

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF DURHAM

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Introduction.

The use of hereditary surnames by English speaking peoples, dates from about the time of the Norman Conquest, and had become quite common by the end of the twelfth century. If grouped according to origin most early names fell into four classes; those formed from the given name of the sire, as when Neill's sons became Neilsons or Nelsons or MacNeills; those arising from characteristics of person or family traits, as Strong, Brown, Wise, or Hardy; those designating locality or place of residence, as Wood, Lane, Ford, or Hill; and those derived from occupation, as Wright, Carpenter, Mason, or Miller.

The name of Durham is classified in the third group, being a locality name of a county of England and of its capitol city, and when used as a surname indicates that the bearer or his ancestor was a resident of Durham. Such names were popular in France at an early date and were introduced into England by the Normans, many of whom were known by the titles of their estates. Surnames adopted by the English nobility and landed gentry were mainly of this type, being used with the Norman particle de or the Saxon atte, as in Thomas de Durham or John atte Water. As time went on the use of the particle was in most cases discontinued but occasionally became incorporated in the family name, as in Deforest or Atwood.

Corruptions of the name of Durham, resulting from ignorance of spelling or variation in pronunciation, are found in ancient English and early American records in the various spellings of Darham, Derham, Derheim, Duram, Durame, Dureham, Durram, and Dyrham.

In the beginning the surname Durham was taken to designate one man

from another of the same given name, but it soon established itself as a part of the bearers individuality, and as it passed to his children, his children's children and their children, it became the symbol not of one man but of a family. Handed down from generation to generation it grew inseparably associated with the achievement, tradition and prestige of the Durham family. As the worthy deeds of marching generations gave it dignity and splendor, it became an institution and the most treasured possession of those who bear it.

County Durham, located in the north of England near the Scottish border, derives its name from the Saxon word dour, meaning water, and the suffix ham, denoting locality; or land surrounded mostly by water, which upon reference to the map is found to be the Rivers Tyne and Tees, and the North Sea. From this ancestral home families bearing the name of Durham were early established in Essex, Gloucestershire, Cheshire, Norfolk, Yorkshire, in and about the city of London,,and in Scotland.

The city of Durham is situated in the center of the county,,at one time being capitol of a vast ecclesiastical border march. Here is located the historic Durham Cathedral and Castle, "half House of God and half castle 'gainst the Scot", built on a high promontory washed on three sides by a horseshoe sweep of the River Wear.

The Cathedral Church of St. Cuthbert was erected between 1093 and 1133 by Norman monks of the Benedictine Order. Its style is Gothic and has a stern military air with enormous pillars and huge arches carrying its vaulted roof. The building was added to from time to time until about 1380, since which date it has stood practically unchanged, being four hundred twenty feet long and one hundred seventy-two feet across the transept. The castle is located a short distance north on the same plateau. In Norman days the bishop was also a palatine prince who ruled his district with autocratic powers. As feudal

lord his seat was at the castle, but as bishop, at the cathedral. For four hundred years he owed the King feudal service but little else. To-day the church is still served with reverence, dignity and grace but by an Episcopal bishop, while the castle ~~is used for college~~ purposes. The bishop of Durham still retains his ancient seat in the House of Lords.

No attempt is made in this work to claim a Durham Coat-of-Arms as several types have been in use at different periods. According to Burke's Encyclopedia of Heraldry there are thirteen armorial coats that belong to various branches of our family, and Fairbairn's Royal Book of Crests describes eight different crests that have been used by the Durhams. The family mottos have been even more diverse.

The families bearing the name of Durham included in this work are confined to those of English and Scotch origin.



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SECTION I

Durham records of Great Britain.





Durham Records of Great Britain.

The earliest English records bearing the name of Durham are the "Hundred Rolls of 1273", which include the names of Walter de Durham and William de Dureham of London, and John de Durame of County Essex.

Prominent English Descendants.

William Durham (1611-1684) Divine, received his M.A. degree at Oxford in 1633; preacher at the Rolls Chapel; received his B.D. degree in 1649; published a life of Robert Harris, D.D. in 1660.

James Durham, commissioned as General in 1835; died in 1840.

Sir Philip Charles Calderwood Henderson Durham (1763-1845), commissioned as Admiral in 1810 and as K.C.B. (Knight Commander or Rear Admiral) in 1815, both by King George III; appointed G.C.B. (Knight of the Grand Cross) in 1830 by King William IV.

Joseph Durham (1814-1877) Sculptor, received his A.R.A. degree 1866

John George Lambton Durham, born in London, Apr. 12, 1792, son of William Henry Lambton and Anne Barbara (Villiers) Durham.; his mother was the eldest daughter of the 4th. Earl of Jersey; in 1816 he married Louisa Elizabeth, daughter of Lord Grey; they had two sons and three daughters; he was made Lord Privy Seal in the cabinet of Lord Grey in 1830; Ambassador to Austria, Prussia and Russia in 1832; 1st. Earl of Durham and G.C.B. in 1833; and Governor-General of Canada in 1838; he died at Cowes, July 28, 1840.

George Frederick D'Arcy Durham (1828-1879), son of John George Lambton Durham; 2nd. Earl of Durham and made Lord Lieut. of Durham in 1854.

John George Lambton Durham (1855-1928), son of George Frederick D'Arcy Durham; 3rd. Earl of Durham and made Lord Lieut. of Durham in 1884.

## Prominent Scottish Descendants.

### Durhams of the Grange

Sir William Durham, of rank and importance during the reign of Robert Bruce, was given the lands of Grange by that Prince in 1322, and died in the reign of David Bruce; was succeeded by a son who died in the reign of James I, leaving a son John who in turn had a son known to have been living in 1494; this great-grandson was succeeded by his son John who in turn had a son Alexander.

Alexander Durham, Baron of Grange, known to have been living in 1525; married Janet, daughter of John Erskine, Baron of Dun; had three sons, William who carried on the line of the Grange, John ancestor of the Durhams of Pittkerrow, and James ancestor of the Durhams of Duntarvie.

William Durham, eldest son of Alexander and Janet, was succeeded by his son William, living in 1609, who had sons William and James.

James Durham, son of <sup>James</sup> William, son of William, son of Alexander; married Margaret Scott and had two children, John and Jean.

John Durham, son of James and Margaret, became a doctor; married Isabelle Smith by whom he had three children, Hercules, Thoebe and Janet.

Hercules Durham, son of John and Isabelle, married Elizabeth Knight who bore him three children, John, Janet and Isabella.

### Durhams of Pittkerrow.

John Durham, second son of Alexander, Baron of Grange, was a successful merchant; he married Isabelle, daughter of Kyd of Craigie; they had six children, James, John (died without issue), Alexander, Francis, Isabel (married Auchterlony of Kelly), and Margaret (married Dumpter, a merchant of Dundee).

James Durham, son of John and Isabel, married Janet Wishart and is thought to have had four sons and three daughters; he died early in the 17th. century and was succeeded by his eldest son, Alexander, who married Jean Ramsey and had several children.

James Durham, eldest son of Alexander and Jean, had the honor of Knighthood conferred upon him by Charles I, who reigned from 1625 to 1649; he married his cousin Janet Durham, by whom he had James, John, William, Robert (who served in the armies of Sweden under Gustavus Adolphus), and two daughters.

Sir James Durham, Baron of Largo, son of James and Janet, married a Miss Hepburn, who bore him five children; James, Adam (founder of the Durhams of Luffness), Alexander (died without issue), Adolphus (died without issue), and Grizel (married the Earl of Middleton).

James Durham (1622-1658), second Baron of Largo, son of James, studied law at St. Andrews; was Captain of a troop in the Civil War between the Cavaliers, or supporters of Charles I, and the Roundheads, or parliamentary party; he was later a divinity student at Glasgow and attended the king as his chaplain in the battle of Dunbar in 1646; he published religious works; by his wife Margaret he had two sons, Francis who died without issue, and James who carried on the line.

James Durham, third Baron of Largo, son of James and Margaret, married Margaret Rutherford, by whom he had James, David (died without issue), Alexander (died without issue), Anne, and three other daughters.

James Durham, fourth Baron of Largo, married Anne Donn and by her had Anne, Rebecca, Margaret, Mathilda, Christian (who died young), and Barbara; by his second marriage, to Anne Anstruther, he had James, Robert (who died young), and Preston (who married Colonel John Balneaves).

James Durham, fifth Baron of Largo, was one of the surveyors general of the window lights of Scotland; he married Anne Calderwood, by whom he had James, Thomas, Philip, William, and Margaret.

Durhams of Luffness.

Adam Durham, second son of James of Pittkerrow, obtained from his father the lands and Barony of Luffness; he had two sons and four daughters, James (died without issue), Adam, Grizel (who married Sir Peter Aikenhead), Isabel, Jean, and May.

Adam Durham, second Baron of Luffness, married Mary, daughter of Colonel Sinclair, and had a daughter Catherine; by his second wife, Mary Dickson, he had a son Adam and three daughters, Mary, Helen, and Isabel.

Adam Durham, third Baron of Luffness, married Margaret Cunninghame, by whom he had Adam, Alexander, William, Michael, James, Helen and Mary.

Durhams of Duntarvie.

James Durham, third son of Alexander, Baron of Grange, founder of the Duntarvie line. ( No further record ?)

Durhams of Forfarshire.

Andrew Durham, born in Forfar, Scotland, in 1644; ancestor of most of the families of the name in that locality, and is supposed to be of the same family for which the village of Durhamtown, situated between Edinburgh and Glasgow, was named; he married Mary McKinley in 1667 and had three children, Andrew (1668), Laur (1670), and John (1672).

John Durham, son of Andrew and Mary, went to Ireland in 1690 and settled at Kiltynaule, County Tyrone, near Caledon; he married Anna Patton in 1692 and had four children, John (1694), James (1696), Andrew (1697), and Anna (1698).

John Durham, born in 1694, son of John and Anna, married Elizabeth Clelland of Crossgar, County Down, in 1716; they had a large family but as none of their descendants reside in Ireland, it is thought that they all emigrated to America; it is very probable that this John was the founder of the Maine family, whose first American record is that

of a purchase of land by John Durham at Chester, N.H., in 1731.

James Durham, born in 1796, second son of John and Anna, married Elizabeth Hamilton of Caledon, County Down, in 1718; they had three sons, John (1721), James (1729), and Andrew (1733); his will was dated Sept. 6, 1762 and proved Feb. 2, 1763; he probably died late in 1762.

John Durham, born in 1721, eldest son of James and Elizabeth, went to America when young; this is doubtless the same John who settled on Long Island, N.Y. in 1735 "at the age of fifteen", and became the founder of the New York family; the English record says he married and had a family.

James Durham, born in 1729, second son of James and Elizabeth, married Jane Davidson, who died in 1784 without issue; in 1790 he married Martha, daughter of Solomon Speer, and had two children, Mary Jane, who was born in 1791 and died unmarried in 1865, and James Andrew, born in 1793; his will was dated Mar. 5, and proved May 28, 179-

Andrew Durham, born in 1733, third son of James and Elizabeth, married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Bonner in 1783; they removed to Belvedere, near Belfast, where he died Dec. 11, 1811, and his wife on Feb. 4, 1843; they had six children as follows;

Joseph James, born Sept. 12, 1785; D.S.P. 1833.

Mary Ann, born Nov. 1786; married Major Charles Dunlop of Edenderry in Mar. 1809; had four sons and one daughter.

Elizabeth, born May 8, 1788; married Sir Joseph Huddart of Brinkyr Hall; J.P.&D.L. May 8, 1808.

Andrew, born Aug. 1789; lived at Woodville, County Antrim; died unmarried Oct. 8, 1876.

William, born Dec. 1791; no further record.

Robert Alexander, born July 1795; died in 1818.

James Andrew Durham, born in 1793, only son of James and Martha; married in Feb. 1845, Maria Helen, daughter of Thomas William Toone and grand-daughter of Major General Sir William Toone, K.C.B.; they resided at Elm Lodge, Hampton-on-the-Thames, where he died in 1860, and his wife on July 10, 1887; they had two children;

James Samuel William, born Feb. 18, 1852.

Martha Mary Toone, who married on May 3, 1864, John Ribton Garstin, J.P. & D.L., of Braganstown, County Louth, Ire.

Rev. James Samuel William Durham, M.A., D.D., born Feb. 18, 1852, only son of James Andrew and Maria Helen, was rector of Ladbroke, County Warwick; he married Anne, daughter of Roger Duke of Newpark, County Sligo, in 1877; she died Mar. 20, 1911 and he on Feb. 19, 1915; they had three children as follows;

John Cuninghame, born and died Mar. 25, 1878.

James Andrew Cuninghame, born Aug. 8, 1879; married Sept. 2, 1903, Lady Agnes Elizabeth Audry, only daughter of the Marquess Townshend; lived at Cromer Grange, Norfolk.

Margaret Cuninghame, born Feb. 22, 1881; married Mar. 25, 1908

Cyril Duncombe, second son of Horatio FitzRoy of Frogmore Park, Blackwater, County Hants.

Unidentified.

Sir Alexander Durham, appointed Aug. 28, 1660, as Lyon King of Arms, being chief of the Heraldic Office of Scotland.

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SECTION II

New York Family of Durham.





New York Family of Durham.

Chapter I.

John Durham, Founder  
and his family.



## New York Family of Durham.

### Chapter I.

JOHN DURHAM, founder of the New York family, was probably born in 1721 at Caledon, County Down, Ireland, son of James and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Durham, both of whom were of Scotch parentage. James Durham was grandson of Andrew, founder of the Durham family of Forfarshire.

The Ulster records say that John, son of James, "went to America when young, married and had a family". On the other hand early New York records tell us that a John Durham emigrated to that colony from the north of Ireland in 1735, when fifteen years of age.

It is a matter of history that in 1734 proposals were issued by the government of the New York Colony inviting settlers from Europe, to whom a certain quantity of wild land was to be granted on their arrival in this country. It is also known that a considerable number of Scotch-Irish settlers took advantage of this offer to escape the petty persecutions that attended their residence in Ireland, even as their fathers had suffered in Scotland and fled to Ulster.

John Durham became one of the early settlers of Long Island, N.Y. He was twice married but his first wife's name is unknown,- by her he had six sons and four daughters. By his second wife, a Mrs. Van de Venter, he had another son whose name is not recorded. Mr. Durham died in 1800 and was buried in New York City, one record says in the yard of the Old Brick Church, and another, in that of the Spring Street Church. His ten children of record were as follows;

Andrew Durham, the eldest son, inherited his father's property by English law. He is listed in New York Heads of Families, Census of 1790, page 127, as living in the North Ward, in family three males over and one under sixteen, three females, and one slave. It is known that he later resided on Staten Island in New York harbor. His only

child, Elizabeth, married Peter Bishop on Nov. 19, 1805 and lived at 222 William St., New York. They in turn had an only child, Jane, who married a Mr. Thomas, a Chicago druggist.

Richard ("Rickey") Durham, lived and died a bachelor in New York.

John Durham, born in 1770; married Prueella Whitney; see Chapter II.

Jacob Durham, received from his father, one hundred acres of land in Chemung County. He is listed in New York Heads of Families, Census of 1790, page 105, as living in Chemung Town, Montgomery County, in family two males over and two under sixteen, and three females. It is known that he and his sons kept an inn between Batavia and Buffalo at some later date. No further record can be discovered.

Benjamin Durham, born in 1775; married Elizabeth Dains; see Chap. III.

Robert Durham, went to Genesee Co., N.Y., of which Batavia is the county seat. No further record has been found. This may possibly be the Robert Durham, designer of the Durham boats.

Sarah Durham, married Henry Savage.

Mary Durham, married Peter Van de Vener.

Jane Durham, married David Griswold.

Nancy Durham, married John Smith.

#### Note.

The above record handed down by the family. Have not been able to determine source. Dates indicate a possibility of error. Other family tradition says John born in 1770, was son of John, son of John,- it may be another generation intervenes. Possibly the second wife bore more than one of his children,- my father always claimed he had Dutch blood in him.

New York Family of Durham.

Chapter II.

John Durham of Chemung, N.Y.

and his family.

With notes on the ancestry of his wife

Pruella Whitney.



## New York Family of Durham.

### Chapter II.

JOHN DURHAM, born about 1770, was son or grandson of the original John who emigrated from the north of Ireland and settled on Long Island, N.Y. in 1735. The History of Yates County, N.Y. says he was one of the early settlers of Chemung County.

In 1790 he married Pruella, daughter of Captain Daniel and Martha (Burt) Whitney, at the home of her brother Thomas near Elmira. He was a surveyor and conveyancer, later serving as sheriff for several years, during which time they lived in the Elmira court-house. He was a staunch Presbyterian and his wife a Baptist. No record can be found of his death, but his wife died in Southport, N.Y. about 1839, and both lie buried in the old burying ground in Elmira. They had nine children as follows;

Elizabeth Durham, born Oct. 22, 1791 at Chemung, N.Y.; married Abraham McNeal of Ithaca; lived in Hannibal, Oswego Co., N.Y.; they had a daughter Elizabeth.

Esther Durham, born Aug. 26, 1793 at Chemung, N.Y.; married Lewis M. Tuthill in 1821; lived near Middletown, Orange Co., N.Y.; she died at Belchertown, Mass. in 1871; they had four children, Harriet, John, William, and James.

Benjamin Durham, born Aug. 6, 1795 at Chemung, N.Y.; married Elizabeth Woodward; see Chapter IV.

John Watkins Durham, born Jan. 23, 1797 at Chemung, N.Y.; married Elizabeth Beckwith, Polly Beckwith, and Elizabeth Reynolds; see Chap.V.

Stella Hinchman Durham, born Oct. 21, 1798 at Elmira, N.Y.; married William Williams of Elmira in 1818; he was a Welchman and a tanner, born July 19, 1788; she died Aug. 16, 1841 and he on Mar. 1, 1850;

they had seven children, John D., James W., Elizabeth, Ann C., Edward H., Miles L., and Arthur T.

James Durham, born July 31, 1800 at Elmira, N.Y.; married Sophia De La Barr; see Chapter VI.

Martha Durham, born Feb. 13, 1803 at Elmira, N.Y.; married Thomas Fitzsimmons of Elmira; lived near Rockton, Ill. for a time and later at Bear Creek, Mich.; she died Aug. 8, 1852.

Alpha Durham, born Mar. 21, 1805 at Elmira, N.Y.; married Jane Whipple, Louisa C. Parke, and Elizabeth B. Riggs; see Chapter VII.

Mary Ann Durham, born May 26, 1807 at Elmira, N.Y.; married Samuel Goldy and lived near Beloit, Wis.; he died in 1865; they had six children, John, Elizabeth, William, James, Stephen, and Benjamin.



## WHITNEY.

Line of Pruella, wife of John Durha of Chemung, N.Y.

Henry Whitney, born in England about 1620, emigrated to America prior to 1649, probably with his wife and son John, who was of full age in 1666. Early records of him are found in the land records of Long Island where he purchased property in 1649 at Southhold and sold it in 1670. It is recorded at Huntington, L.I. that in 1658 he purchased from Wyandance, Sachem of Pammanake, "three whole necks of meshepeake land ffor the use of the whole Town of Huntington for twelfe Coats, each coate being too yards of Trueking Cloth, twenty pounds of powder, twenty dutch hatchets, twenty dutch howes, twenty dutch knives, Ten shirts, too hundred of mixes, fine paire of hanson stockings, one good dutch hatt, and a great faire Looking glas".

In 1660 he married Sarah, widow of Edward Ketcham of Stratford and in 1662 removed to Jamaica, L.I. where he served as Townsman and in other public capacities. In 1665 he appears in Norwalk, Conn., where he was granted by the town, a mill site at the mouth of the Norwalk River and a home lot of two acres adjoining, for which he "incaged with the towne to make, build and erect a goode and sufficient corne mill", and also to make "good and well conditioned meal, and to Take butt and no more than the sixteenth part for Tole of all sorts of Grain that shall be ground". He was one of the petitioners in 1672 for liberty to begin a new "plantation neare the back side of Norwalke" which subsequently became Danbury. He died in 1673 leaving an estate of two hundred forty-four pounds.

John Whitney, only child of Henry, was probably born in England prior to his parent's emigration to Long Island. He accompanied his father to Norwalk, Conn., where he is recorded as of full age in 1666. He assisted his father as millwright and miller, and succeeded him in

possession of the mill and homestead. In later years he erected a fulling mill in Norwalk. On Mar. 17, 1675 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. They had eleven children, John, Joseph, Henry, Elizabeth, Richard, Samuel, Anne, Eleanor, Nathan, Sarah, and Josiah. He died in Norwalk in 1720.

Henry Whitney, son of John and Elizabeth, was born in Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 21, 1681. He was a weaver by trade. On June 14, 1710 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Lieut. John and Mary (Benedict) Olmstead of Norwalk. His father gave him the old homestead but he sold it in 1712 to his brother John and removed with the early settlers to Ridgefield, Conn., where he served as townsman. They had eight children, Elizabeth, Jerusha, Henry, John, Betty, Daniel, Richard, and James. He died at Ridgefield, Apr. 26, 1728.

Daniel Whitney, son of Henry and Elizabeth, was born Apr. 4, 1720 in Ridgefield, Conn. He received a portion of his father's estate which he cultivated as a farm. On Aug. 8, 1741 he married Thankful Burt, who was born Sept. 1, 1721, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Bel-den) Burt. He later purchased land on Blacksmith Ridge and extended his farming operations, but in 1760 sold both properties and removed to Warwick, Orange Co., N.Y. Still later he removed to Romulus, Seneca Co., N.Y. where he died about 1809. They had seven children, Mary, Ruhamah, Daniel, Anne, Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Abijah.

Daniel Whitney, son of Daniel and Thankful, was born Jan. 12, 1746 at Ridgefield, Conn. He assisted on the farm and accompanied his parents when they removed to New York State. About 1766 he married his cousin Martha Burt, who was born Apr. 3, 1743, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Benedict) Burt. They settled in Warwick, N.Y. where they had seven children, Thomas, Huldah, Fruella, Aaron, Moses, Hannah, and Martha. He served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War from 1780 to its close. In 1784 he purchased one thousand acres in Wyoming Co., Pa.

where he removed his family but died in the same year. His widow removed with her children to Big Flats, N.Y. where she died May 29, 1817.

Fruella Whitney, daughter of Daniel and Martha, was born in 1771 at Warwick, N.Y. She married John Durham about 1790 at the home of her brother Thomas Whitney, near Elmira, N.Y. She died at Southport, N.Y. about 1839 and lies buried with her husband in the old burying ground in Elmira.



New York Family of Durham.

Chapter III.

Benjamin Durham of Branchport, N.Y.

and his family.

with notes on the family of his wife

Elizabeth Dains.



## New York Family of Durham.

### Chapter III.

BENJAMIN DURHAM, born in 1775, was son or grandson of John Durham who settled on Long Island, N.Y. in 1735. The History of Yates Co., N.Y. says he was brother of John, recorded in the previous chapter.

When the Society of Friends settled at Jerusalem, N.Y. in 1789, he made his boyhood home with them, although he early joined the Methodist Church. In 1798 he married Elizabeth Dains, a Quakeress, who was born in 1777, daughter of Castle and Joanna (Barman) Dains. In the following year he purchased land at Branchport, N.Y. and erected a log cabin in the woods. He had nine children born of his first marriage, - his wife Elizabeth died in 1817.

Mr. Durham learned the trade of millwright from Richard Henderson and together they built mills at Batavia, Niagara Falls, and elsewhere. Transportation of materials in those days was largely by means of "Durham boats" in common use on the rivers of New York and Pennsylvania. They were sixty or more feet in length, built to carry a cargo of about twenty tons; were flat bottomed with a draft of only two feet, decked over a short distance from each end, and had running boards along the sides on which were nailed cleats to give the men a foothold while propelling the boats with long poles. They were also rigged for oars and sails for use in deep water.

In 1818 Mr. Durham took for his second wife, Mary K. Bates of Potter, N.Y., who was born in 1799. Two years later he built a farmhouse and added to his farm until he owned two hundred acres. His house was long a place for Methodist preaching and always a cordial home for itinerant ministers. By his second marriage he had five children. He died in 1832 and his wife Mary in 1845.

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dains) Durham.

Ann Durham, born in 1799 at Branchport, N.Y.; married Samuel Griswold; resided at Jerusalem, N.Y.; died without issue.

Rebecca Durham, Born June 14, 1800 at Branchport, N.Y.; married Henry Larzelere on Dec. 20, 1821; he was born Aug. 12, 1798, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Brazier) Larzelere of Hopeton, N.Y.; he became local inn-keeper and postmaster; Rebecca died Dec. 12, 1860; they had two children as follows;

Sara Larzelere, born Aug. 12, 1823; married Erastus Cole on Mar. 13, 1844; had four children, Mary E., George H., Ward L., and Ella L.; Sara died Feb. 25, 1903.

William B. Larzelere, born Jan. 27, 1830; married Sarah A. Sheppard, Nov. 11, 1850; had five children, Helen M., Florence A. Herbert L., Herman G., and May A.; he died Feb. 26, 1908.

George Durham, born in 1803 at Branchport, N.Y.; died unmarried in 1829,

John Durham, born in 1804 at Branchport; married Elizabeth Hungerford; had four children, James H., Mary M., Delia A., and John A.; he was drowned in the Hudson River near Troy; his widow married Johnson.

James Durham, born in 1809 at Branchport; married Alma Hamilton and resided in Norwich, Chenango Co., N.Y.; had five children, Dwight, Cyrus, Helen M., George, and Emma A.

Joanna Durham, died young.

Abel Durham, born in 1812 in Branchport; went to New Orleans in 1833 and disappeared.

Albert Durham, born Jan. 12, 1813 at Branchport; married Lucinda M. Sciples; see record on pages 4, 5 & 6.

Elizabeth Durham, born in 1816 at Branchport; married 1st. Wolcott Cole by whom she had a daughter, Rebecca Ann; and 2nd. Linus Dickinson



Children of Benjamin and Mary (Bates) Durham.

Lucy C. Durham, born in 1819 at Branchport; married William H. Decker in 1838; resided in and remodeled the old homestead; had three children, George H. Decker who graduated from Hamilton College and became a lawyer and principal of public schools in Middletown, N.Y., also Anna E. and Charles D. Decker; she died in 1865.

Myron H. Durham, born Jan. 9, 1821; married Chloe M., daughter of David and Sarah (Remer) Dains, on Oct. 2, 1842; lived at Jerusalem, N.Y. and had four children, Henry C. and Mary C., both of whom died in infancy; Annette who married Henry L. Griswold, and Sarah R., both of whom died without issue.

Benjamin Durham, born in 1823 at Branchport; lived in Michigan and had one child.

Mary C. Durham, born in 1826; died single in 1845.

Charles M. Durham, born in 1830 at Branchport; married Helen Cameron and lived at Independence, Iowa; had two children Maude A. and Charles H.

Albert Durham, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Dains) Durham, was born Jan. 12, 1813 at Branchport, N.Y. He was educated in the local schools and learned his father's trade of carpenter and millwright. On Dec. 31, 1835 he married Lucinda M. Sciples at Benton, N.Y.,- she was born Sept. 23, 1816. They lived at Jerusalem, N.Y. where he died June 13, 1877 and she on Feb. 1, 1899. They had six children, all born at Jerusalem;

Elizabeth A., born Oct. 17, 1837; see record.

Henry L., born June 24, 1840; died Feb. 12, 1843.

John W., born Apr. 24, 1842; see record.

James H., born Oct. 9, 1844; served in the 50th. Reg. of Engineers in the Civil War; died May 6, 1862 at Alexandria, Va. at the age of 18.

Harriet R., born Nov. 26, 1849; see record.

George A., born Nov. 14, 1851; traveled with a circus in many parts of America and Europe; died unmarried on Feb. 17, 1911.

Elizabeth A. Durham, daughter of Albert and Lucinda (Sciples) Durham, was born Oct. 17, 1837. In Sept. 1859 she married John A. Miller of Branchport. They had five children, Georgia who married Jackson of Penn Yan, N.Y., Albert still living in Branchport, and three others. Mrs. Miller died May 1, 1929.

John W. Durham, son of Albert and Lucinda (Sciples) Durham, was born Apr. 24, 1842. He served a full enlistment in the Civil War in the 33rd. and 178th. Reg. N.Y. Vols., receiving a wound at the battle of Petersburg that caused him to lose the use of his right arm. On Aug. 20, 1865 he married Emma O. Lounsberry, who was born Mar. 20, 1848, daughter of John and Susan (Dart) Lounsberry of Pultney, N.Y. He resided awhile at Pultney but later moved his family to Potter, N.Y. where he opened a general store. His wife Emma died Sept. 9, 1889.

On Mar. 27, 1891 he married Hattie Race, who was born Dec. 3, 1864, daughter of Milton and Mary (Parrett) Race. Mr. Durham died Nov. 12, 1926 but his wife Hattie was living with her daughter Mildred in 1940 at Branchport.

Mr. Durham had one daughter by his first marriage,

Amy, born Oct. 24, 1866; see record.

and two by his second marriage,

Edna, born Mar. 3, 1893; see record.

Mildred, born Nov. 27, 1899; see record.

Harriet R. Durham, daughter of Albert and Lucinda (Sciples) Durham, was born Nov. 26, 1849. On Dec. 25, 1871 she married Harvey M. Clark at Branchport. He was born June 8, 1850 at Italy, Yates Co., N.Y., son of Joel M. and Lucelia M. (Fosgate) Clark. They resided at Italy where he was a carpenter and cabinet maker. She died May 13, 1906 and he on July 17, 1931. They had four children as follows;

Mary A. Clark, born Dec. 14, 1872; married Earle C. Anable on May 5, 1897; living in 1940 at 159 Cherry St., Geneva, N.Y.; have one child, Beulah M.

Cora E. Clark, born June 27, 1874; married Emory L. Horton on Nov. 30, 1895; living in 1940 at Canandaigua, N.Y.; have two children, Mildred M. and Lyle E.

Ward L. Clark, born May 9, 1880; died unmarried May 7, 1906.

Mabel E. Clark, born Jan. 13, 1883; died Oct. 4, 1900.

Amy Durham, daughter of John W. and Emma C. (Lounsberry) Durham, was born Oct. 24, 1866 at Pultney, N.Y. She received her education in the local grammar and high school grades. On Sept. 17, 1890 she married William L. Hobart who was born Sept. 4, 1860, son of Chester L. and Emeline (Casey) Hobart. They spent their lives on a farm but are now living, in 1940, in Rushville, N.Y. They had six children as follows;

Ralph D. Hobart, born Aug. 1, 1891; married Daisy Williams, Feb. 9, 1912; no children.

Marion E. Hobart, born July 9, 1893; married John Derby, Dec. 17, 1913; children, Jane and Jack.

Earle C. Hobart, born Jan. 18, 1901; married Dorothy Green, Nov. 17, 1923; one child, Francis.

John W. Hobart, born Mar. 1, 1903; married Laura James, Aug. 25, 1923; no children.

Frances E. Hobart, born July 18, 1905; died unmarried on Apr. 10, 1931.

William L. Hobart, born Sept. 9, 1909; married Helen Shultz, Mar. 28, 1935; one child, Sylvia.

Edna Durham, daughter of John W. and Hattie (Rece) Durham, was born Mar. 3, 1893 at Potter, N.Y.; married Ernest Finger; she owns the old homestead at Branchport but they are living, in 1940, at 1600 South Ave., Rochester, N.Y.

Mildred Durham, daughter of John W. and Hattie (Rece) Durham, was born Nov. 27, 1899 at Potter, N.Y. She is a graduate of Penn Yan Academy and of Rochester Business Institute. On Aug. 18, 1937 she married Ralph L. Kennedy, who was born Apr. 15, 1910, son of Clarence and Blanche (Truax) Kennedy. He is a mechanic by trade and she is teaching school. They are now living, in 1940, in Branchport, N.Y. where they attend the Methodist Church. They have no children.

## DAINS.

Line of Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Durham of Branchport, N.Y.

Henry Dains, of Conn. married Margaret Bates of R.I., who bore him five children, Jonathan, Castle, Jesse, Ephraim, and Abigail.

Castle Dains, born in 1749; married Joanna Barman in Conn.; served in the Revolutionary War although he was a member of the Society of Friends; a carpenter by trade making ox-yokes and plows; he was also noted for his skill as a veterinarian; he died in 1843 aged 94 years; had five children, Salmon, Elizabeth, Abel, Saloma, and Simeon.

Elizabeth Dains, born in 1777; married Benjamin Durham in 1798 at Jerusalem,

Jesse Dains, brother of Castle, married Chloe Thompson of Conn.; a farmer and shoemaker by trade; lived in Milo, N.Y.; had five children. David, Jesse, Orilla, Therza, and Eli.

David Dains, married Sarah Remer; had nine children, Mahala, Rebecca, Thompson, Richmond, Abram R., Chloe M. Jane, Esther and Bryant.

Chloe M. Dains, married Myron H. Durham, son of Benjamin Durham of Branchport, N.Y. on Oct. 2, 1842.



New York Family of Durham.

Chapter IV.

Benjamin Durham of Beloit, Wis.

and his descendants.

With notes on the ancestry of his wife

Elizabeth Woodward.





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BENJAMIN DURHAM, eldest son of John and Prueella (Whitney) Durham, was born in Chemung, N.Y., Aug. 6, 1795. As a youth he engaged in rafting logs down the Susquehanna River, and assisted his brother Alpha in operating a general store at Tunkhannock, Pa. He later secured a position as teller in a bank in Ithaca, N.Y.

During his residence in Ithaca he married Elizabeth Woodward on Oct. 9, 1833. She was born in Bovey Tracy, Devonshire, Eng., June 10, 1813, daughter of Henry T. and Lovedy (Grant) Woodward, and came to America with her parents in 1822.

They soon removed to Medina, Ohio, where Mr. Durham opened a country store. Here seven children were born, four of whom died of what was then known as fever and ague so prevalent at that time in newly settled sections. Determined to find a more healthful location for his family he purchased a horse in Chicago and rode up and down what was then Wisconsin Territory in search of a place where he could open a store and where his children could secure proper schooling.

Having decided upon Beloit, where a new college was about to be established, he moved his family in 1845 into quarters over his new store. He soon built himself a home and became influential in the community. Always a devout churchman, he served as trustee and treasurer of the Congregational Church for many years. In order to stop the sale of liquor, he purchased the Rockriver House, which was subsequently moved back and remodeled into the Rockriver Female Seminary. On the old site Mr. Durham and Dr. Bushnell built the Bushnell House which name still exists.

Here in Beloit seven other children were born, who with the three brought from Medina, lived far past middle life. Their family life

was an especially happy one as Beloit proved to be a wise choice for a home. In 1853 Mr. Durham built a brick house facing the college campus which became a rallying place for students and faculty alike, as four of the Durham boys attended Beloit College. Mrs. Durham's mother, Lovedy Grant Woodward, came to live with them in her old age, and died in their home in 1867.

Mr. Durham died at Beloit, Oct. 31, 1876. His wife survived him fourteen years, making a home for her daughter Lucy and son Theron in Oak Park, Ill., where she died Apr. 2, 1890. They lie buried together at Beloit. Their children were as follows;

Henry, born Aug. 26, 1834; died Oct. 26, 1835.

Benjamin )  
Henry ) twins, born May 2, 1836; see records.

George, born Dec. 12, 1837; died Sept. 15, 1838.

James, born July 21, 1839; see record.

William, born Mar. 11, 1842; died Aug. 27, 1843.

Stella, born Sept. 18, 1843; died Sept. 22, 1844.

Elizabeth, born July 19, 1846; see record.

Sophia, born Oct. 14, 1847; " "

Albert, born Aug. 2, 1849; " "

Maria, born Aug. 19, 1851; " "

Lucy, born June 13, 1853; " "

Theron, born Feb. 21, 1855; " "

Ellen, born Feb. 4, 1857; " "

BENJAMIN DURHAM, twin son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born May 2, 1836 at Medina, Ohio. At the age of nine he removed with his parents to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he attended school and helped his father about the store.

In 1850 he entered Beloit College three years after it was founded, graduating in 1854 with the degree of A.B. His parents wished him to become a minister but finally compromised on the calling of medical missionary, so he went to Chicago to attend lectures at Rush Medical College. During the year 1857 his Alma Mater granted him the degree of A.M., and in the spring of '58 he graduated from Rush as M.D. In the fall of the same year he commenced studying at Chicago Theological Seminary, where he continued three years, attending lectures in the afternoons, teaching a class of Greek, and assisting at the U.S. Marine Hospital. Finishing his course in May of 1861, he was granted the degree of B.D. He went to Boston to interview Secretary Treat of the A.B.C.F.M. to secure his appointment to the mission field, only to meet with disappointment, - they could not use him because his enunciation was not clear enough to ever master Arabic. He returned home to Beloit, but was soon called to Evansville, Wis., where he preached for one year.

Meanwhile the Civil War had broken out and on Aug. 22, 1862, Dr. Durham was mustered into the 72nd. Illinois as Asst. Surgeon under Dr. Edwin P. Powell at Cairo. With medicine wagon and ambulances they forged ahead with their regiment through Grant's campaign before Vicksburg, caring for the sick, wounded and foot-sore. After the fall of Vicksburg on July 3, 1863, the 72nd. Ill. was ordered to Natchez, but returned to Vicksburg for garrison duty during the winter of '63&4. In February of 1864 Dr. Durham came north for examinations for promotion, visited at Chicago, studied at Philadelphia, took a ten day exam-

ination at Cincinnati, and returned to Vicksburg. On June 19, 1864 he was mustered out of his regiment to accept a commission, signed by President Lincoln, as Asst. Surgeon U.S. Vols., under orders to report at New Orleans, where he took charge of Ward L in the U.S. Marine Hospital. While serving here he received, on Sept. 17, 1864, his commission as Surgeon, with rank as Major. In Feb. 1865, he was appointed Surgeon-in-Charge of 3rd. Div., 13th. Army Corps, with orders to report to Gen. W.P. Benton at Mobile. In April, Fort Blakely fell and they rode into Mobile, only to hear that Pres. Lincoln had been shot. As the Division was soon dispersed at New Orleans, Surg. Durham was transferred to Gen. Sheridan's command and located at Brownsville. Here he set up a hospital, but was again transferred in Sept. 1865 to Point Isabel, Texas, as Post Surgeon under Gen. Clark. In Jan. 1866 he received the compliment of being appointed Surgeon-in-Charge at Point Isabel, with orders to report direct to headquarters. About the same time orders came to return home. He sent his resignation to the War Dept., Feb. 2, 1866, and later received a commission as Lieut. Col. by brevet, signed by Pres. Johnson.

Dr. Durham returned to Chicago and began the practice of medicine. On Dec. 4, 1864 he married Lucy Matilda Clark, who was born at Alton, Ill., Nov. 11, 1842, daughter of William and Sarah Jane (Condon) Clark. They both became members of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Chicago, which the Doctor served as Clerk. In 1871, the year of the great Chicago fire, he began writing articles on the Academies of Science and Art. In 1876 they moved into the suburbs, at which time he gave up his medical practice to become Clerk of the Art Committee, and in 1878 was sent to Paris and Rome to purchase plaster casts for the Chicago Exhibition.

He came east as an insurance correspondent in 1880 and moved his family to Mount Vernon, N.Y. Here they united with the Dutch Reformed

Church, which the Doctor served as Sunday School Superintendant and Elder. For a time he wrote for seven insurance papers over the signatures of Benham, Gotham, etc. His articles attracted the attention of the Mutual Fire Ins. Co. of New York, and with that Company he traveled on the inspection of large risks in all parts of the United States. He was later employed by the Phoenix Fire Ins. Co. as manager of their Class A. or big line department.

In 1892 he retired from business and the following year purchased a farm at Mount Kisco, N.Y., where they lived until 1901 when they sold the farm and moved into the village. Here the Doctor became active in the Presbyterian Church and the Public Library, and for a time taught in the High School.

Beginning to feel the infirmity of their years, they moved to Boston in 1919 to live near their son William. They brought their letters to the Roslindale Congregational Church and settled down to their customary life of contentment and service of their fellows. Here the Doctor died Dec. 10, 1925 in his 90th. year, and his wife followed him on Jan. 4, 1928. They are buried together in Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston.

Their children were

Edward Benjamin, born Feb. 15, 1870; see record.

William Clark, born Mar. 27, 1875; see record.

HENRY DURHAM, twin son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born May 2, 1836 at Medina, Ohio. When he was nine years of age his parents moved their family to Beloit, Wis., where he attended the local schools and later entered Beloit College. Following a line of education similar to that taken by his twin brother Benjamin, he graduated from Beloit in 1857, from Rush Medical School in 1860, and from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1863.

Upon completing his education he enlisted in the Civil War and served to the end of the conflict. On Nov. 10, 1864 he married Mary Brown, who was born June 2, 1841, daughter of Dr. John Brown of La Salle, Ill. After the war he had secured the pastorate of the Congregational Church of La Salle but did not become popular, except with the young people. He was what is known today as a "good mixer" rather than the solemn type of minister expected in those days. During this period he commenced the practice of medicine which he continued intermittently for about forty years.

Early in 1869 he moved his family to Chicago where he engaged in buying and selling real estate, and in organizing the Chicago Evening Mail of which he became business manager. On Sept. 10, 1872 his wife Mary died, and he was obliged to send his two boys, who were born in La Salle, to return there to live with their aunt.

In 1876 he removed to Crete, Neb., where he resumed the practice of medicine, and there met his second wife, Amanda Van Syckle, who was born Apr. 29, 1851, daughter of Peter Van Syckle. They were married Apr. 1, 1878 and after establishing their home the Doctor brought his boys from La Salle. In 1882 they removed to Omaha where his wife Amanda died Oct. 10, 1886 without issue.

The Doctor continued his practice until 1897, when he accompanied his son John to Salt Lake City. At this time much of his time was

devoted to writing stories from life or humorous tales for the Chicago papers. When they moved to a farm in 1904 he found much pleasure and some profit in a fine garden. In 1924 John and his family removed to California and again the Doctor accompanied them. He died Feb. 18, 1926 at Oakland, Cal.

His children were

Benjamin L., born Sept. 5, 1866; left home and disappeared.

John B., born Dec. 10, 1868; see record.

JAMES DURHAM, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born July 12, 1839 at Medina, Ohio. When he was six years of age his parents removed to Beloit, Wis., where he received his education in the grade and high schools, and attended Beloit College. In his junior year, he left college to accept a business opening in Chicago.

On Oct. 5, 1864 he married Caroline Amelia Hammond, who was born , daughter of Mark W. and Charlotte (Wright) Hammond of Beloit. They made their home in Chicago where they joined the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Durham was in the furniture business most of his life, and possessed exceptional ability in decorating and arrangement. He died in Chicago, and his wife died Mar. 30, 1923 at the home of their daughter Caroline, in Bellows Falls, Vt.

They had six children, all born in Chicago;

Louis Hammond, born July 28, 1866; died in infancy.

Caroline Elizabeth, born Aug. 20, 1869; see record.

Henry James, born Mar. 6, 1871; see record.

Lottie Hammond, born June 17, 1874; died in infancy.

Mark Winslow, born July 7, 1878; died in infancy.

Charles Ruggles, born Mar. 3, 1885; unmarried; killed in a railroad accident

ELIZABETH DURHAM, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born July 19, 1846 at Beloit, Wis. She was educated in the Beloit schools, and attended Mt. Holyoke Seminary in the same class with her sister Sophia, graduating in 1868; after which she took a course in the Chicago Normal School.

On Sept. 13, 1871 she married Nehemiah Mead, who was born May 31, 1831 near Hartford, Conn., son of Allen S. and Rachel (Hoyt) Mead. They made their first home in Chicago, where Mr. Mead was a druggist at the time of their marriage. Some time later they removed to Akron, Iowa, and opened another drug store, Mrs. Mead assisting in the store until she became a practical druggist.

In 1909 they removed to Wenatchee, Wash., where they operated a fruit farm on the banks of the Columbia River. In November of 1930, Mrs. Mead fell and broke her hip which led to her death on Dec. 2nd. of the same year. She had an exceptionally fine mind, taking great interest in public questions, especially as to the need of righteousness in business and government.

They had one child;

Nehemiah Paul Mead, born Dec. 30, 1872 in Chicago; married Clara L. Thomas, Apr. 21, 1894; he is a physician and surgeon in Wenatchee, Wash.; they have no children.

SOPHIA DURHAM, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born Oct. 14, 1847 at Beloit, Wis. She received her education in the Beloit schools and in 1868 graduated from Mount Holyoke Seminary, at Holyoke, Mass., in the same class with her sister Elizabeth.

The following year she entered normal school in Chicago and, after completion of the course, taught for awhile in Chicago High Schools. She was soon transferred to a receiving class for the children of emigrants, in which their abilities were determined and from which they



were assigned to the proper grade in the grammar or trade schools. She was still later appointed supervisor of drawing, visiting in succession seven of the grade schools of Chicago, instructing the teachers and criticising the results of their class work.

During the summer of 1901 she visited England, France, and Italy; after her return she engaged in craft work in Chicago and taught a review school for teachers. She was always active in church work, for many years teaching a class of girls in the 22nd. St. Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

In 1906 she removed to California, where she built a home in Los Angeles and retired from teaching. In 1916 she mothered Florence Peterson, who was ten years old at the time, devoting herself to developing the child's mind and heart and hands, besides affording her schooling and music lessons. When Florence had grown to womanhood she married Henry Kaufman, a young grocer of Los Angeles. The young couple made their home with Miss Durham, and while there two children were born to them, Herbert and Helen. When Sophia's health began to fail the Kaufmans moved to a home of their own, and she lived by herself until she died in her sleep on Oct. 18, 1938.

ALBERT DURHAM, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born Aug. 2, 1849 at Deloit, Wis. He received his education in the local schools, graduating from Beloit College in 1870.

On Apr. 16, 1873 he married Julia D. Van Steenbergh in Chicago. She was born Jan 28, 1851 in Hudson, N.Y., daughter of Hermon T. and Emily W. (Paul) Van Steenbergh of early Dutch ancestry. She was a graduate of Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., and taught for awhile in Chicago schools.

Mr. Durham made business connections in Chicago, became a charter

member of the Chicago Stock Exchange, and continued as a broker until 1904. They made their home in Chicago until they moved in 1875 to Evanston, Ill. Here they became charter members of the Second Presbyterian Church. After the children had secured their education and entered business, they moved back into Chicago and in 1905 became charter members of the Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Soon after, Mr. and Mrs. Durham went to California and settled at El Centro in the Imperial Valley, where he kept a stationery store and printed school supplies. In 1923 they returned to celebrate their golden wedding at the home of their son Ralph in Wilmette, and in 1926 they returned permanently. He died Jan. 30, 1931 at Evanston and his wife died Dec. 24, 1937 in Chicago.

They had three children;

Nellie Thorn, born Aug. 13, 1874; see record.

Ralph Hermon, )  
Robert Paul ) twins, born Sept. 27, 1879; see records.

MARIA DURHAM, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born Aug. 19, 1851 at Beloit, Wis. She graduated from Beloit High School and later found her husband among the friendships formed there.

On June 19, 1876 she married John A. Merrill, who was born Mar. 4, 1849 at Beloit, son of David and Agnes (Fonda) Merrill. He had studied for the ministry and for the first three years of their married life served Presbyterian Churches in Prescott, Ariz., and in San Francisco, Calif. During the winter of 1879-80 they spent five months in Berlin, Germany, studying under private tutors and spending much time in museums and art galleries. Upon returning, Mr. Merrill ministered to churches in El Paso, Tex. and Riverside, Cal., his wife being of great assistance in home and foreign missionary labors, and in connection with W.C.T.U. and newspaper work.

Having become interested in real estate, Mr. Merrill resigned his pastorate in 1886 and moved his family from place to place in California, and later to New York and New Jersey in the interests of his business. In 1900 they returned to California by way of Mexico City, where they lived for a time, and finally settled in Los Angeles. They here joined the Highland Park Presbyterian Church and made a home among their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Merrill died on Christmas Day, 1915, at their home in Los Angeles. Her passing from the group of ten brothers and sisters who grew up together in Beloit marked the first break in the circle in sixty years. Their daughter Elizabeth kept the home for her father until he died Nov. 20, 1928.

They had eight children of whom two did not survive; Charles, born in 1877, died in 1884; and Harrison, born in 1894, lived but a month; exact dates were lost in a fire that destroyed their home soon after Mrs. Merrill's death. Of those who grew to maturity, as follows;

John Benjamin Merrill, born May 7, 1879 at San Francisco, Cal.; graduated from high school and became interested with his father in the real estate and insurance business; married Oct. 15, 1902, Etta Pearl Fisher, daughter of Frederick M. and Cecelia (Deady) Fisher of Los Angeles; adopted Elizabeth Jane, born in 1910; one child, John Benjamin, Jr., born Aug. 24, 1922; they are living, in 1940, at 140 So. Ave. 53, Los Angeles, Cal.

Elizabeth Agnes Merrill, born May 7, 1881 at El Paso, Tex.; attended Girls Collegiate School in Los Angeles; unmarried; lived with her parents and now, in 1940, with her brother John.

Lilian Maria Merrill, born Oct. 19, 1883 at El Paso, Tex.; graduated as A.B. from Occidental College in Los Angeles; married May 20, 1909, Stephen Y. VanMeter, M.D., a practicing physician, son of John S. and Elizabeth (Yerkes) VanMeter; children, John born Feb. 19, 1910,

and Elizabeth L. born June 7, 1914; they are now living, in 1940, at 2410 Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, Cal.

David Bruce Merrill, born Sept. 26, 1885 at Riverside, Cal.; graduated as A.B. from Occidental College; business, oil well maintenance; married Jan. 11, 1911 Zelma Marie Wagner, daughter of Charles B. and Olive (Tiffany) Rice of Los Angeles; children, David Tiffany born Mar. 4, 1914, Nancy Jane born Aug. 25, 1922, and Joan born Feb. 13, 1923; they are now living, in 1940, at 5700 Bay Shore Walk, Long Beach, Cal.

Grayson Merrill, born Apr. 22, 1887 at Rialto, Cal.; graduate of Occidental College, a music student and tenor soloist; married Sept. , 1910, Elizabeth Eunice Hatch, daughter of Cyrus B. and Matilda (Foster) Hatch of Los Angeles; children, Grayson born Jan. 1, 1912, and Elizabeth Eunice born July 10, 1914; he died May 28, 1916 of acute appendicitis; his wife is living, in 1940, at 321 No. Ardmore St., Los Angeles.

Marguerite Woodward Merrill, born July 8, 1890 at San Leandro, Cal.; attended Occidental College; married May 28, 1912, Elmer C. Richardson, an illuminating engineer, son of Frank P. and Elizabeth G. Richardson; children, Mary Woodward born July 4, 1913, Marguerite born Jan. 1, 1915, Clark born Dec. 5, 1916, and Jean born Jan. 28, 1922; she divorced Mr. Richardson in 1934; the following year she toured Europe and upon her return married Samuel Radcliff, auditor for the Southern California Telephone Co.; they are now living, in 1940, at 1403 Linda Rosa, Los Angeles, Cal.

LUCY DURHAM, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born June 13, 1853 at Beloit, Wis. She was a graduate of Beloit High School, attended Chicago Art School, and from 1873 to 1892 followed special training as an artist in Chicago.

For the next ten years she gave herself to missionary labors among the Chinese in San Francisco, learning the language and preparing her-

self for work abroad. In 1902 she went independently to Canton, China, where she soon became assistant in the Ming Sam School for blind girls, conducted by Dr. Mary West Niles under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board. Blindness is very prevalent in China and the fate of a blind girl was usually to be sold into a life of dishonor. It was to salvage these souls that the school was maintained. Besides giving religious instruction the school taught household duties and handwork of all kinds. Miss Durham became god-mother to their head teacher, Margaret Chau, whom she later brought to America.

A section for blind boys was later added with new buildings which were erected under Miss Durham's supervision. She introduced a new standard among Chinese contractors whereby the work was done on a cash basis instead of giving cuts from an inflated estimate to go-betweens. Beside this work in the school she had oversight of the mission schools and Biblewomen in the surrounding country, traveling many miles in river boats that were sometimes fired upon by bandits.

She returned home on furlough in 1910, 1918 and 1925. She was honorably retired in 1929 and made her home in southern California to spend her remaining years near her sisters and their children. She ~~now~~ <sup>resided</sup> ~~in 1940~~, in Los Angeles, being the last of her generation of a family of ten brothers and sisters, their husbands and wives.

THERON DURHAM, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born at Beloit, Wis., Feb. 21, 1855. He received his education in the Beloit schools, graduating from Beloit College in 1879 with the degree of B.A. He then took up the study of law at Northwestern Univ. in Chicago, graduating in 1882 with the degree of L.L.B. and at once began the practice of law.

On Feb. 8, 1888 he married Jennie Nash in Chicago. She was born Dec. 11, 1855 in Worcestershire, England, daughter of Richard and

Prudence (Arthurs) Nash. They made their home with Mother Durham in the house purchased by her in Oak Park while Theron was attending law school. After his mother's death they moved in 1891 to a home they had built on North Grove Avenue.

Mr. Durham was a charter member of the First Congregational Church of Oak Park, of which his wife and later his four daughters also became members. He was a student of the Bible throughout his life, completed a course in the Moody Bible Institute in 1910, and the following year began the pastorate of the Bethany Congregational Church of Oak Park. On Mar. 28, 1912 he was ordained to the ministry but he continued to practice law until his death. He died Mar. 22, 1924 and his wife on June 2, 1929.

They had four daughters, all born in Oak Park, Ill.;

Winifred Eleanor, born Nov. 29, 1888; see record.

Edith Grace, born Aug. 15, 1890; see record.

Margaret May, born May 10, 1892; see record.

Elizabeth Woodward, born Oct. 25, 1894; see record.

ELLEN DURHAM, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Woodward) Durham, was born Feb. 4, 1857 at Beloit, Wis. She received her education in the Beloit schools and early joined the Congregational Church. She had a good alto voice and sang for years in the church choir where she became acquainted with John Alexander Ainslie who also sang in the choir while he was attending Beloit College.

Mr. Ainslie graduated from Beloit in 1877 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1881. They were married at Beloit on June 15th. of the same year. He was born June 6, 1854 at Goodwater, Indian Territory, son of Rev. George and Mary Jane (Hagaman) Ainslie. His father was a worker among the Choctaw and Nez Perces Indians, and was one of the translators of the Bible and hymns into these languages.

After a short honeymoon they went to Boston to make final arrangements at the American Board rooms for their assignment to missionary work in Turkey. They were first stationed at Mardin where his special task lay in field work among the many out-stations, but in 1887 they

were transferred to Mosul on the Tigris River opposite the ruins of Ninevah. In 1892 the Mosul Station was taken over by the Presbyterian Board, under which they served until it was again transferred to the Church Missionary Society of England in 1898. Largely because of the change of management and in order to educate their children, they returned to America in the same year. Going down the Tigris by raft to Bagdad they took steamer for home, via the Suez Canal, stopping off on the way to see the pyramids.

After their return Mr. Ainslie acted as pastor of Presbyterian churches in Washington, Minn. and vicinity until about 1906. From there they went to Oxnard and Danville, Cal., and later to Quilcene, Wash. where they both found opportunity to work among the populace of the lumber camps. Advancing years and ill health finally forced them to give up active work and in 1922 they settled in Maywood, Cal. Some time later Mr. Ainslie was obliged to enter a sanitarium at San Gabriel where he died Sept. 15, 1933.

Late in 1933 Mrs. Ainslie went to Guatemala where her son Charles was in charge of a mission hospital. After she was sixty years of age she had taken up the study of Spanish by herself, and had gained mastery of it with the hope that some day she might read the Gospel to patients in her son's hospital. Soon after she reached Guatemala she became ill and from then on stayed at the hospital, where having realized her hope she died Jan. 21, 1934.

While living in Mardin, Turkey, they had a daughter Margaret, born Mar. 8, 1885 and died Aug. 4, 1886. Of their children who lived to maturity, as follows;

Kate Elizabeth Ainslie, born Dec. 10, 1883 at Midyat, near Mardin, Turkey; came to America with her parents when thirteen; completed her grade school education in Oak Park, Ill., attended high school in Chatfield, Minn., and graduated in 1908 from Carleton College at Northfield.

Minn.; was accepted as a missionary by the American Board and stationed at Marash, Turkey; returned to the States when Turkey entered the World War and studied at the Univ. of California; taught in Japan and China for two years when she returned to Marash for three years; came home when her parent's health broke down; went to Guatemala with her mother and visited Mexico before returning to California; on Mar. 11, 1935, married William Herschel Hopkins, son of Adolphus and Mary A. (Denison) Hopkins; he died Nov. 27, 1938, after which she made her home with her Aunt Lucy Durham in Los Angeles.

Robert Theron Ainslie, born Aug. 14, 1887 at Mardin, Turkey; educated in Chatfield, Minn. public schools, Minnesota State Agricultural School, and Los Angeles Polytechnic; on Feb. 5, 1916, married Burgie E. Johnson; he is a surveyor, electrical engineer and contractor; employed by Amalgamated and later by Associated Oil Companies as head rig builder and superintendent of construction of company buildings; often traveled 150 miles a day and not having time to go around, learned to jump his auto across ditches; now, in 1940, interested in real estate and insurance in Los Angeles; they have no children.

Charles Albert Ainslie, born Apr. 8, 1891 at Mosul, Turkey; educated in Chatfield and Rochester, Minn. public schools, took courses in Occidental and Pomona Academy, and in 1913 graduated from the Univ. of California, having specialized in medicine; completed his studies at Stanford Univ., graduating as M.D. in 1916; served as interne at Santa Clara Hospital; on May 15, 1917 he married Ruth Horton McConnell, a registered nurse, daughter of William W. and Minnie B. McConnell, who were missionaries in Costa Rica; From 1917-20 he served as Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps in the Philippines and on vessels on the Yangtse Patrol in China; in 1922 they went to Guatemala under the Presbyterian Board of Missions to reconstruct a hospital that had been



destroyed by earthquake; now have a modern forty bed hospital with a training school for nurses; they also conduct medical and evangelical tours into the interior with ambulance, tents, nurses and gospel workers; they have three children, John D., Elizabeth F., and Glen E., all born in Guatemala.

EDWARD BENJAMIN DURHAM, son of Benjamin and Lucy M. (Clark) Durham, was born Feb. 15, 1870 at Chicago, Ill. In 1881 he removed with his parents to Mount Vernon, N.Y., where he completed his grade school education, and joined the Dutch Reformed Church. He prepared for college at Columbia Institute in New York, entered Columbia College, School of Mines, and graduated with the degree of E.M. in 1892.

On Sept. 21, 1893 he married Mary Lucinda Stimpson, who was born Feb. 18, 1867 at Port Henry, N.Y., daughter of George B. and Sarah E. (Locke) Stimpson of Mineville, N.Y.

Mr. Durham has been employed on various phases of mining, manufacturing, metallurgical, and chemical operations in many parts of North America, from northern New York to New Mexico, Alaska to old Mexico, Massachusetts to California. On Jan. 1, 1908 he assumed the duties of Asst. Prof. of Mining at California State University in Berkeley, which position he held for seven years. In 1913 he wrote a text book entitled "Mine Surveying" that has seen considerable usage.

In 1930 he retired from active engineering work, built a home in Greencastle, Pa., and took up the raising of poultry. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church in Greencastle. They have no children.

WILLIAM CLARK DURHAM, son of Benjamin and Lucy M. (Clark) Durham, was born Mar. 27, 1875 at Chicago, Ill. When he was six years of age, his parents moved East and settled in Mount Vernon, N.Y. Here he attended school, graduating from the high school grades in 1892. In the following year his father's ill health caused them to remove to a farm near Mount Kisco, in the hills of Westchester Co., N.Y.

On Sept. 17, 1895 he married Lillian Dikeman Starr in New York City. She was born Sept. 15, 1873 at Rye, N.Y., daughter of George O. and Emma (Marsh) Starr. Her father was for many years connected with the Barnum & Bailey Circus as advance agent, and later became manager of Crystal Palace, the noted amusement center in London, England.

For six years they made their home with Mr. Durham's parents but in 1901 the Mount Kisco place was sold. They visited for awhile in England and upon their return purchased a larger farm at West Norwalk, Conn., where Mr. Durham went into market gardening. Overwork brought on a serious illness that finally forced him to enter business in South Norwalk as an accountant. Removal of his employers to Boston in the fall of 1911 led them to sell the farm and settle in Roslindale, Mass., where they soon purchased a home. For over twenty-five years he continued his work as accountant with various business and audit companies of Boston.

They have always been interested in church work. Together they joined the Mount Kisco Presbyterian, the New Canaan Congregational, and the Roslindale Congregational Churches. In the later Mr. Durham served successively as Sunday School superintendent, moderator, deacon, counselor of a large organized class of young men, and finally as treasurer.

In 1936 they purchased a small farm and began the construction of a new home in Kingston, Mass. They moved from Boston during the following year but Mr. Durham continued his work until Mar. 1, 1938, when he

retired from business. They transferred their membership to the local church and settled down to the simple life of the country.

They had three children;

George Benjamin, born Sept. 14, 1896; see record.

Dorothy Marget, born July 28, 1899; see record.

Edward Richter, born May 13, 1907; died Apr. 20, 1911.

JOHN BROWN DURHAM, son of Henry and Mary (Brown) Durham, was born Dec. 10, 1868 at La Salle, Ill. When he was less than four years of age, his mother's death caused him to be given into the keeping of her sister until his father remarried in 1878. Most of his education was secured in Crete and Omaha, Neb. after that time. At the age of fifteen he secured employment in the Omaha office of the Union Pacific R.R., and continued with some part of the Union Pacific System all of his life.

On July 3, 1894 he married Isabella H. Ross at Omaha. She was born Apr. 14, 1871 at Des Moines, Iowa, daughter of Charles and Eliza (McDonald) Ross, both of were born in Scotland.

When business required it, they removed in 1897 to Salt Lake City, but in 1904 moved again to a farm at Bountiful, Utah, although Mr. Durham continued his connection with the railroad. In 1915 he was promoted to the position of Asst. Gen'l. Passenger Agent of the Oregon Short Line with offices in Salt Lake City.

On account of poor health, they removed in 1924 to Alameda, Cal., where he died of pernicious anemia, Jan. 19, 1925. His wife is living in 1940, with her son at Marti Rae Court, Alameda.

They had two children;

John Ross, born May 9, 1900; see record.

Helen, born July 5, 1902; see record.

CAROLINE ELIZABETH DURHAM, daughter of James and Caroline (Hammond) Durham, was born Aug. 20, 1869 at Chicago, Ill. She was a graduate of Englewood High School and took several extension courses. After finishing her education she was employed as superintendent of the Woman's University Club in New York.

On \_\_\_\_\_, she married George Kennedy Wheelock, who was born \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_. He was a civil engineer in Chicago, where they resided and where he died on \_\_\_\_\_.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Wheelock removed to New York where she engaged in renting furnished apartments. For a time her parents lived with <sup>her</sup> to assist in the care of her property.

On Sept. 9, 1921 she married Carroll A. Moore, who was born Sept. 17, 1867 at Putney, Vt., son of John T. and Lucy Ann (Pierce) Moore. He was Vice Pres. of the Bellows Falls Trust Co. of Bellows Falls, Vt. but is now retired. They are living, in 1940, at Prospect Hill, Walpole, N.H. Mrs. Moore has had no children.

HENRY JAMES DURHAM, son of James and Caroline (Hammond) Durham, was born Mar. 6, 1871 at Chicago, Ill. He received his education in Chicago grade and high schools.

On Oct. 10, 1894 he married Edna Jackson, who was born Nov. 21, 1872, daughter of James H. and Rebecca (Huffstedler) Jackson of Chicago. They made their home in Chicago where Mr. Durham was employed as a furniture salesman, with a hobby of making furniture at home. He died \_\_\_\_\_.

Mrs. Durham supported her family as department head in large stores and as manager of apartment houses. Now living with her son, in 1940, at 523 So. Rampart Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.

She had two children;

Helen, born Jan. 20, 1896; see record.

Henry James, born May 3, 1897; see record.

WILLIAM THOMAS DURHAM, daughter of Albert and Julia D. (Van Steenberg) Durham, was born Aug. 13, 1874 in Chicago, Ill. She was a student at Evanston High School and later at the Chicago Art Institute. She early joined the Second Presbyterian Church in Evanston and in 1905 became a charter member of the Buena Memorial Presbyterian Church in Chicago. She gave herself to primary work with the children of both churches, and to settlement work in connection with the Olivet Institute of Chicago.

Soon after completing her education she secured employment with Ginn & Co., school book publishers, with whom she worked for over ten years. She was subsequently associated with Bellows & Sylvester, and with the Bellows-Reeve Co., subscription book publishers; also with the Harper Library of the University of Chicago.

She died Mar. 21, 1930 at the Gladstone Hotel, Chicago, where she had cared for her mother for several years. Her brother Ralph says of her, "A woman of rich Christian character, strong business talent, and many friends."

RALPH HERMON DURHAM, twin son of Albert and Julia D. (Van Steenberg) Durham, was born Sept. 27, 1879 at Evanston, Ill. He graduated from Evanston High School, and in 1901 from Northwestern University in Chicago with the degree of Ph.B. He entered the publishing business in Chicago and continued to be associated with this line for over twenty-five years.

On Oct 6, 1908 he married Stella Allinson in Chicago. She was born Mar. 1, 1878 at Blue Mound, Ill., daughter of John and Catherine

(Goltra) Allinson. They made their first home in Evanston where their children were born.

Mr. Durham became president of the Ralph Durham Co. and of the Bellows-Durham Co., publishers of encyclopedias, but in 1929 was forced to retire on account of ill health. In 1918 they removed to Wilmette, Ill. where they joined the First Presbyterian Church, and now live, in 1940, at 836 Chestnut Ave.

They have three children;

Dorothy Nell, born June 24, 1910; see record.

John Albert, born Apr. 8, 1913; see record.

Ruth Allinson, born Dec. 8, 1918; see record.

ROBERT PAUL DURHAM, twin son of Albert and Julia D. (Van Steenberg) Durham, was born Sept. 27, 1879 at Evanston, Ill. He graduated from Evanston High School and took a short course in Lewis Inst. of Technology in Chicago. In 1901 he entered the employ of the John S. Metcalf Co. of Chicago, construction engineers and designers of grain elevators, with whom he was connected for fifteen years.

On June 17, 1908 he married Alma E. Macdonald at Evanston. She was born Feb. 14, 1882 at Woodside, Long Island, N.Y., daughter of James and Alma (Weir) Macdonald. They made their first home in Evanston.

Mr. Durham served his company in successive capacities as secretary, treasurer and vice-president, and traveled extensively on business in Canada, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Russia. In 1914 he opened an office for the Metcalf Co. in London, and during the fall and winter of 1915-16, visited Australia for the purpose of studying their problems in handling grain. After closing contracts with several Australian states for the design of

large elevator systems, he resigned his position and returned to the United States to enter the business of his father-in-law, the Macdonald Engineering Co. of Chicago, construction engineers along similar lines.

After returning from abroad they purchased a home in Elmhurst, Ill. In 1920 Mr. Durham became president of the Macdonald Co. and among other contracts, his company obtained a part in Soviet Russia's building program of \$110,000,000. for constructing chains of grain elevators, flour mills, and industrial plants. He was also associated with similar companies in Toronto and St. Catharines, Ont., Montreal, Que., and Oakland, Cal. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Western Society of Engineers, and the Union League Club of Chicago.

He died July 7, 1940 in St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, after a brief illness. His wife continues to reside at their home at 413 So. York St., Elmhurst, Ill. They had no children.

WINIFRED ELEANOR DURHAM, daughter of Theron and Jennie (Nash) Durham, was born Nov. 29, 1888 at Oak Park, Ill. She received her education in the local schools, graduated in 1913 from Smith College, Northampton, Mass., with the degree of B.A., and for three years taught school at Crystal Lake and Yorkville, Ill.

She was married by her father on Dec. 30, 1916 to John Church Potter, who was born Sept. 20, 1879 at Wauwatosa, Wis., son of Milton E. and Jennie (Church) Potter. His ancestry through his mother has been traced back to Jonathan Edwards.

Mr. Potter was a graduate of Milwaukee Normal School and then entered the Univ. of Wisconsin, from which he received the degrees of B.S., M.S., and E.E. Between 1904-10 he taught electrical engineering at Wisconsin and Purdue Universities. From 1911-18 he did grad-

uate work at the Mass. Inst. of Technology and worked with the Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co. in Boston. When the United States entered the World War, he was made Lieutenant in the Signal Corps on the staff of Gen. Leonard Wood and placed in charge of communications for the fifteen central states. After the war he held positions with the Central Union Tel. Co. of Chicago and the Ohio Bell Tel. Co. of Cleveland.

In 1924 Mr. Potter secured a position with the International Tel. & Tel. Corp. of New York and Paris, and in December of that year sailed with his family for Europe. They made their home in Madrid where he had his headquarters as engineer in charge of transmission of the telephone system being installed in Spain. During their residence he prepared, after extensive research, a thesis on "The Telephone System of France", and was expecting to receive his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Sorbonne at the time of his death. He died Aug. 15, 1926 at their summer residence in Hendaye, France. He was a member of the Amer. Soc. of Electrical Engineers and a 32nd. degree Mason.

Mrs. Potter returned with her children to America but in 1931 spent the summer visiting relatives in England. She subsequently resumed her studies, received the degree of B.S. at Western Reserve Univ. in 1939, and continued to work for her master's degree. She is now, in 1940, making her home at 3390 Fairfax Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. She and her three children are members of the Church of the Saviour in Cleveland.

Her three children are as follows;

John Church Potter, Jr., born Sept. 28, 1918 at Oak Park, Ill.; in class of '41 at Mass. Inst. of Technology, course in electrical engineering.

Winifred Eleanor Potter, born Mar. 25, 1920 at Oak Park, Ill.; in class of '43 at Smith College.

Jean Durham Potter, born Dec. 11, 1923 at Cleveland, Ohio.



EDITH GRACE DURHAM, daughter of Theron and Jennie (Nash) Durham, was born Aug. 15, 1890 at Oak Park, Ill. She was educated in the Oak Park schools and graduated from Northwestern Univ., Chicago, in 1914 with the degree of A.B. From 1916-20 she taught school and later assisted in the Housing Bureau of the Dept. of Labor at Washington.

On Dec. 27, 1917 she was married by her father to Niles Carpenter, who was born Mar. 25, 1891, son of Orrin F. and Florence E. (Hiltman) Carpenter of Evanston, Ill. He was avgraduate of Northwestern Univ. as A.B. in 1914 and as M.A. in 1915. After their marriage they went to Cambridge, Mass. where Niles took a theological course at Harvard College, during which period he acted as an asistant in St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1920.

In 1924 Mr. Carpenter secured appointment as Head of the Dept. of Sociology at the Univ. of Buffalo, and in 1936 was made Dean of the School of Social Work. Here also he became assistant to the rector, in the Trinity Church of Buffalo. They now live in 1940, at 42 Sagamore Terrace, Buffalo, and spend their summers on an eleven acre farm at Pike, in Wyoming Co., N.Y.

They have two children;

Elizabeth Durham Carpenter, born Mar. 9, 1922 in Boston, Mass.;  
in class of '43 at Oberlin College.

Carolyn Niles Carpenter, born Dec. 22, 1930 in New York.

MARGARET MAY DURHAM, daughter of Theron and Jennie (Nash) Durham, was born May 10, 1892 at Oak Park, Ill. She was educated in the Oak Park schools and in 1916 received the degree of B.S. from Northwestern Univ. of Chicago. Other Universities at which she has studied were Harvard, Chicago, Marquette, and Columbia, having received her M.A. degree in Sosiology from the later in 1929.

She has traveled in Europe, spending the spring and summer of 1930 in England, Scotland and France, and the summer of 1935 in England and Belgium. For many years she has taught in Milwaukee, Wis., where she is a teacher of English and sponsor for the school newspaper at the Bay View High School. At present, in 1940, she is enrolled as a student in the education department of Marquette University, specializing in Vocations for Women.

She is a member of the Amer. Assn. of University Women, and the National Educational Assn. She is also a member of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee and has been elected president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club of that church for 1940-41. She is now living, in 1940, at 1710 No. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee.

ELIZABETH WOODWARD DURHAM, daughter of Theron and Jennie (Nash) Durham, was born Oct. 25, 1894 at Oak Park, Ill. She received her education in the local schools, attended Northwestern Univ., Chicago, for two years, and took a three year course at National Kindergarten College. After which she taught school for three years in Oak Park.

On Apr. 5, 1924 she married Alec Rogers Allenson, who was born June 22, 1899, son of Harry R. and Lillian (Blunt) Allenson of London, Eng. They took their wedding trip through Canada, Scotland and England, and visited the Allenson family in London, where Alec's father was a book publisher for many years.

In June, 1922, Mr. Allenson came from London to Chicago, where he entered the book business and soon became president of Blessing Book Stores, Inc. He was made a naturalized citizen on Jan. 11, 1940. They lived in Oak Park for a few years but now reside, in 1940, at 299 Prospect Ave., Glen Ellyn, Ill. They have two children.

Douglas Rogers Allenson, born Sept. 23, 1926.

Robert Durham Allenson, born July 18, 1932.

GEORGE BENJAMIN DURHAM, son of William C. and Lillian D. (Starr) Durham, was born Sept. 14, 1896 at Newcastle, near Mount Kisco, N.Y. When he was five years of age his parents removed to West Norwalk, Conn., where he received his grammar school education. He attended high school in South Norwalk and in Boston, where he graduated from MechanicsArts High School in 1915.

In 1919 he graduated as B.S. from the agricultural college at Storrs, Conn., now known as the University of Connecticut. For several years he was retained as instuctor and for special research was granted the degree of M.S. On June 9, 1920, he married Gladys Anna, daughter of Homer V. Beebe, proprietor of the store on the college campus. Their romance was short lived as she soon left him and he allowed her to obtain a divorce, although her family continued to treat him as a son. During the World War he served at the college in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, having been refused enlistment on account of his light weight.

In 1929 he secured the position of Asst. Prof. of Horticulture at the State University, Kingston, R.I., specializing in genetics. In addition to his teaching duties, he assisted in extension work for the State Agricultural Station, and was given charge of the college greenhouse and flower gardens.

On July 31, 1930 he married Florence Helen Matthews at Windsor, Conn. She was born Dec. 3, 1903, daughter of Albert T. and Lida (Searle) Matthews. She was also a graduate of Storrs College and familiar with the circumstances surrounding Mr. Durham's former marriage. In the fall of 1930 they built a home in Kingston where their children were born.

In 1938 Prof. Durham was given the additional title of Extension Horticulturalist to cover his activities throughout the state in lectures, radio talks, demonstrations, and services at fairs, etc.

They have both been church members since youth and are now active workers in the Congregational Church on the college campus.

Their children are as follows;

Martha Elizabeth, born Aug. 21, 1931.

George Benjamin, Jr., born Nov. 15, 1933.

Priscilla Ruth, born Aug. 20, 1936.

DOROTHY MARGET DURHAM, daughter of William C. and Lillian D. (Starr) Durham, was born July 28, 1899 at Newcastle, near Mount Kisco, N.Y. She received most of her grammar school education in West Norwalk, Conn., completed it in Boston and graduated from West Roxbury High School in 1916. She then entered the Mass. Normal Art School, from which she graduated in 1920 and, although she soon announced her engagement, accepted an appointment as supervisor of drawing for one year for the experience it would give her.

On July 9, 1921 she married Allen Danforth Russell at the home of her parents in Roslindale, Boston. He was born May 5, 1897, son of John and Caroline E. (Coombs) Russell of Plymouth, Mass. Allen served in the World War in the 33rd. Ambulance Corps, 4th. Div. U.S. Vol. He was in all the major drives in which American troops participated, and also assigned to police duty on the Rhine in the Army of Occupation. His father was treasurer of the Plymouth Savings Bank and one of the town's leading citizens.

They lived in the Russell homestead for awhile but late in 1921 purchased a home of their own in Plymouth. Allen entered the bank as a clerk in order to learn the business, it having been in the family since its organization. In 1927 he was elected Asst. Treasurer and in 1934, upon resignation of his father, was made Treasurer. During the intervening years Dorothy had given birth to three children, maintained social and church activities, and kept up her interest in art

through the local Black and White Club. They are both members of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

In 1932 they built a camp on Little West Pond near Plymouth, where they spent the summer months and where their children grew strong in the woods and water. Upon the death of the elder Mr. Russell in 1939, Allen was appointed executor and upon settling the estate, acquired the old homestead as part of his share. After remodeling, they moved into its historic walls, constructed of brick brought from England.

They had three children;

Caroline Marget, born Nov. 11, 1922.

John Jackson, born May 1, 1924.

Marjorie, born June 7, 1930.

JOHN ROSS DURHAM, son of John B. and Isabella (Ross) Durham, was born May 9, 1900 at Salt Lake City, Utah. He grew up on the farm at Bountiful, Utah, where he received his education, graduating from the Davis County High School in 1918. He took special subjects at the Universities of Utah and California, and in the fall of 1919 began training as a marine engineer.

During the years following, he made trips to Honolulu and all points of the Orient; two trips through the Panama Canal to the cities of the east coast of South America; one year as assistant engineer on the line between Seattle and San Diego; and in 1924, as 2nd. Asst. Engineer of the S.S. Pres. Harrison on her first trip around the world.

On Sept. 24, 1924 he married Carol Marie Hanson at Los Angeles.

She was born June 13, 1900, daughter of Edwin L. and Rosetta L. (Fisher) Hanson of Lorenzo, Idaho. They made their home at Alameda, Cal. where their two children were born. John has been following his profession as opportunity has occurred, but they also operate a group of small bungalows in Marti Rae Court, Alameda.

Their two children are;

Robert Edward, born Aug. 12, 1927.

Carolyn Ross, born July 17, 1931.

HELEN DURHAM, daughter of John B. and Isabella (Ross) Durham, was born July 5, 1902 at Salt Lake City, Utah. She grew up on the farm at Bountiful, and at the age of twelve took the championship of Utah in the Boys and Girls Clubs of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for canning ninety-nine varieties of fruits and vegetables. Her work was placed on exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco.

She graduated from high school in 1920 and from Mills College, Oakland, Cal. in 1924 with the degree of B.A. During the following five years she taught school in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in Elk Grove and Boulder Creek, Cal.

On Aug. 2, 1929 she married Dr. William E. Stiles, a widower, at Reno, Nevada. He was born June 12, 1875, son of George S. and Elizabeth (Eaton) Stiles of Evansville, Wis. He is a practicing chiropractor in Boulder Creek, Cal. where they have a delightful home and many friends.

HELEN DURHAM, daughter of Henry J. and Edna (Jackson) Durham, was born Jan. 29, 1896 in Chicago, Ill. She received her grade school education in Chicago and graduated from high school in Hollywood, Cal. where she met her husband.

On Sept. 18, 1916 she married Francis H. Sanborn, who was born  
son of of Beverley  
Hills, Cal. They made their home in Mexico City, Mr. Sanborn being  
a member of Sanborn Bros., well known to all tourists. They have two  
children as follows;

Dorothy Elizabeth Sanborn, born graduated from

Bishop's School for Girls at La Jolla, Cal. and had three years at Univ. of California, Los Angeles; on Sept. 2, 1939, married William E. Walkup, who was born son of now living, in 1940, ~~in Phoenix, Ariz.~~

Frank Durham Sanborn, born Mar. 17, 1922; graduated from Catalina School for Boys at Avalon, Cal.; now in 1940, in his ~~first~~ year at Texas A. & M. College at College Station, Tex.

HENRY JAMES DURHAM, son of Henry J. and Edna (Jackson) Durham, was born May 3, 1897 at Chicago, Ill. He attended grade school in Chicago and graduated from high school in Pasadena, Cal. He was unmarried in 1940, having devoted his life to making a home for his mother. His business . but his hobby has been the raising of oriental sea fish.

DOROTHY NELL DURHAM, daughter of Ralph H. and Stella (Allinson) Durham, was born June 24, 1910 at Evanston, Ill. She was educated in the local schools and in 1931 graduated as A.B. from Northwestern Univ. in Chicago. At present, in 1940, she is employed as counsellor by the Zinser Personal Service of Chicago.

JOHN ALBERT DURHAM, son of Ralph H. and Stella (Allinson) Durham, was born Apr. 8, 1913 at Evanston, Ill. He graduated from Winnetka High School and in 1935 from Purdue University with the degree of B.S. In January of the following year he signed up as an aviation cadet in the U.S. Navy, and was assigned to the U.S.S. Northampton in April, 1937.

On Aug. 24, 1938 he married Jane Batchelder Ives at Wilmette, Ill. She was born Oct. 5, 1917 at Chicago, daughter of Edward Lee and Dorothy M. (Batchelder) Ives. Her father's mother was a member of the Lee family of Virginia, of which Gen. Robert E. Lee was the most famous.

In July, 1939 John was appointed Ensign in the U.S.N. Reserve and soon after was transferred to the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., to teach students to fly. He has the promise of a position as co-pilot with the American Airlines in 1940.

RUTH ALLINSON DURHAM, daughter of Ralph H. and Stella (Allinson) Durham, was born Dec. 8, 1918 at Evanston, Ill. She was educated in the local schools and, in 1940, graduated from De Pauw University.



## WOODWARD

Lineage of Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Durham of Beloit, Wis.

Benjamin Woodward, a major in Cromwell's army, left England about 1660 and settled on the estate of Drumbarrow, near Kells, Ireland, where he died in 1702. He had three children; Elizabeth, 1662; Joseph, 1664; and John, 1666.

Joseph Woodward, son of Benjamin, was born at Kells, Ireland, Oct. 25, 1664. He had one child known, Charles.

Charles Woodward, son of Joseph was born at Kells, Ireland. In 1706 he married Anne Clemens who died without issue. The following year he married Mary Parkington who bore him five children; Peter, July 12, 1707; Joseph, Oct. 20, 1709; Benjamin, Nov. 20, 1710; Abigail, Feb. 6, 1713; and Judith, Nov. 30, 1717. He married a third wife who bore him another son, Samuel, in 1720.

Benjamin Woodward, son of Charles and Mary (Parkington) Woodward, was born Nov. 20, 1710 at Kells, Ireland. On Oct. 20, 1733 he married Judith Meredith who bore him three children; Judith, May 3, 1736; Charles, Jan. 1, 1740; and Benjamin, July 19, 1750. His son Charles became minister of the church at Kells, in which a memorial tablet exists bearing the Woodward coat-of-arms.

Benjamin Woodward, son of Benjamin and Judith (Meredith) Woodward, was born July 19, 1750 at Kells, Ireland. He removed to Dublin where he entered the service of the state. On Jan. 7, 1783 he married Elizabeth Grant, who was born in 1762, daughter of Dr. John Grant and grand-daughter of Arch Deacon Grant of Exeter. She commonly attended Lady Meredith while lady-in-waiting at the court of George the Third. They had ten children; Benjamin, Oct. 25, 1783; John, Nov. 18, 1784; Henry Thomas, Jan. 23, 1786; Lucy, Apr. 4, 1787; Frances, Feb. 12, 1789; Thomas, Dec. 9, 1792; William, Apr. 14, 1794; Charles, Apr. 23, 1798;

George, July 20, 1799; and Edward, Nov. 1, 1804. Mr. Woodward died in Dublin, June 17, 1816. His wife emigrated to America in 1822 with her son Henry and his family. She died Apr. 25, 1848 at Hector, N.Y.

Henry Thomas Woodward, son of Benjamin And Elizabeth (Grant) Woodward, was born Jan. 23, 1786, in the Lord Mayor's house in Dublin, Ireland. On Oct. 9, 1807 he married Lovedy Sarah Prideaux Grant, who was born Apr. 4, 1784<sup>1784</sup> at St. Austle, Cornwall. Her father, Dr. George Grant, was a foremost physician and surgeon of his time, being associated with Sir Ashley Cooper, physician to the king. She brought her husband a dowry of one thousand pounds, promised when she was named for Mr. Prideaux. They made their first home at Bovey Tracy, Devonshire, but later removed to Somerset and London, and in 1822 emigrated to America, bringing Mr. Woodward's mother with them. They settled first at Hector, Tompkins Co., N.Y., where his mother died; thence to Ithaca, N.Y., and later to Galesburg, Ill., where he died May 13, 1859. His wife died Jan. 29, 1867 at Beloit, Wis., in the home of her son-in-law Benjamin Durham. They had nine children, born as follows;

At Bovey Tracy, Devonshire, England.

Benjamin, born Feb. 11, 1811; married Amanda Hargin.

Elizabeth, born June 10, 1813; married Benjamin Durham.

Esther, born July 13, 1815; married Henry Woodward (a cousin).

At Charlton Mackerel, Somerset, England.

Anna Maria, born Dec. 5, 1816; married a Mr. Copley.

Judith, born Sept. 13, 1819; married Dr. Milo Blakeslee.

At Parish of St. George, East London, England.

Jane, born Apr. 20, 1822; married Sheldon Peck.

At Hector, Tompkins Co., N.Y.

Lucy, born Aug. 17, 1824; married Rev. Bigelow.

George Henry, born May 12, 1827; married Mary Hollister.

At Ithaca, N.Y.

Lovedy Sarah, born May 3, 1829; married a Mr. Kale.

Elizabeth Woodward, daughter of Henry T. and Lovedy S.P.(Grant)

Woodward, was born June 10, 1813 at Bovey Tracy, Devonshire, England.

At the age of nine she came to America with her parents. On Oct. 9, 1833 she married Benjamin Durham at Ithaca, N.Y. He was born Aug. 6, 1795 at Chemung, N.Y., son of John and Pruella (Whitney) Durham. She died in Oak Park, Ill., Apr. 2, 1890. (See Durham records.)

#### GRANT.

Dr. John Grant, son of Arch Deacon Grant of Exeter, had five children as follows;

Elizabeth, married Benjamin Woodward. (See Woodward records)

George, a physician of St. Austle, Cornwall; had six children,-

George, John, Lucy, Walter, Eliza, and Lovedy. (See Woodward records for Lovedy's marriage to Henry T. Woodward)

Edward, a merchant of Manchester, Eng., and a member of the court of George the Third.

William, a captain in the 19th. British Infantry under Wellington in India.

John, a clergyman of Dunleavy, near Dublin, Ireland.



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Chapter V.

John Watkins Durham

of Big Flats, N.Y.



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JOHN WATKINS DURHAM, son of John and Pruella (Whitney) Durham, was born at Chemung, N.Y., Jan. 23, 1797. In his youth he worked as a silversmith at Tunkhannock, Pa., hammering silver spoons into shape by hand. He married first Elizabeth, and second Polly Beckwith, sisters of Elmira, N.Y. He lived as a farmer and surveyor at Chemung, where a son was born <sup>to</sup> by one of the Beckwith girls. Evidently they both died as we next hear of him as purchasing a farm at Big Flats, N.Y. in 1831, and soon after marrying a third wife.

On                      , he married Elizabeth Reynolds, who was born July 21, 1801 at Williamstown, Pa., daughter of David R. and Sarah Reynolds. Two children were born to them at Big Flats. He died in 1861, and his wife Elizabeth on May 21, 1896 at Fordham, N.Y. at the home of her son Charles. Both are buried in the yard of the Big Flats Presbyterian Church of which they were members.

His children were;

Benjamin F., born Nov. 23, 1827; see record.

Caroline Virginia, born Apr. 16, 1837; died May 17, 1838.

Charles Alpha Reynolds, born July 10, 1840; see record.

BENJAMIN F. DURHAM, son of John W. and Elizabeth or Polly (Beckwith) Durham, was born Nov. 23, 1827 at Chemung, N.Y. His father purchased a farm for him at Niles, Mich. where he made his home.

On Mar. 20, 1855 he married Esther J. Beauchamp, who was born Apr. 24, 1835, daughter of Manlove C. and Mary (Wallon) Beauchamp of Edwardsburg, Mich. His wife Esther died Jan. 22, 1858 without issue, and late in the same year he married her sister, Marjan S. Beauchamp, who was born Aug. 1, 1840, and who bore him a daughter.

When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in Oct. 1861 in the 12th. Mich. Inf. as 3rd. Serg't, Co. A., but on Apr. 1, 1862 was promoted to Commissary Serg't in the Quartermasters Dept. Soon after the battle of Shiloh he was taken with typhoid fever and removed to Benton Barracks Hospital, near St. Louis, where he died May 25, 1862, and there lies buried.

After his death, his widow returned with her baby to live with her father at Edwardsburg, Mich., where she engaged in dressmaking. In later years she removed to Oakland, Cal., where her daughter secured employment and cared for her mother until her death.

He had one child; .

Mary Esther, born Aug. 15, 1859; see record.

CHARLES ALPHA REYNOLDS DURHAM, son of John W. and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Durham, was born July 10, 1840 at Big Flats, N.Y. Until his father's death in 1861 he lived at home, helping on the farm and attending Elmira and Dickinson Seminaries. After his father died he removed with his mother to Elmira, later to Philadelphia, and in 1868 to New York City, during which time he was engaged in the law and collection business.

On Feb. 21, 1870 he married Sarah J. Noe in New York City. She was born Jan. 1, 1845, daughter of James Q. and Mary E. (Dayton) Noe, and grand-daughter of Gen. Elias Dayton of Revolutionary War fame, an intimate friend of Gen. Washington. After his marriage Mr. Durham entered the real estate business in New York City, making his home in Fordham, one of the suburbs, where his mother died in 1896.

In 1907 they removed to Roselle, N.J. where they joined the Roselle Park Methodist Church. She died , at Roselle and on July 12, 1917 he entered the M.E. Church Home in New York where he died on May 30, 1920. They had no children.



Benjamin Durham Line.

	Edward B.		
Benjamin	William C.	George B.	Martha E. George B. Priscilla R.
		Dorothy M. mar. Russell	Caroline M. John J. Marjorie
Henry	Benjamin L.	John R.	Robert E. Carolyn R.
	John B.	Helen	
	Caroline E.	Helen mar. Sanborn	Dorothy E. Frank D.
James	Henry J.	Henry J.	
	Charles R.		
Elizabeth mar. Mead	Nehemiah P.		
Sophia	Nellie T.		
Albert	Ralph H.	Dorothy N. John A. Ruth A.	
	Robert P		
Benjamin	John B. Elizabeth A. Lillian M. mar. VanMeter	Elizabeth J. John B. John Elizabeth L.	
Maria mar. Merrill	David B.	David T. Nancy J. Joan	
	Grayson	Grayson Elizabeth E.	
	Marguerite W. mar. Richardson	Mary W. Clark Jean	
Lucy		John C. Winifred E. Jean D.	
	Winifred E. mar. Potter		
Theron	Edith G. mar. Carpenter Margaret M. Elizabeth W. mar. Allenson	Elizabeth D. Carolyn N. Douglas R. Robert D.	
	Kate E. Robert T.		
Ellen mar. Ainslie	Charles A.	John D. Elizabeth F. Glen E.	



Benjamin Durham Line.

	{ Edward B.		
{ Benjamin	{	{ George B.	{ Martha E.
	{ William C.		{ George B.
		{ Dorothy M.	{ Priscilla R.
		{ mar. Russell	
	{ Benjamin L.		{ Caroline M.
Henry	{ John B.	{ John R.	{ John J.
	{ Caroline E.	{ Helen	{ Marjorie
			{ Robert E.
James	{ Henry J.	{ Helen	{ Carolyn R.
	{ Charles R.	{ mar. Sanborn	
Elizabeth		{ Henry J.	{ Dorothy E.
mar. Mead	Nehemiah P.		{ Frank D.
Sophia			
	{ Nellie T.		
Albert	{ Ralph H.	{ Dorothy N.	
		{ John A.	
	{ Robert P	{ Ruth A.	
Benjamin	{ John B.	{ Elizabeth J.	
	{ Elizabeth A.	{ John B.	
	{ Lillian M.		
	{ mar. VanMeter	{ John	
		{ Elizabeth L.	
Maria			
mar. Merrill	{ David B.	{ David T.	
		{ Nancy J.	
		{ Joan	
	{ Grayson	{ Grayson	
		{ Elizabeth E.	
	{ Marguerite W.	{ Mary W.	
	{ mar. Richardson	{ Clark	
Lucy		{ Jean	
	{ Winifred E.	{ John C.	
	{ mar. Potter	{ Winifred E.	
		{ Jean D.	
Theron	{ Edith G.	{ Elizabeth D.	
	{ mar. Carpenter	{ Carolyn N.	
	{ Margaret M.		
	{ Elizabeth W.	{ Douglas R.	
	{ mar. Allenson	{ Robert D.	
Ellen	{ Kate E.		
mar. Ainslie	{ Robert T.	{ John D.	
	{ Charles A.	{ Elizabeth F.	
		{ Glen E.	



MARY ESTHER DURHAM, daughter of Benjamin F. and Marjan S. (Beau-  
champ) Durham, was born Aug. 15, 1859, at Niles, Mich. While she was  
still an infant, her father died in the Civil War and her mother re-  
turned to the home of her parents in Edwardsburg, Mich. Here she  
received her education



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Chapter VI.

James Durham of Benton Center, N.Y.  
and his family.





James Durham Line.

James	Thomas M. unmarried.	Henry	
		Arthur	Rocelia
	Henry C.	Grace E. mar. Decker	Russell H. Donald E. Goldie L. Melvin W. Carolyn R. Arlene E.
		Goldie M. mar. Abel	
	Thomas M.	Ella M. mar. Ackerson	Verne M. Harold Dorothy Louise M.
		Cady B.	Patricia M. John T. Kenneth P. James E.
		John L.	
		Lula S. mar. Harris	Florence L. mar. Seaman
			Judson Frank William
		Minnie J. mar. Coates	Josephine mar. Whitmore
	Elizabeth R. mar. Coates	Howard C.	Hugh Earl Olive M. Rachel A. Robert C.
	Mary N. mar. Crosby	No issue.	
	Harriet H. mar. Ansley	No issue.	
	Sophia E. unmarried.	No issue.	
		Nellie I. mar. Briggs	Frederick Esther
	Ella M. mar. Rose	Edward D. Fred H. George D.	



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Chapter VI.

JAMES DURHAM, son of John and Prueella (Whitney) Durham, was born July 31, 1800 at Elmira, N.Y. As a fifteen year old boy he served as post-rider, carrying the mail on horseback forty miles up the Chemung River valley to Corning and Bath. He learned the printers trade and later established and edited the Elmira Whig.

On Sept. 13, 1827 he married Sophia De La Barr, who was born Apr. 3, 1806<sup>in Elmira,</sup> but of whom no further record has been found. In 1828 he was ordained as a Methodist preacher with his first charge at Alexander. In subsequent years he served churches in Clarence, Middleport, Medina, Lyndenville, Trumansburg, Pike, North Chili, Parma Center, Benton Center, Hopewell Center, and Branchport, beside serving as Presiding Elder of Cattaraugus District for four years.

He was superannuated in 1852 and upon retirement, bought a home in Benton Center, N.Y. where he served as Justice of Peace in his later years. He died Mar. 2, 1861 and his wife on Aug. 7, 1863. They were both buried at Benton Center.

They had nine children as follows;

Guy Perry, born Elmira, July 8, 1828; died Oct. 28, 1829.

Thomas Maxwell, born Alexander, Aug. 24, 1831; see record.

Elizabeth Robinson, born Middleport, Apr. 11, 1833; see record.

Mary Northam, born Medina, July 24, 1835; see record.

Harriet Houghton, born Medina, June 18, 1837; see record.

Sophia Emily, born Trumansburg, Oct. 16, 1839; see record.

Guy Perry, born Trumansburg, July 20, 1841; died Nov. 29, 1844.

Henry Clay, born Trumansburg, Nov. 29, 1843; died Mar. 4, 1847.

Ella Maria, born Parma, Oct. 6, 1846; see record.

THOMAS MAXWELL DURHAM, son of James and Sophia (De La Barr) Durham, was born Aug. 24, 1831 at Alexander, Genesee Co., N.Y., and was named for Thomas Maxwell of Elmira, a warm friend of his father. He received his education in the local schools and during two years in Lima Seminary.

At the age of twenty he went to sea in the bark Eugenia, a whaler of New Bedford. Seven days out they took a sperm whale that tried out ninety-eight barrels of oil that was shipped home and brought seventy cents a gallon. They cruised along the east coast of Africa, crossed to Brazil, and so on down around Cape Horn. He left the Eugenia in Peru and shipped on the packet Iowa, which was wrecked at San Antonio, Chili, in March of 1853. He then signed up on the U.S. Frigate St. Lawrence, which sailed to San Francisco where she received orders to proceed to Acapulco, Mexico, to see that justice was done to the captain and crew of an American schooner. They sailed into port with all hands to quarters, all fifty guns double shotted, and brought the Mexican governor to terms in less than two hours. From there they cruised down the west coast, joined part of Perry's Japan fleet at Valpariso, and in the spring of 1855 sailed for home.

After two years on freight boats on the Great Lakes, he again shipped as seaman in the U.S. Navy and was sent aboard the steam frigate Minnesota, which sailed July 1, 1857 for China, via Cape Town, and after a terrific typhoon reached Hong Kong in eighty-seven days. They visited the ports of China, Japan, the Philippines, the East Indies, and India, and returned to Boston in June of 1859.

Upon arriving at Benton Center he found his parents in poor health and desirous that he should stay at home. So he purchased a blacksmith shop and on Oct. 27, 1861, married Rachel Ann Lovejoy, who was born Dec. 11, 1843, daughter of John W. and Margaret (Hoose) Lovejoy.

When the Civil War broke out, Thomas enlisted as able seaman at

the New York Navy Yard and was assigned to the steamer Notwich, which sailed Sept. 1, 1862 to join the blockade squadron off Charleston, S.C. His ship was on duty along the coast as far as the St. Johns River until the fall of 1864, when he was discharged with the rank of Acting Masters Mate.

Returning to his trade he continued to reside at Benton Center until, in 1870, they removed to Seneca Falls. In 1891 they went to Elmira to enable their boys to learn the machinist trade, and later made their home in Penn Yan, N.Y., where his wife died Mar. 10, 1917 and he on Mar. 25, 1918.

They had twelve children as follows;

Margaret Sophia, born Sept. 15, 1862; died Apr. 21, 1869.

Thomas Maxwell, Jr., born Oct. 21, 1865; see record.

Henry Crosby, born May 18, 1867; see record.

Mary Emma, born Mar. 4, 1869; died Dec. 15, 1879.

Ella Maria, born Dec. 23, 1870; see record.

Cady Burt, born Dec. 21, 1872; see record.

John Lovejoy, born Aug. 5, 1875; see record.

ClaravKate, born Nov. 18, 1877; died Dec. 15, 1879.

Lula Seekell, born Oct. 10, 1879; see record.

Minnie Johnson, born Feb. 17, 1882; see record.

George Fagley, born Jan. 26, 1884; died Feb. 10, 1884.

Marshall Guion, born Aug. 26, 1885; died Nov. 21, 1885.

ELIZABETH ROBINSON DURHAM, daughter of James and Sophia (De La Barr) Durham, was born Apr. 11, 1833 at Middleport, Niagara Co., N.Y. On Jan. 5, 1873 she married Aaron B. Coates. They lived at Seneca Falls, N.Y., where she died May 5, 1880 without issue.

MARY NOETHAM DURHAM, daughter of James and Sophia (De La Barr) Durham, was born July 24, 1835 at Medina, Orleans Co., N.Y. On Dec. 17, 1862 she married Alfred Crosby. They lived at Benton, N.Y. where she died Mar. 26, 1888 without issue.

HARRIET HOUGHTON DURHAM, daughter of James and Sophia (De La Barr) Durham, was born June 18, 1837 at Medina, Orleans Co., N.Y. On Aug. 31, 1861 she married James T. Ansley. She died Feb. 28, 1862 without issue.

SOPHIA EMILY DURHAM, daughter of James and Sophia (De La Barr) Durham, was born Oct. 16, 1839 at Trumansburg, Tompkins Co., N.Y. She was unmarried, living at home with her parents. She died Oct. 6, 1865 at Benton Center, N.Y.

ELLA MARIA DURHAM, daughter of James and Sophia (De La Barr) Durham, was born Oct. 6, 1846 at Parma, Monroe Co., N.Y. She was educated at Penn Yan Academy and took special lessons in book-keeping and music. She was known as a very beautiful girl from her glorious head of golden hair. On June 26, 1873 she married Milton M. Rose, who was born Nov. 11, 1844 at Penn Yan, son of Alfred and Minerva (Hall) Rose. He owned considerable land, including a large and profitable sand bank. They were both members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Penn Yan. She died Mar. 7, 1918 and he on May 22, 1923. They had five children, all born at Penn Yan as follows;

Nellie Isabel Rose, born Sept. 5, 1874; married Mar. 7, 1906, Frederick F. Briggs, son of John M. and Esther (De La Noy) Briggs; he was a New York Life Insurance Co. agent; they had two children, Frederick and Esther; she died Nov. 20, 1938.

Edward Durham Rose, born July 25, 1876; lived at home unmarried;

employed as a cashier; died Jan. 23, 1927.

Fred Hall Rose, born Nov. 12, 1877; in the U.S. Army for fourteen years; saw service on the Mexican border and in the Philippines; married Aug. 15, 1928, Eva Hart, daughter of Charles H. and Charlotte E. (Wines) Hart of Penn Yan; living in 1940, in the old homestead and continuing his father's business in sand and gravel; no children.

George Durham Rose, born Sept. 15, 1834; married Mar. 12, 1912, Bessie Roberts, daughter of Thomas C. and Martha M. (McNeal) Roberts of Coffeyville, Kans.; he was in the taxi business and was killed in an auto accident, Nov. 11, 1923; one child, Charles R.

Charlie Hall Rose, born July 10, 1887; died Dec. 28, 1892.

THOMAS MAXWELL DURHAM, JR., son of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born Oct. 21, 1865 at Benton Center, N.Y. He was a high school graduate, a teamster and blacksmith, living unmarried at home with his parents. He died Mar. 11, 1908 in Penn Yan, N.Y.

HENRY CROSBY DURHAM, son of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born May 18, 1867 at Benton Center, N.Y. He received his education in the local schools and graduated from Seneca Falls High.

On Nov. 3, 1888 he married Lettie A. Smith, who was born Oct. 4, 1865, daughter of John and Lettie (Hicks) Smith of Watkins, N.Y. They lived in Elmira where he was employed as a decorator, but separated prior to 1900. She died June 26, 1922.

They had two children;

Henry, born Dec. 3, 1890; see record.

Arthur, born Nov. 10, 1893; see record.

On July 2, 1901 he married Caroline M. Ayers at Tyrone, Pa. She was born Aug. 28, 1877, daughter of David A. and Susan E. (Confer)

Ayers of Logantown, Pa. He continued his trade as decorator, working in Altoona, where he died Nov. 24, 1934. His wife Caroline was living in 1940 with her daughter Goldie in Philadelphia.

They had two children;

Grace Esther, born June 26, 1902; see record.

Goldie Minnie, born Dec. 9, 1907; see record.

ELLA MARIA DURHAM, daughter of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born Dec. 23, 1870 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. She was educated in the local grade and high schools.

On Feb. 28, 1894 she married John E. Ackerson in Elmira. He was born June 30, 1869 at Hall, N.Y., son of John W. and Nancy (Earley) Ackerson. His business is that of a decorator in Elmira, where they made their home. She died June 16, 1939. Mr. Ackerson was living, in 1940, at 711 Laurel St., Elmira.

They had two children;

Verne M. Ackerson, born July 17, 1895 at Bellona, N.Y.; received a grammar school education; employed as a chauffeur; married Feb. 28, 1918, Elizabeth L. Paris, daughter of Tyler and Georgia (Ainsworth) Paris of Branchport, N.Y.; have two children, Patricia M. and John T.

Harold Ackerson, born Apr. 12, 1913; at Penn Yan, N.Y.; received his education in the grammar and high school grades; a musician by vocation; married May 29, 1934, Luva L. Rouse, daughter of Jesse J. and Stella E. (Spencer) Rouse of Elmira, N.Y.; have two children, Kenneth P. and James E.

CADY BURT DURHAM, son of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born Dec. 31, 1872 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. He graduated from Seneca Falls High School and learned the machinist trade in Elmira.

On Feb. 7, 1897 he married Pearl Martin in Elmira. She was born



, daughter of Martin of Kettleville,  
 N.Y. They made their home in Seneca Falls until 1909 when they removed to Flint, Mich., Mr. Durham having secured employment with the Buick Company. He continued his connection with the Buick plant until his retirement in 1930, having worked up through the ranks to the position of General Manager. He died May 10, 1932 at their winter home in Miami, Fla. His wife was living, in 1940, at 1018 Shore Drive, Flint, Mich., but spends the winter months in Florida.

They had two children born in Seneca Falls;

Dorothy, born Dec. 12, 1899; died May 7, 1929, aged 30.

Louise Martin, born Jan. 24, 1906; married a Mr. Niccolette in 1938 and went to California.

JOHN LOVEJOY DURHAM, son of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born Aug. 5, 1875 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. He secured his education in the Seneca Falls schools and accompanied his parents to Elmira where he learned the machinist trade.

On July 2, 1901 he married Eva Battersby, who was born daughter of Patrick Battersby of Elmira. He continued to work in local machine shops until about 1910 when he followed his brother Cady to Flint, Mich. and secured employment with the Buick Co. They are now living, in 1940, at 529 Stockdale St., Flint. They have no children.

LULA SEEKELL DURHAM, daughter of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born Oct. 10, 1879 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. She attended the local grade schools and graduated from Elmira High School.

On Dec. 16, 1896 she married Joseph W. Harris, who was born July 26, 1873 at Philipsburg, Pa., son of Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Rowe) Harris. For forty-five years he served the Pennsylvania Railroad in various

capacities, being an engineer for thirty-four years prior to his retirement in 1938. They are now living, in 1940, at 378 Baty St., Elmira, N.Y.

They had four children, as follows;

Florence L. Harris, born Mar. 20, 1898; educated in grammar and high school grades; on Sept. 23, 1915, married Frank P. Seaman, son of Frank P. and Mary (Beckwith) Seaman; he is a master painter for the Penn. R.R.; have three children, Judson, Frank and William.

Rachel E. Harris, born Feb. 3, 1902; died at birth.

Josephine E. Harris, born Sept. 25, 1904; educated in grammar and high school grades; on Apr. 29, 1924, married Earl L. Whitmore, son of William and Grace (London) Whitmore; he is a guard at the Elmira Reformatory; they have two children, Hugh and Earl.

Margaret H. Harris, born July 3, 1906; died Dec. 17, 1908.

MARIE JOHNSON DURHAM, daughter of Thomas M. and Rachel (Lovejoy) Durham, was born Feb. 17, 1882 at Seneca Falls, N.Y. She was educated in the local grade schools and graduated from Elmira High School.

On Feb. 22, 1903 she married Charles R. Coates, who was born May 7, 1873, son of Robert M. and Diana (Fussy) Coates. He is a horticulturist, owning a farm located on Kenka Lake, Yates Co., N.Y. Their place includes thirty-four acres of vineyard, from which their 1939 crop of grapes totaled nearly one hundred tons. Their post-office address is Route 5, Penn Yan, N.Y.

They have one child;

Howard C. Coates, born Nov. 17, 1903; grew up on the farm which occupation he still follows; on Aug. 31, 1927, married Genevieve Hopkins, daughter of David and Olive (Truax) Hopkins of Gorham, N.Y.; they have three children, Olive M., Rachel A., and Robert C.

HENRY DURHAM, son of Henry C. and Lettie A. (Smith) Durham, was born Dec. 3, 1890 at Elmira, N.Y. He received his education in the local grammar school.

On June 14, 1914 he married Mabel Nurse, who was born Apr. 8, 1895, daughter of Luman and Elenora (Crandal) Nurse of Elmira. He is a printing pressman by trade. They are now living, in 1940, at 4122 N.E. Grand Ave., Portland, Ore. They have no children.

ARTHUR DURHAM, son of Henry C. and Lettie A. (Smith) Durham, was born Nov. 10, 1893 at Elmira, N.Y., where he grew up and attended the local grammar school.

On Nov. 19, 1912 he married Frances Bennett, who was born Aug. 31, 1895, daughter of Harry and Sara (Bailey) Bennett of Elmira. He is a deliveryman for a large Elmira dairy. They are now living, in 1940, on Route 5, Horseheads, N.Y.

They have one child;

Rocelia, born Mar. 7, 1921.

GRACE ESTHER DURHAM, daughter of Henry C. and Caroline M. (Ayers) Durham, was born June 26, 1902 at Bellwood, Pa. She received her education in the local schools.

On Oct. 24, 1922 she married Walter G. Decker, who was born July 6, 1897 in Center Co., Pa., son of Harry A. and Jenny P. (Hawk) Decker. He is employed as a car inspector by the Pennsylvania Railroad. They are now living, in 1940, at 708 North 6th. St., Bellwood, Pa.

They have six children, as follows;

Russell H. Decker, born Oct. 22, 1923 at Juniata, Pa.

Donald E. Decker, born June 1, 1927 at Tyrone, Pa.

Goldie L. Decker, born Nov. 4, 1929 at Altoona, Pa.

Melvin W. Decker, born Apr. 4, 1932 at Altoona, Pa.

Calolyn R. Decker, born Jan. 28, 1934 at Altoona, Pa.

Arlene E. Decker, born July 21, 1937 at Bellwood, Pa.

GOLDIE MINNIE DURHAM, daughter of Henry C. and Caroline M. (Ayers) Durham, was born Dec. 9, 1907 at Juniata, Pa. She received her education in the local schools and graduated from Mt. Sinai Hospital in Philadelphia.

On Mar. 10, 1930 she married Joseph H. Abel, who was born Mar. 24, 1901, son of Albert S. and Frances (Ansart) Abel of Philadelphia. He is an officer on the Philadelphia Police Force. They have no children.

New York Family of Durham.

Chapter VII

Alpha Durham of Tunkhannock, Pa.  
and his descendants.

With notes on the ancestry of his wife  
Elizabeth Brown Riggs.



Alpha Durham Line  
including mature children only.

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		<div>Elizabeth D. Lord</div> <div>1st. mar. Couch</div> <div>2nd. mar. Souder</div>	<div>Harriet L. Couch</div>
	<div>Harriet R.</div> <div>mar. Lord</div>	<div>Caleb W. Lord</div>	<div>James Lord</div> <div>Wheeler Lord</div>
		<div>Lucy D. Lord</div> <div>mar. Smith</div>	
		<div>Helen</div> <div>mar. Heckman</div>	
		<div>John M.</div>	
Alpha	<div>Albert R.</div>	<div>Marian</div> <div>mar. Deelman</div>	<div>Jan L. Deelman</div>
		<div>Donald B.</div>	<div>Albert R.</div> <div>Marianne</div>
		<div>Henry W.</div>	<div>Elizabeth T.</div>
			<div>Carol</div> <div>mar. Plumb</div>
	<div>Caleb W.</div>	<div>Leicester</div>	<div>Richard H.</div>
			<div>John D.</div>
			<div>Sarah W.</div>
		<div>Roger</div>	<div>Roger</div>
			<div>Helen C.</div> <div>mar. Scott</div>
		<div>Knowlton</div>	





## New York Family of Durham.

### Chapter VII

ALPHA DURHAM, son of John and Prueella (Whitney) Durham, was born Mar. 21, 1805 at Elmira, N.Y. As a young man he assisted his brothers in rafting logs down the Susquehanna River and later, in partnership with his elder brother Benjamin, opened a general country store in Tunkhannock, Pa.

On Apr. 27, 1829 he married Jane Whipple, who was born Oct. 8, 1809 at Greenwich, N.Y., daughter of William and Sarah (Adams) Whipple, and grand-daughter of Job Whipple, a Connecticut Quaker, prominent in colonial history. Jane died May 7, 1833.

They had two children;

Benjamin, born June 15, 1830; see record.

Sarah, born Apr. 20, 1832; died Nov. 8, 1832.

On Apr. 16, 1834 Mr. Durham married Louisa C. Parke, who was born May 12, 1809, daughter of Thomas and Eunice C. Parke of Parkevale, Pa. She died Mar. 26, 1835, soon after giving birth to a daughter;

Helen Jane, born Jan. 24, 1835; died May 19, 1835.

In spite of his repeated disappointments, Mr. Durham married a third wife, Elizabeth Brown Riggs, on Jan. 19, 1837. She was born Jan. 19, 1816, daughter of Silas and Harriet (Rose) Riggs of Succasunna, N.J., and neice of Dr. Elias Riggs, the great missionary translator of the Bible. Mr. Durham is recorded in the minutes of the Tunkhannock Presbyterian Church as a charter member and his wife Elizabeth was enrolled Feb. 19, 1837, one month after their marriage which took place on her twenty-first birthday.

With the discovery of gold in California, Mr. Durham went to the Pacific coast to engage in outfitting the miners, in which he was moderately successful, but was forced to return because of ill health.

After Mr. Durham's death, his wife removed with her three young children to Reading, Pa., where the children received their schooling and grew to maturity. The last years of her life were spent chiefly in the home of her daughter Harriet Lord in Lebanon, Pa., where she died May 19, 1895.

They had five children as follows;

William Jessup, born Sept. 24, 1838; died Aug. 22, 1840.

Harriet Rose, born Aug. 16, 1840; see record.

Albert Riggs, born May 16, 1842; see record.

Charles Warren, born Mar. 19, 1846; died May 10, 1847.

Caleb Wheeler, born Feb. 6, 1848; see record.

BENJAMIN DURHAM, son of Alpha and Jane (Whipple) Durham, was born June 15, 1830 at Tunkhannock, Pa. He grew to be a man of fine character, high in Masonic circles. He died unmarried about 1870 in San Francisco on his way home from Honolulu.

HARRIET ROSE DURHAM, daughter of Alpha and Elizabeth (Riggs) Durham, was born Aug. 16, 1840 at Tunkhannock, Pa. When about thirteen years of age she removed with her mother to Reading, Pa., where she finished the common school grades. She received her higher education at Linden Hall Seminary, a Moravian school at Lititz, Pa.

She married James Lord, Oct. 28, 1869, at Reading. He was born May 18, 1844, in Camden, Del., son of James and Martha (Lockwood) Lord. They lived awhile in Camden and Reading, but in 1880 removed to Lebanon, Pa., where Mr. Lord had founded the Pennsylvania Bolt & Nut Works. This company was later reorganized as the American Iron & Steel Co., of which he became president.

Mrs. Lord was a very beautiful woman in both face and character.

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She early joined the First Presbyterian Church of Reading and taught a class of boys in the Sunday School. During the summers she also taught boys at Ocean Grove and later formed and taught a Bible class for women in the Fourth St. Presbyterian Church of Lebanon, continuing this work until her death, Mar. 17, 1910. Mr. Lord died Apr. 22, 1923.

They had three children as follows;

Elizabeth Durham Lord, born Aug. 4, 1870 at Camden, Del.; educated in private schools; married 1st., Sept. 27, 1887, Albert Couch, who was born Feb. 3, 1852, son of Franklin and Sarah Couch he was a New York broker; they had one child, Harriet L., born July 3, 1888; Mr. Couch died Aug. 3, 1893. Married 2nd., Jan. 21, 1909, Harrison Souder, who was born Oct. 28, 1870, son of Stephen and Bertha (Vetterlein) Souder of Philadelphia; he was a civil and mining engineer; he died at their summer home in Duxbury, Mass., May 31, 1938; Mrs. Souder was living in 1940 in Ridgewood, N.J., at Longmeadow, Paramus Road.

Caleb Wheeler Lord, born Mar. 6, 1872 at Reading, Pa.; educated at Princeton and Lehigh Universities; married June 16, 1897, Josephine Chapman, who was born , 1876, daughter of William and Emily (Carey) Chapman of Bethlehem, Pa.; he was associated with the Plate Washer Co. of Nicetown, Pa. as a mechanical engineer; they had two children, James born Apr. 4, 1901, and Wheeler born Mar. 11, 1905;

Lucy Lockwood Lord, born Feb. 23, 1874 at Reading, Pa.; educated in private schools with emphasis on the artistic; she married, Apr. 27, 1920, Augustine Coleman Smith, who was born May 20, 1864, son of Granville B. and Margaret C. (Dickinson) Smith of New York City; he was a lawyer and interested in real estate; he died June 15, 1928; Mrs. Smith was living in 1940 at

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ALBERT RIGGS DURHAM, son of Alpha and Elizabeth (Riggs) Durham, was born May 16, 1842 at Tunkhannock, Pa. After his father's death in 1852, his mother removed to Reading, Pa., where Albert received most of his education, graduating from High School in 1860 at the head of his class. He early joined the First Presbyterian Church of Reading and sang in its choir, of which he was leader for many years. During the Civil War he served as a private in the 11th. and 42nd. Pennsylvania Regiments, but experienced little active service.

On Feb. 9, 1869 he married Sarah Ann McCurdy in Reading. She was born Mar. 13, 1839, at Fairfield, Pa., daughter of John King and Elizabeth (McGinley) McCurdy. Mr. Durham was immediately taken into partnership in the drug business under the firm name of McCurdy & Durham, which name was retained during his lifetime.

For many years he was librarian of the local library and was the moving spirit in the effort to pay off its indebtedness and present it to the city, which was finally accomplished in 1898. He then became the first librarian of the Reading Public Library, serving until his death on Mar. 21, 1907. His wife made her home with her daughters until her death, Feb. 25, 1914.

They had eight children, all born in Reading, as follows;

Helen, born a twin, Nov. 4, 1869; see record.

Annie Blythe, " " " ; died July 12, 1870.

John McCurdy, born Mar. 8, 1871; see record.

Sally McCurdy, born Mar. 13, 1873; died Feb. 10, 1876.

Elizabeth Riggs, born Jan. 27, 1875; died Dec. 27, 1875.

Caroline Rose, born Aug. 1, 1877; died Mar. 26, 1892.

Marian, born Oct. 17, 1880; see record.

Donald Blythe, born July 14, 1883; see record.

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CALEB WHEELER DURHAM, son of Alpha and Elizabeth (Riggs) Durham, was born Feb. 6, 1848 at Tunkhannock, Pa. When a small boy he removed with his mother to Reading, Pa., where he received his grade and high school education. He served in the Civil War as a private in the 42nd. and 195th. Pennsylvania Regiments while still a boy.

He prepared for college at Williston Academy, Easthampton, Mass., entered the course in <sup>civil</sup> engineering at the University of Michigan, ~~and graduated in 1869 with the degree of C.E.~~ <sup>left college without taking his degree</sup> He engaged in railroad work, first with the New York Central and later as one of the engineers in charge of location and constuction of the Texas & Pacific and other western roads.

On May 28, 1873 he married Clarissa Safford Welles at Ann Arbor, Mich. She was born Nov. 6, 1848, daughter of Henry W. and Susan (Safford) Welles, and grand-daughter of Rev. Noah Welles of Stamford, Conn., a noted patriot of the Revolutionary War.

They made their home in Chicago where Mr. Durham was frequently engaged as consulting engineer and in 1875 entered general practice as a Civil and Sanitary Engineer. He invented and manufactured an improved hot air furnace embodying the principles now recognized as essential, and also a system of hot air heating and ventilating.

In 1880 he patented the Durham system of house drainage, and in 1882 transferred his business to New York City under the name of the Durham House Drainage Co. He originated the modern threaded joint installation securing among other contracts, many large buildings and residences in New York, the entire drainage system of the Capitol at Washington, and that of the city of Pullman, Ill.

They lived for several years in Mount Vernon, N.Y., but later moved into New York City where his wife died May 14, 1907. After his wife's death he made his home with his son Leicester at Peekskill, N.Y. where

he died Mar. 2<sup>8</sup>, 1910.

They had four sons, all born in Chicago, as follows;

Henry Welles, born Sept. 15, 1874; see record.

Leicester, born May 4, 1877; see record.

Roger, born June 4, 1878; " "

Knowlton, born Aug. 29, 1880; " "

HELEN DURHAM, daughter of Albert R. and Sarah Ann (McCurdy) Durham, was born Nov. 4, 1869 at Reading, Pa. She was educated in the Reading schools, graduating from High School in 1887. She studied vocal music in Philadelphia and sang for several years in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church in Reading, of which she early became a member.

On Nov. 27, 1894 she married Frederic C. Heckman, a Reading salesman and later commercial traveler for the Gulf Refining Co. He was born Jan. 30, 1872 at Hanover, Ind., son of Rev. George C. and Josephine (Davis) Heckman. George C. Heckman, D.D., LL.D., previously president of Hanover College, was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Reading at the time of his son's marriage.

They lived in Reading until 1913 when they moved into the country at Wernersville, Pa., where she died Dec. 16, 1918. He died Sept. 3, 1937. They had no children.

JOHN McCURDY DURHAM, son of Albert R. and Sarah Ann (McCurdy) Durham, was born Mar. 8, 1871 at Reading, Pa. He was a graduate of Reading High School in 1888, and of Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1894.

He assisted his father in the drug business in Reading and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He had a good baritone voice and sang in several choirs, being devoted to music in its highest forms.

He died unmarried, Sept. 23, 1906, at the age of thirty-five.

MARIAN DURHAM, daughter of Albert R. and Sarah Ann (McCurdy) Durham, was born Oct. 17, 1880 at Reading, Pa. She graduated from Reading High School in 1897 and assisted her father in the Public Library until her marriage. She early joined the home church as had the rest of the family.

On Nov. 18, 1912 she married Teunis Deelman, a tobacco salesman. He was born Jan. 30, 1870 at Groningen, Holland, son of Ime H. and Eva S. Deelman. They made their home in Reading where they now reside in 1940.

They have one child;

Jan Laurens Deelman, born Oct. 5, 1913; attended public schools in Reading; graduated from Hamilton College in 1934 and from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1937; practicing law in Reading.

DONALD BLYTHE DURHAM, son of Albert R. and Sarah Ann (McCurdy) Durham was born July 14, 1883 at Reading, Pa.

He attended the Reading schools, graduating from Boy's High in 1900. He then entered the classical course at Princeton University where he won the Stinneck Scholarship in 1902, awarded on examination in Latin and Greek, and being the largest prize that Princeton offers. Upon graduation he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was given the degrees of A.B. in 1905 and A.M. in 1906. For three years he taught Greek, Latin and German in private schools, when he returned to Princeton as a Fellow in Classics, taking the degree of Ph.D. in 1911, and was retained by the University as an Instructor until 1915 when he was made Assistant Professor of Classics.

On June 27, 1911 he married Mary Darland Banta at Spencer, Ind. She was born Aug. 14, 1884 at Lebanon, Ind., daughter of Daniel B. and Mary S. (Heckman) Banta. Her mother's brother Frederic married Donald's sister Helen.

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In 1918 Dr. Durham began teaching at Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y., where he served as Asst. Professor of Greek and Latin until 1923, when he was made Professor, and in 1934 became Head of the Department of Greek. They were both members of the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton and took their letters to the Presbyterian Church of Clinton, where he has served as Elder and Clerk of Session. They are now living in 1940, in Clinton.

They have two children as follows;

Albert Riggs, born Feb. 21, 1914; see record.

Marianne, born Aug. 4, 1919; see record.

HENRY WELLES DURHAM, son of Caleb W. and Clarissa S. (Welles) Durham was born Sept. 15, 1874 at Chicago, Ill. He was educated in private schools in Mount Vernon and Chappaqua, N.Y., and in 1895 graduated from Columbia University, School of Mines, with the degree of C.E.

After graduation he was employed by the Rapid Transit Commission of New York and on the United States Geological Survey. During 1898-1900 he assisted in surveys in Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the Nicaragua Canal Commission, and during 1900-1904 was again connected with the New York rapid transit subway as assistant engineer in charge of constuction.

On Oct. 1, 1903 he married Josephine Belden Trowbridge at Hackensack, N.J. She was born May 18, 1874 in New York City, daughter of Alvah and Adaline (Green) Trowbridge. Her father was a prominent banker of New York, being Pres. of the American Bankers Assn. in 1900-01.

From 1904 to 1907 Mr. Durham was resident engineer in charge of designs and constuction of the waterworks, sewers and highways of the city of Panama and vicinity under the Isthmian Canal Commission. Upon return to the United States he was appointed resident engineer of the Cape Cod Canal in charge of surveys and location, and subsequently of



constuction of the canal until 1912, when he resigned to accept the position of chief engineer in charge of highways of the department of public works of New York City.

In 1913 he was appointed delegate to the third international road congress in London, and subsequently spent several months in the study of European methods of street maintenance as representative of New York.

His service in the World War began in 1917 with receipt of a commission as Captain of Engineers, succeeded by promotion to Major, in command of the 41st. Engineer battalion which went overseas early in 1918 and engaged in lumbering operations in the Marne valley. He was later transferred to the staff of Brig. Gen. Jadwin, under whom he had charge of road maintenance on all lines of communication in France, which during the Armistice period involved repairs to about seven thousand miles of French highways. He now holds a reserve commission as Lieut. Col.

From 1919 to 1936 his work mainly consisted of engineering constuction in Central and South America, including two years in Peru making plans for waterworks, sewers and roads; more than five years in Nicaragua on the installation of waterworks, sewers and paving in the city of Managua; and similar work in Guatemala, Columbia and Salvador.

From 1936-39 he was engaged as Engineer of Paving at the New York Worlds Fair, following which he went to Paraguay to lay out and supervise the constuction of roads on funds loaned by the United States. His wife and daughter have accompanied him on most of his travels, their present home, in 1940, being in Asuncion, Paraguay.

He is a member of the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church of New York, the 7th. Reg. Nat'l. Guards of the State of New York, and of several engineering and highway associations.

They have one child;

Elizabeth Trowbridge, born Dec. 9, 1911; see record.

LEICESTER DURHAM, son of Caleb W. and Clarissa S. (Welles) Durham, was born May 4, 1877 at Chicago, Ill. He was educated in private schools and in 1899 graduated from Columbia University, School of Engineering, with the degree of C.E.

During 1901-05 he was employed as assistant engineer on the New York rapid transit subway, and from 1905-14 on the Catskill aqueduct at Peekskill and New Paltz, N.Y.

On Oct. 11, 1911 he married Viola Ethel Hyde at Peekskill. She was born June 20, 1886 in Brooklyn, N.Y., daughter of Frank and Marguerite (Jones) Hyde. She was educated in private schools and a graduate of Yale University School of Fine Arts in 1910. Her father was of direct descent from the old English family of Hydes and for many years he held the world championship in long range rifle shooting.

In 1914 Mr. Durham became connected with the Bureau of Contract Supervision of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of New York City. When the World War demanded our men, he received a commission as Captain, but just before he was ordered overseas he fell on ice while drilling his company at night and injured his knee so badly he was unfit for active duty. He was made Personnel Officer of the 116th. Engineers and stationed at Angers, France.

After the war he returned to his position with the City of New York, Among other problems he designed the access and exit ramps to the West Side Elevated Highway and also the approaches to the George Washington Bridge, perfecting the former in a small model carved at home out of wood which was used as the basis of the final plans. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and of the Amer. Soc. of Civil Engineers;

They made their home in Scarsdale, N.Y. until 1921 when they removed to Pleasantville, N.Y., where he died Nov. 21, 1933. Mrs. Durham continues to live, in 1940, at 2 Roselle Ave., Pleasantville.

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They had four children as follows;

Carol, born Oct. 23, 1912; see record.

Richard Hyde, born May 27, 1915; see record.

John Dickinson, born Dec. 23, 1917; see record.

Sarah Welles, born May 20, 1920; see record.

ROGER DURHAM, son of Caleb W. and Clarissa S. (Welles) Durham, was born June 4, 1878 at Chicago, Ill. He was educated in private schools, graduated from Columbia University as A.B. in 1900, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1903 with the degree of M.D., after which he served as interne for two years at the Seney Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y.

On May 10, 1905 he married Helen Holman at Radnor, Pa. She was born in Indianapolis, July 24, 1878, daughter of John A. and Helen (Bowen) Holman. Her father was a Judge of the Indiana Supreme Court and her grandfather, Silas T. Bowen, was founder of the Bowen-Stewart Publishing Company, which later became the Bobbs-Merrill Company.

After his marriage Dr. Durham became a practicing physician in Brooklyn and the following year was appointed assistant surgeon at the Seney Hospital. In 1914 he began the practice of surgery and lived to achieve the post of Chief in the hospital he had served so long. He was a member of several medical societies, fellow of the American College of Surgeons since June 1914, and President of the Brooklyn Surgical Society in 1915-16. Both he and his wife were members of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, where he died Aug. 20, 1929. At present in 1940, Mrs. Durham is living with her daughter Helen at 1629 Westbrook Ave., Richmond, Va.

They had two children as follows;

Roger, born Jan. 16, 1908; see record.

Helen Clare, born Apr. 17, 1911; see record.

KNOWLTON DURHAM, son of Caleb W. and Clarissa S. (Welles) Durham, was born Aug. 29, 1880 at Chicago, Ill. He was educated in private schools and graduated from Columbia College as A.B. in 1901. In the following year he received his A.M. and in 1905 the degree of L.L.B. from Columbia University.

He received his early training in two of the large New York law offices and in 1914 formed a partnership which continued until December 31, 1928. When the firm was dissolved he continued alone in general practice and has been engaged therein until the present time, 1940.

In 1912 he enlisted in Squadron A Cavalry of the National Guard of New York and served with that organization on the Mexican Border in 1916. When the United States entered the World War in 1917, Squadron A was converted into the 105th. Machine Gun Battalion of the 27th. Division, in which organization he served throughout the war. He went overseas as a 2nd. Lieutenant and returned as Captain of Company C. Soon after the war he re-enlisted in the National Guard as Captain of a troop of cavalry and served until 1924, when he resigned and accepted a reserve commission as Major in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the United States Army, which commission he still holds.

On Sept. 26, 1925 he married Pauline Crook at Shreveport, La. She was born May 23, 1892, daughter of Robert L. and Bettie (Gaddis) Crook, <sup>of Chickasaw, Miss.</sup> She had previously married Philip F. Peck by whom she had a son Robert, born Jan. 25, 1915. Mr. Durham has educated his stepson at the Choate School and Yale University, from which he graduated in 193

Mr. Durham has been active in fraternity work and was one of the founders and first president of the Beta Theta Pi Club of New York. He is a member and an Elder of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York. His clubs include The University, Down Town Association, and Army and Navy Club of Washington, besides membership in several military orders. Mr. and Mrs. Durham live at 333 East 68th. Street, New York.

ALBERT RIGGS DURHAM, son of Donald B. and Mary D. (Banta) Durham, was born Feb. 21, 1914 at Trenton, N.J. He is a graduate of Kent School, Kent, Conn. and in 1939 received the degree of B.S. in accounting from Syracuse University.

MARIANNE DURHAM, daughter of Donald B. and Mary D. (Banta) Durham, was born Aug. 4, 1919 at Utica, N.Y. She graduated from Walnut Hill School, Natick, Mass. at the head of her class, and is now in 1940, a member of the class of '41 at Mount Holyoke College, where she is listed as a Sarah Williston Scholar with an average standing of 85 or better.

ELIZABETH TROWBRIDGE DURHAM, daughter of Henry W. and Josephine B. (Trowbridge) Durham, was born Dec. 9, 1911 at Sandwich, Mass. Her education was secured in Washington, D.C., in Peru and Nicaragua, and at the Cathedral School of St. Mary, Garden City, N.Y.

CAROL DURHAM, daughter of Leicester and Viola E. (Hyde) Durham, was born Oct. 23, 1912 at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She was educated in private schools and graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1934 as A.B.

On Aug. 6, 1938 she married Robert C. Plumb at Pleasantville, N.Y. He was born Oct. 22, 1914 at Stamford, N.Y., son of Robert H. and Bertha (Hall) Plumb, and great-grandson of Sylvanus H. Plumb, Surg. in Chief, N.Y. Vol., in the Civil War. His family traces its ancestry to John Plumbe, a wealthy ship owner of New London and personal friend of John Winthrop, first Governor of the Connecticut Colony.

Mr. Plumb, who graduated from Columbia College in 1936 with the degree of A.B., is in the employ of Ernst & Ernst, public accountants of New York City, and his wife is secretary to the president of the Scarsdale National Bank. They are now, in 1940, making their home in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y.

RICHARD HYDE DURHAM, son of Leicester and Viola E. (Hyde) Durham, was born May 27, 1915 at New York, N.Y. He graduated from Columbia College in 1937 with the degree of B.S. and is now, in 1940, employed in the New York office of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. of London. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

JOHN DICKINSON DURHAM, son of Leicester and Viola E. (Hyde) Durham, was born Dec. 23, 1917 at White Plains, N.Y. He attended Washington and Lee University and is now, in 1940, studying at Grand Central School of Art. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

SARAH WELLES DURHAM, daughter of Leicester and Viola E. (Hyde) Durham, was born May 20, 1920 at White Plains, N.Y. She attended Columbia Art School and is now, in 1940, studying at Grand Central School of Art.

ROGER DURHAM, son of Roger and Helen (Holman) Durham, was born Jan. 16, 1908 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was educated in private schools, graduating from St. James School, Hagerstown, Md. in 1925. He secured employment in several capacities including five years with the Equitable Life Ins. Co. of New York.

On May 14, 1932 he married Alice Swenson in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was born Dec. 6, 1911, daughter of Albin C. and Selma (Nelson) Swenson. She is employed in the New York office of the American Can Co. and at present, in 1940, they live at 218 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn.

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HELEN CLARE DURHAM, daughter of Roger and Helen (Holman) Durham, was born Apr. 17, 1911 in Brooklyn, N.Y. She attended Berkeley Institute in Brooklyn and then took a secretarial course at the Katherine Gibbs School in New York. After completing her education she secured a position in the New York office of the American Can Co.

On Sept. 17, 1938 she married William L. Scott at Radnor, Pa. He was born Aug. 13, 1911 at Cape Charlew, Va., son of William L. and Sarah (Ingram) Scott. He is employed by the American Can Co. as salesman in their Richmond, Va. office. They are now living, in 1940, at 1629 Westbrook Ave., Richmond.

## RIGGS

Lineage of Elizabeth ~~Brown Riggs~~, wife of  
Alpha Durham of Tunkhannock, Pa.

EDWARD RIGGS, born about 1590 in England, migrated to America in 1633 with his wife Elizabeth and six children. They landed in Boston and settled in the Roxbury section of the town. He was evidently a Puritan by faith and practice as he was made a freeman <sup>May 14,</sup> ~~in~~ 1634. His first wife died in <sup>Oct</sup> 1635, after which he married another Elizabeth who died without issue in 1669. He died <sup>Mar. 5, 1671</sup> ~~1669~~. His children by his first wife were Edward, Lydia, John, Elizabeth, Mary, and another daughter.

EDWARD RIGGS, son of Edward and Elizabeth Riggs, was born in England about 1614. When nineteen years of age he came to America with his parents. On Apr. 5, 1635 he married Elizabeth Roosa, daughter of a Boston family. In 1637 he served as a sergeant in the Pequot War. He removed his family to Milford, Conn. in 1640, and later joined with a party of pioneers in establishing a plantation at Derby, twelve miles north of Milford, on land purchased from the Indians. In 1665 he visited New Jersey with a scouting party in search of a desirable location on navigable water, and in 1667 joined in the settlement of a new plantation on the site of the present city of Newark. He died in 1668. His children who lived to maturity were Edward, Samuel, Joseph and Mary.

EDWARD RIGGS, son of Edward and Elizabeth (Roosa) Riggs, was born about 1636 in Roxbury, Mass. His wife's name was Mary whom he married probably at Derby, Conn. In 1667 he removed from there to the new settlement in New Jersey, he being listed in the agreement as one of the "planters" or original proprietors. He died about 1700. Their children were Anna, James, Mary, Edward, John, Joseph, Martha, Elizabeth, Samuel and Charity.



JOSEPH RIGGS, son of Edward and Mary Riggs, was born about 1675 at Newark, N.J. No reference can be found of his wife but we do find mention of him as active in the first church organization in Orange, N.J., where he died Sept. 11, 1744. His children were Josiah, Miles, Hannah, Mary, Benjamin, Gideon, Dinah, Zebulon, Joseph, Daniel and Sarah.

ZEBULON RIGGS, son of Joseph Riggs, was born Jan. 23, 1719 at Orange, N.J. His wife's name was Elizabeth. He inherited a farm at Mendham where they lived and were active in the Presbyterian Church. He died Dec. 12, 1780. Their children were Preserve, Experience, Elias and Sarah.

PRESERVE RIGGS, son of Zebulon and Elizabeth Riggs, was born about 1746 at Mendham, N.J. He married Puah Hudson in 1769 and became a prominent farmer and a churchman of high standing. He died Apr. 5, 1821. Their children were Elias, Mary, Hannah, Silas, Nancy, Sarah, Elizabeth and Eunice.

SILAS RIGGS, son of Preserve and Puah (Hudson) Riggs, was born July 14, 1779 at Mendham, N.J. On Sept. 28, 1803 he married Harriet Rose, who was born June 17, 1784 at Southampton, L.I., daughter of David and Mary (Rogers) Rose. He was a man of intelligence and influence; a farmer and tanner in Succasunna, N.J. He died June 5, 1847 and his wife died Oct. 16, 1853. Their children were Mary R., Nancy H., Jetur R., Albert R., Silas A., Elizabeth B., Edward H., Harriet R., Emma L. and Charles W.

ELIZABETH BROWN RIGGS, daughter of Silas and Harriet (Rose) Riggs, was born Jan. 19, 1816 at Succasunna, N.J. She married Alpha Durham, Jan. 19, 1837. Her father's brother Rev. Elias Riggs was a missionary in Turkey, and her cousin Rev. Stephen R. Riggs a missionary among the Sioux Indians, both of these gentlemen being noted for their translations of the Bible.

