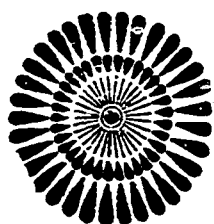


The Borst Family





Henry J. Borst
1809-1864



Mrs. Henry J. Borst
1806-1871

FOREWORD

In the compilation of this work, all possible care has been taken to be accurate, making necessary a vast correspondence and much consulting of records of long ago. All of our generation of relatives may feel grateful and join with the writer in giving full due credit to Kate Crannell, of Chaffee, N. Y., for her zealous, faithful work, without which we would not have been able to compile the work. Thanks are given Judge Henry V. Borst, of Amsterdam, N. Y., for valuable historical records.

We believe the Borst family are fully entitled to this mark of recognition, feeling, as we do, proud of the work of many of our ancestors and the accomplishments of various ones of those of the present generation. The work was at first planned to be only a record of the last five generations; but that record will be preceded by a brief chronology of earlier Borsts, dating back to 1564, with a direct line of connection with the present. A closing chapter will contain some information for which this introduction is too limited.

That the readers of our book will derive pleasure, inspiration, and comfort from their efforts, is the sincere wish of the compiler.

CHAS. C. BORST,
Cedar Springs, Mich.,

Nov., 1915.

THE BORST FAMILY

The Borst records are complete back to 1564, when Peter Borst was born near Stuttgart, Germany. He was an extensive land owner. His son, Joseph P., was born in 1598, and moved to Holland, from where he and his brothers, Carl and Jacob, came to America about 1640, Joseph going to Schoharie Co., N. Y., Carl to New Hampshire, and Jacob to Connecticut, Joseph was a prominent stathholder among the early Patroons and rendered justice to the early settlers. His son, Peter, was born in Schoharie Co., 1642. Peter's son, Cornelius, was born at Middleburg, in 1688. Cornelius' son, Joseph Borst, born at Middleburg, May 21, 1724, married Cornelia Zeilie in 1759, and he was afterward a Colonel in the Continental army. His son, Judge Joseph Borst, born in 1760, at Middleburg, is the "Boy Hero" of Harold Frederick's novel, "In the Valley." When sixteen years of age, he rode through the Mohawk valley, warning the settlers of Gen. Johnson's intended invasion. He and his brother, Lieut. Jacob Borst, killed the first Indian killed in the Revolutionary war. He married Anna Van Slyke in 1791, when he was one of the leading jurists in New York. He had five children, James, Peter, Michael, Henry J., and Margaret. Margaret married Nathaniel Manning, a leader in New York politics and an American Minister to Russia and Spain. Michael was an officer of the state militia, and was captured by the Indians and burned at the stake near Niagara Falls. Henry J. was of an entirely different mind and was prominent in the affairs of the Presbyterian church for many years at Erwin, N. Y., after spending the years of his early manhood in teach-

ing school. He was born at Middleburg, in 1809, and is named at the beginning of the five generations which are complete in the following chapter. Some of the descendants of the brothers of Henry J. Borst, who are located in Michigan and middle western states, will receive further and more complete attention in the closing chapter of the present work.

Henry J. Borst, born at Middleburg, N. Y., April 17, 1809; died at Erwin, N. Y., July 30, 1864. Anna Van De Bogart, born at Scoharie, N. Y., May 18, 1806; died at Westons Mills, N. Y., April 14, 1870. They were married at Scoharie, N. Y., September 19, 1830, by Rev. Mr. Shover. They had eleven children: Rufus, born at Scoharie, N. Y., July 8, 1831; died at Erwin, N. Y., October 5, 1840. Ezer Borst, born at Middleburg, N. Y., November 21, 1832; died at Westons Mills, N. Y., January 11, 1911. Averilla M. Kinney, born at Nelson, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1841; died at Chaffee, N. Y., January 24, 1914. They were married at Nelson, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1855, and divorced in 1872. They had six children: Jabez W., James Herbert, Chas. H., Kate, Morris, and Russell Luee Borst. Ezer Borst married Elizabeth Cooper at Olean, N. Y., July 3, 1873. She died November 21, 1874. He was again married at Olean, N. Y., July 26, 1885, to Cora B. Kinney. They had two children: Elizabeth, and Elsie V. Borst. Jabez W., eldest son of Ezer Borst, born at Erwin, N. Y., June 10, 1856. Mary Tyler, born at Cuba, N. Y., June 30, 1855. They were married at Cuba, November 5, 1878. They have no children.

James Herbert, second son of Ezer Borst, born May 5, 1858, at Westons Mills, N. Y., Tillie C. Ross, born at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, June 16, 1861. They were married at Eau Claire, January 22, 1887. They had four children: Josephine, who was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 23, 1888, and died at Chicago, Illinois, August 7, 1903; Lloyd, Gladys and Ruth Borst. Gladys Borst, born September 20, 1891, at Hawley, Minnesota,

was married at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 7, 1912, to Roy E. Johnston, who was born at Saulte Ste Marie, Michigan, May 2, 1891. Ruth Borst, born at Motley, Minnesota, July 17, 1893, was married August 17, 1909, to Arthur E. West at St. Paul, Minnesota. He was born September 28, 1883, at LaCross, Minnesota.

Chas. H., third son of Ezer Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., August 30, 1859. Amelia Tyler, born at Farmers Valley, Pennsylvania, July 18, 1862; died at Westons Mills, January 20, 1911. They were married at Portville, N. Y., December 26, 1881. They had two children: Lulu J. Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., July 14, 1883. Robert E. Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., June 12, 1888, married at Kingsley, Indiana, September 18, 1912, to Laura E. Fourgel, who was born at Kingsley, Indiana, May 4, 1889. They have one child, Charles L. Borst, born June 22, 1913, at La Porte, Indiana.

Kate, daughter of Ezer Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., June 3, 1861. Adelmarr J. Crannell, born at Glens Falls, N. Y., January 19, 1855. They were married at Greenville, Michigan, January 8, 1884. They had one child, Gratia A., born at Hinton, Michigan, October 25, 1884; died at Hinton, May 12, 1885.

Morris, fourth son of Ezer Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., January 1, 1863; died at Rochester, N. Y., April 19, 1890. Deborah Lindsley, born at Ned Hudson, N. Y., July 13, 1865. They were married at Westons Mills, N. Y., February 14, 1883. They had two children: Ruby E. Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., November 19, 1883, was married to Wm. B. Shepard at Olean, N. Y., February 20, 1912. He was born at Olean, March 14, 1884. Their daughter Virginia was born September 28, 1913 at Olean, N. Y. Earl L. Borst, born at Westons Mills, July 29, 1885. Carrie B. Snyder, born at Olean, September 24, 1887. They were married at Olean, N. Y., June 28, 1911. They have one child, Marian A. Borst, born at Olean, N. Y., January 3, 1913.

Russell L., fifth son of Ezer Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., March 23, 1866. Josephine M. Metcalf, born at Connewango, N. Y., December 16, 1867. They were married at Olean, N. Y., November 14, 1885. They had five children: Leslie, born at Westons Mills, June 13, 1887; died April 27, 1913. Merrick A. Black, born at Ward, N. Y., August 6, 1884. They were married at Portville, N. Y., June 13, 1909. They had one child, Josephine S., born at Westons Mills, October 9, 1910, and died February 23, 1914. Herbert L. Borst, born at Westons Mills, April 18, 1889. Louis U. Van Pelt, born at Salem, Indiana, October 26, 1887. They were married at Angola, Indiana, September 6, 1909. Ezer V. Borst, born at Westons Mills, October 19, 1890. Margaret B. Lewis, born at Westons Mills, August 11, 1893. They were married at Portville, N. Y., August 14, 1912. They have one child, Herbert E. Borst, born July 11, 1913, at Bradford, Pennsylvania. Mahlon L. Borst, born at Westons Mills, April 30, 1892. Eleanor J. Borst, born at Westons Mills, N. Y., April 17, 1900.

Jabez Borst, third son of Henry J. Borst, born at Middleburg, N. Y., September 27, 1834; died at Westons Mills, N. Y., May 16, 1906. Clarissa P. Woodruff, born at Enid, N. Y., August 8, 1841. They were married at Gang Mills, N. Y., January 10, 1857. They had four children: Ida I. Borst, born at Gang Mills, June 9, 1858. Herbert R. Forbes, born at Corydon, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1853, and died June 2, 1913, at Corydon, Pennsylvania. They were married at Russel, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1876. They had three children: Beatrice M. Forbes, born at Corydon, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1877. Clarence M. Tanner, born at Barnum, N. Y., April 27, 1880. They were married at Portville, N. Y., October 27, 1902. They have one child, Herbert R. Tanner, born at Corydon, Pennsylvania, August 26, 1903. Carrie N. Forbes was born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, March 18, 1879. Arleigh R. Bubbs, born at Canedea, N. Y., February 12, 1881. They were married at Ono-

ville, N. Y., December 29, 1902. They had two children: Ione M., and Beatrice G. Bubbs, born March 18, 1904, and July 13, 1906, at Corydon. Harry R. Forbes, born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1880. No record of marriage.

Franklin H. Borst was born at Westons Mills, N. Y., July 5, 1860. Eva M. Mix, born at Deerfield, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1863. They were married at Bradford, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1881. They had six children: Lena M. Borst, born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1882. Chas. M. Smith, born at Grove, N. Y., February 4, 1866. They were married at Hornell, N. Y., December 31, 1903. Ray Borst, born at Portville, N. Y., November 5, 1884. Margaret Wagner, born at Portville, February 28, 1889. They were married at Portville, N. Y., December 24, 1906. They have three children: Virginia E., born January 10, 1909; Douglas R., born April 3, 1910; Eva C., born December 8, 1911. All were born at Olean, N. Y. Gail Borst, born at Portville, N. Y., September 6, 1887. Ethel M. Bell, born at Kinmount, Canada, June 24, 1889. They were married at Olean, N. Y., December 14, 1911, their son, Gail E., born at Olean, N. Y., December 6, 1912. Ora Borst, born at Portville, November 12, 1890. Lewis A. Hankinson, born at Savannah, Georgia, June 24, 1886. They were married at S. Norfolk, Virginia, April 28, 1909. Their child, Dorothy V., born at Portsmouth, Virginia, March 15, 1910.

Homer Borst, born December 15, 1892; Clinton F. Borst, born December 12, 1902, both at Portville, N. Y.

Wm. A. Borst was born at Westons Mills, May 12, 1864. Sarah E. VanEtten, born at Wililamsport, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1871. They were married at Shongo, N. Y., September 2, 1887. They had three children: Frederick J., February 16, 1889-April 19, 1890, at Mills, Pennsylvania; Henry J., born at Westons Mills, April 24, 1891. Kathryn Kelly, born at Wellsville, N. Y., July 6, 1890. They were married at Olean, June 22, 1911;

Clayton W., November 20, 1893-August 8, 1907, at Westons Mills, N. Y.

Geo. W. Borst was born at Corydon, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1876, and died at Westons Mills, January 29, 1884. Lydia Borst, daughter of Henry J. Borst, was born at Middleburg, N. Y., December 21, 1836, and died at Westons Mills, February 12, 1907. Henry D. Smith, born at Randolph, N. Y., April 17, 1839. They were married at Portville, July 30, 1859. They had five children: Eva May, May 18, 1860-February 7, 1864, born and died at Westons Mills. Carlos D. Smith, born at Westons Mills, February 26, 1862; Grace E. McCoy, born at Alleghany, N. Y., December 18, 1868. They were married at Westons Mills, May 26, 1886, and separated in 1907. They had two children: Carlos D., January 22, 1895-June 1, 1895, Loomis, California. Clarence M., February 6, 1898-December 10, 1898, at San Francisco, California.

Anna M. Smith, born at Westons Mills, August 20, 1866. Geo. R. Wood, born at London, England, April 14, 1866. They were married at Westons Mills, August 8, 1888; he died February 26, 1896, at Olean, N. Y. They had three children: Mildred B. Wood, born at Westons Mills, August 1, 1889; Geo. J. Locke, born at Buffalo, N. Y., April 19, 1879. They were married at Olean, October 20, 1907, and separated in 1910. Carlos G. Wood, born at Olean, December 7, 1891. Grace E. Wood, Olean, May 27, 1893. Anna Smith-Wood married Wm. H. McKernan at Franklinville, N. Y., November 11, 1899. They have five children: Marie C., born at Franklinville, N. Y., August 17, 1900. James H., April 24, 1903; Michael H., January 11, 1905; Helen J., September 30, 1907; Winifred, April 12, 1909, all born at Ellicottville, N. Y.

Caroline E. Smith was born at Westons Mills June 15, 1872. John A. Smith, born at Mitchell, Canada, January 3, 1868. They were married at Buffalo, N. Y., September 28, 1889. They had five children: Gladys M., September 5, 1890; Corinnel Smith, born at Westons

Mills, March 3, 1892. Arthur C. Carson, April 17, 1889, Mantsburg, Kentucky. They were married at Baldwinville, N. Y., July 26, 1912. They had one child, Lenore, November 26, 1912. Edward L. Smith, Westons Mills, September 4, 1895; Muriel H., Chicago, Illinois, February 4, 1904; Naomi I., Westons Mills, April 21, 1908; Evelyn O., December 3, 1913-February 12, 1914, Westons Mills, N. Y.

Julius R. Borst, fourth son of Henry J. Borst, was born at Erwin, N. Y., June 29, 1838; died at Farwell, Michigan, March 25, 1909. Mary Knight, born at Olean, N. Y., July 2, 1842; died at Lake George, Michigan, September 18, 1906. They were married at Ceres, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1861. He was married December 20, 1906, at Cadillac, Michigan, to Eliza Bain, who was born in Canada in 1856. By his first wife he had three children: Julius T. Borst, Painted Post, N. Y., April 29, 1864. Jennie Peavey, Coldwater, Michigan, April 21, 1870; she died at Lake George, Michigan, October 2, 1890. They were married at Ionia, Michigan, July 4, 1888. Their son Orla A., died in infancy. Julius Borst married Emma J. Spence at Temple, Michigan, October 8, 1899. She was born at Marblehead, Ohio, December 10, 1880. They were divorced in February, 1915. They had five children: Mary L., April 25, 1901; Julius R., June 13, 1904; James H., January 17, 1906 (he died in infancy); Anna Delia, February 2, 1908; Chas. L., November 8, 1910—all at Lake George, Michigan. Susan E. Borst, adopted in July, 1912, was born at Brinton, Michigan, June 10, 1897. She was married July 7, 1914, to K. D. Morgan, of Alberta, Michigan. A daughter was born March 29, 1915.

James Harvey Borst was born at Painted Post, N. Y., July 13, 1866. Sarah Vandewater was born at Hinton, Michigan, November 25, 1868. They were married at Big Rapids, Michigan, October 10, 1889. They had six children: Flossie B., Farwell, Michigan, July 7, 1891; Edna B., Sylvester, Michigan, November 17, 1893,

and died September 6, 1894; Blanche W., February 27, 1897; Herbert M., December 4, 1900; Louis C., October 10, 1902; Russell, Nov. 11, 1911; Cora Borst, born at Painted Post, N. Y., October 10, 1876; died in infancy.

Edward Borst, fifth son of Henry J. Borst, was born at Erwin, N. Y., April 4, 1840; died at Corning, N. Y., February 24, 1910. Georgiana Taggart, Winsor, N. Y., March 13, 1846. They were married at Franklin, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1861. They had six children: Anna M. Borst, Painted Post, N. Y., August 12, 1862-August 30, 1864. Adelbert J. Borst, April 29, 1864; Bertha L. Albro, Painted Post, August 12, 1865-January 13, 1909. They were married at Painted Post, December 26, 1885, and had ten children: Robert N., Mills, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1886-June 30, 1909. Leon R., Mills, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1888. George E., Ulysses, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1890-July 18, 1900 at Corning. Adelbert J., West Bingham, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1892-April 28, 1892. Loretta I. Borst, Brookland, Pennsylvania, July 16, 1893. Fred W. Lovejoy, Mansfield, Pennsylvania, February 19, 1890. They were married at Jamestown, N. Y., October 20, 1910, and their child, Bertha G. Lovejoy, was born at Jamestown, December 22, 1911. Henry M. Borst, Ulysses, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1896. Marmon L. Borst, Corning, December 13, 1897. Lawrence W. Borst, Corning, October 4, 1900. Carl A. Borst, Corning, February 3, 1903. Ina E. Borst, Corning, November 9, 1906-April 24, 1907. Adelbert J. Borst was married at Painted Post, September 29, 1909, to Cora M. Justapon. Their son, Adelbert J., was born at Jamestown, July 28, 1912.

Sydney H. Borst was born at Painted Post, July 26, 1866. Adda Pheps, Williamsport, Penn., February 10, 1869. They were married at Whitesville, N. Y., April 15, 1886. She died at Galeton, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1905. Their daughter, Flora M., born at Ulysses, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1889. Sydney Borst was married at Geneva, N. Y., December 17, 1908, to Edith B.

Smith. They have two children: Lora E., May 14, 1915; Frederick A., October 31, 1912—both at Geneva, N. Y.

Flora M. Borst was born at Painted Post, October 25, 1870. Geo. W. Daniels, Bingham, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1871. They were married at Whitesville, N. Y., March 28, 1897. They had two children: Joe E., and Georgiana J., Bingham, N. Y., November 30, 1899, and June 15, 1901.

Edward Borst, Jr., was born at Painted Post, January 26, 1873. Rosepha Fassett, Holborton, N. Y., September 10, 1881. They were married at Corning, July 24, 1901. They have two children: Floyd E., March 9, 1904, and Dorothy F., November 23, 1908—both at Corning, N. Y.

Geo. H. Borst, born at Painted Post, January 4, 1875. Marguerite L. Walton, Cameron, N. Y., August 23, 1879. They were married at Corning, June 2, 1900. They have one child, Harvey E., born at Buffalo, N. Y., January 6, 1904.

Philo Borst, sixth son of Henry J. Borst, was born at Erwin, N. Y., November 18, 1841. Maggie A. Kelley, Roscommon Co., Ireland, August 25, 1843. They were married at Corning, N. Y., March 22, 1866. They had eight children: Wm. L. Mary E., Henry J., Rose Anna, Chas. C., Francis H., Philo C., and Andrew J. Philo Borst died at Evans, Michigan, June 20, 1912. Maggie A. Borst died at Cedar Springs, Michigan, January 10, 1892. Philo Borst on July 21, 1903, married Mrs. Sarah Degraw at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Wm. L. Borst, Painted Post, N. Y., March 21, 1876. May Pumphrey, Remus, Michigan, July 17, 1874. They were married February 12, 1891, at Chippewa, Michigan, and divorced in 1913. No children. Mary E. Borst, Painted Post, N. Y., May 5, 1868-July 3, 1870. Henry J. Borst, Painted Post, November 8, 1869. Never married. Rose Anna Borst, Corydon, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1871; Henry Sipple, Courtland, Michigan, May 12, 1854. They were married at Cedar Springs, Michigan, August

21, 1888. They have five children: Ethel C., born at Cedar Springs, December 19, 1889. On December 19, 1907, at Cedar Springs, she married Fred D. Smith, who was born at Courtland, Michigan, September 24, 1888. No children. Chas. F. Sipple, Oakes, N. Dakota, May 4, 1898. Margaret K. Courtland, June 3, 1902; Cecilia, Courtland, August 21, 1905; Henry D. Courtland, June 19, 1912. Chas. C. Borst, born at Corydon, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1873; Eva M. McKinley, St. Elmo, Illinois, April 6, 1891. They were married at Wells, Michigan, September 11, 1915, by Rev. Victor Lone. Francis H. Borst, Corydon, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1875. Eva E. Brown, Cannan, Michigan, May 10, 1880. They were married at Cannan, July 2, 1902. Philo Custer Borst, born at Cedar Springs, November 3, 1877. Ethel M. Hughes, Medina, N. Y., October 1, 1878. They were married at Algoma, Michigan, October 29, 1901. They have four children: Audrey L., September 26, 1902. Glenn L., November 17, 1903. Donald L., March 18, 1909. Nellie E., November 30, 1911—all at Cedar Springs. Andrew J. Borst, Cedar Springs, Michigan, August 1, 1879-October 18, 1879.

Martha Borst, second daughter of Henry J. Borst, born at Erwin, N. Y., May 27, 1843; died at Weston Mills, November 2, 1887. Jessie B. Lewis, Wheeler, N. Y., April 3, 1836; died at Westons Mills, December 16, 1906. They were married at Gang Mills, N. Y., March 13, 1859. They had three children: Adelaide A., Henry J., and Jessie M. Lewis. Adelaide A. Lewis was born at Gang Mills, December 29, 1859. James R. Lindsay, New Hudson, N. Y., June 1, 1862. They were married at Westons Mills, November 27, 1884, and had seven children: Marion A., September 25, 1885; Ralph E., April 15, 1887; Robert C., April 24, 1889; Lewis W., March 10, 1891; Grace A., February 21, 1893; Joseph H., August 5, 1894; Ruth V., January 4, 1901—all at Westons Mills.

Henry J. Lewis, born at Gang Mills, April 6, 1862;

Mary A. Lindsay, New Hudson, N. Y., May 9, 1868. married at Olean, June 23, 1886; six children: J. Kenneth, January 26, 1892; Margaret B. August 11, 1893; Sopha H., April 9, 1895; Martha, March 4, 1897; Beulah D., December 13, 1898; Mary A., December 30, 1905—all at Westons Mills, N. Y.

Jessie M. Lewis, born at Westons Mills, January 2, 1876. Will C. Davie, Bolivar, N. Y., June 29, 1856. They were married at Westons Mills, December 30, 1896. Their child, Harold D. Davie, was born at Bolivar, N. Y., June 22, 1901.

Fidelia Borst, Erwin, N. Y., January 23, 1847; Andrew Lyle, Glasgow, Scotland, May 1, 1846; married September 11, 1864. She died September 29, 1866.

Nancy Borst, May 3, 1849, Erwin, N. Y.; Charles Parker, Canada, June 2, 1847. They were married June 7, 1872. She died July 6, 1881. Their son, Albert Parker, born August 7, 1876, was married in 1903, and lies at Chicago Heights, Ill., unless he is in the U. S. Civil Service.

As a fitting closing of our work, we may mention that Peter Borst, brother of Henry J. Borst, early settled at Benton Harbor, Michigan, and many of his descendants are living at Benton Harbor, Buchanan and St. Joseph, Michigan. Among others are Orville Borst, the noted violinist, of Caddillac; Chas. W. Borst, known nationwide as an educator, who died a few years ago at Seattle, Washington. His son, Wm., gained much prominence with the Grand Rapids Herald and later as head of the city commission for the suppression of vice. Virgil Borst of Watertown, South Dakota, has served in the United States Congress, and is a well-known criminal lawyer. James Borst settled at Maiden Rock, Wisconsin, in 1848, and died there a few years ago when nearly a century of years old. Three generations of his descendants are living at Maiden Rock, and Plum City, Wisconsin, where he was a well known manufacturer for so many years. Julius R. and Philo Borst, mention-

ed in Chapter two, served in the Civil War, in the Fiftieth N. Y. Engineers, the last named one being promoted for bravery at Antietam. His son, Philo C. Borst, served in 33rd Mich. regiment in the Spanish-American war. Judge Henry V. Borst, of Amsterdam, N. Y., was a member of New York Supreme Court, and once a candidate for governor. The writer has data concerning Borsts in every state in the Union. They are prominent in all the worthy activities of life. We surely may profit by the desirable qualities of our ancestors, and go on and on in our part for the making of progress and betterment.

If any real mistakes have occurred in Chapter I, they are not intentional, and corrections will be most gladly received.