m. Aeltie, dr. of Resolved Waldron; when he probably built upon an *erf*, procured some yrs. before, but which is first taxed in 1671. It lay in the Judah plot. See pp. 263, 264, 318. Mr. Vermilye took a leading part both in civil and church affairs. In the political crisis of 1689 he was chosen one of the Committee of Safety, which, on June 8 of that yr., appointed Capt. Jacob Leisler to be "captain of the fort," and on Aug. 16 signed his commission as "commander in chief" of the province.

* Bolton, Hist. Westchester Co., ii., 327, under date of 1694, copies the name of Capt. Isaac *Van Vleck*, as *Vermilyea*! Such carelessness is reprehensible.

† The letter *j* (with Hollanders) having the sound of our English *y* when the latter begins a word or syllable; Johannes only conformed to the Dutch mode of writing his name, without changing its terminal pronunciation, which is well preserved in the modern spelling Vermilye, but better (since *e* in Dutch, as in French, takes the sound of *a*), by Vermilyea.