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Genealogical History

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John Ludwig Kling

and

his Descendants

1755-1924

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**To the Descendants  
of  
John Ludwig Kling**

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## PREFACE

For fifteen years we have been engaged in compiling The Genealogical History of the New York branch of Klings. The utmost care has been exercised to secure historic accuracy, but absolute accuracy of the history of one's ancestors is not always obtainable after a century and a half has passed by. Much time spent in extended inquiry, in tracing the descendants of the eight children of John Ludwig Kling has failed to locate several families of the third generation, supposedly in Ohio. Therefore their names do not appear in the chapter to which they belong.

Errors will undoubtedly be found in this work. The pointing out of them by the descendants will be deemed a kindness.

Many thanks are due to all that have aided in our work, especially to William N. Kling, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Willard J. Kling, Santa Monica, Calif.; Myron H. Kling, Sioux City, Ia.; Levi Kling, Grand Island City, Nebr.; I. M. Kling, Breakabeen, N. Y.; Mrs. Clara Folsom, Fayetteville, N. Y., and Mrs. Hattie Kling Snively, Syracuse, N. Y.





## CHAPTER I.

### The Coming of the Palatines.

In presenting this Historical Genealogy of John Ludwig Kling and his descendants the compiler has not been influenced by an idea of financial gain, but by a sense of the worthiness of the history being published.

To the inquiry "what is the benefit of it?" we reply that aside from legal purposes, a family genealogy has a valuable moral mission in awakening a realization that our personality will live in its influence thru succeeding generations, and in stimulating a desire to improve upon the past and to be worthy of the future.

In tracing the Kling ancestry there has been of necessity much gleaning from historical documents, Revolutionary Archives, recorded deeds and other official documents, church and family records, and last but not least, from tomb stones, in order to gain trustworthy information and to satisfy ourselves who were our ancestors, what induced them to cross the ocean to find a home in a strange land, among savage people, whence they came and where they settled.

It has required no small effort to trace the families of their children to the sixth generation, in a

few instances to the 7th and 8th generation often so mixed by inter-marriage as to render our task well-nigh hopeless. History is a record of events and conditions which are past. Its value depends upon correctness and completeness. It is a matter of deep regret that our ancestors did not give more attention to record. They were a sturdy people, honest, laborious and frugal. They were engaged, as were hundreds of others in the noble work of carving out a home from the unwilling forest and securing for themselves and posterity civil and religious liberty. In neither thought, purpose or effort were they idle, and when we consider their conditions and surroundings, and take into account the results of their efforts we are not prepared to censure. To make clear who were our ancestors and what induced them to cross the ocean to find a home in a strange land, it is necessary to go back fifty years before they came. They were German Palatine tenants, so called from the fact that the lands they occupied were owned and governed by officers under the crown designated Palatines and the provinces thus ruled were called Palatinates. The tenants, mostly Protestants, were persecuted and taxed almost beyond endurance by their Palatine officials.

History informs us that when Louis XIV of France conquered the Palatinate or Lower Germany he found himself unable to maintain his conquest and to prevent the enemy's army reoccupying the country he ordered its devastation by "sword and fire."

The homeless Palatines to the number of a hundred thousand fled as did the Huguenots, in

terror to Protestant countries. Some to northern Germany and Sweden, others to Holland, but the larger part made their way to London. Queen Anne endeavored to provide for the helpless, homeless Palatines but died before her intended assistance was carried out.

At this time England was endeavoring to colonize her American possessions. Taking advantage of the "necessitous condition" of the Palatines, the English government thru its agents offered them lands and money to immigrate to the colony of New York. Hundreds of them accepted the offer. Arriving at New York they were housed on Nuttin Island, now Governors Island, for a year. In the meantime scores of them died from the effects of poor water and insanitary conditions. Finally Governor Hunter placed them in camps, in the pine forests on both banks of the Hudson River in the vicinity of Livingston Manor to manufacture "Pitch and Tar." After two years of hard labor and patient waiting, they found they had been deceived. Neither money nor land promised them in London was given them for their labor and the food furnished them was of poor quality. On reminding Governor Hunter of this promise they were told "to shift for themselves but not to leave the camp" as "they had not paid the expense of bringing them over." Thereupon fifty families left the camp in January, 1713, and made their way thru the snow to the Indians in Schoharie Valley who gave them land upon which to erect huts to protect themselves from the cold and storms of winter and showed them where to gather edible roots, otherwise all

would inevitably have perished from cold and hunger.

Words are inadequate to describe the sufferings these people endured that first winter in Schoharie Valley. Others followed from the camps and New York City, so that by 1730 they had established seven "Dorfs," farm villages. They were the PIONEER SETTLERS of Schoharie County.

Between 1710 and 1724 the third and last large immigration of German Palatines was made to New York colony and from it were some of the settlers of Stone Arabia, German Flats, Palatine, and Mohawk Valley, west of Schenectady. Being an industrious people they soon cleared small portions of the forest covered land and erected comfortable log houses. They raised Indian corn which was their chief article of food for some years. No flouring mill being nearer the settlements than the Dutch settlement of Schenectady and no way of carrying the corn except upon their backs the Indian method of pounding the corn was adopted, the kernels were cracked and boiled.

For breakfast they had corn pudding which they ate without milk, cream, sugar or syrup as there were no cows in the settlements for a number of years and no sugar obtainable nearer than Albany. At dinner they had potatoes, at supper they had both pudding and potatoes.

Their working hours were from sunrise to sunset. They had no artificial light except what came from the huge fire place and often that light was unsafe, because it was a guide to the prowling savages. The population of the different settlements was increased from time to time by the ar-

rival of relatives, old friends and former neighbors from the fatherland who came over in small companies of fifty or seventy-five persons.

In 1755 such a company of German Palatines landed at Philadelphia. For some unknown reason the German Palatines were not allowed for several years to land at New York and were obliged to sail to Philadelphia from which many made the journey on foot to the settlements in the colony of New York.

In this company were three German Palatine families, the heads of which were brothers, by the name of Kling. They came from Hanover, having fled to that province from Wurtemberg several years previously on account of religious persecution.

Nearly two years later two of the brothers, George and Henreck (Henry) with other families of this company made the journey on foot from eastern Pennsylvania to the Palatine settlement of Stone Arabia, New York colony, where two companies of Palatines had settled as early as 1722 on a tract of land extending from the mouth of the Schoharie Creek nearly to the present site of Utica, a distance of about 50 miles.

That settlement was the Mecca to which all footsteps of later arriving Palatines led.

It is thought a brief history of the Frantz now France and Ottman families and their relationship to the Kling family will be appreciated by those having little or no information of the early history of their ancestors.

The relationship between the three families was the result of marriage and inter-marriage.

Sebastian France, a German Palatine, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, 1732. His wife, Anna Fritz (he never had a second wife) was born 1733 in the same place. They were married 1752 and in the same year started for America, a journey of many months in those days of sailing vessels.

The reason for leaving the fatherland was on account of religious intolerance. Their companions on the journey were Eunice Fritz, sister of Anna (Fritz) France, Christopher and Michael Marckley and their families, all sturdy followers of Martin Luther.

The following is an exact copy of the family record written by himself in German in the old German Family Bible and translated by F. G. Geisler:

#### THE FAMILY RECORD

"The blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, makes me clean from all my sins."

#### CHILDREN BORN

1. Anna, October 20, 1753. Born on the ocean.
2. Ernest Christopher, March 12, 1755 (first white child born in Durlach, now part of the town of Seward, N. Y.)
3. Eva, born November 15, 1756.
4. Elizabeth, born November 6, 1758. Married Paul Shank.
5. Jacob, born July 17, 1760. Died at Mineral Springs, Schoharie County, 1824.
6. Margaretta, born June 6, 1762.
7. John, born February 8, 1764.
8. Catherine, born October 12, 1765. Married William Ottman.
9. Henry, born August 30, 1767.
10. Lena, born September 16, 1769.
11. Lawrence, born April, 1772.
12. David, born June 9, 1775.

Sebastian France died in the year 1805. Anna Fritz, his wife survived him eleven years and died 1816. Both were interred upon the homestead. November 20, 1891, G. G. France, grandson, had them and their massacred son, John, disinterred and removed to his family plot in the Zion Rural Cemetery at Seward Center, Schoharie County, N. Y.

Gilbert G. France was the son of Henry France, who married and resided near his birthplace during his entire life.

Christian Ottman, a German Palatine, came to New Durlach, now town of Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y., in 1761, and located upon a timber covered farm. He had a numerous family, six or seven sons, the number of daughters not recorded.

Several years after his arrival in New Durlach during an Indian incursion three of his sons were taken prisoners and carried to the British Military Post at Niagara where they were held for more than a year before they returned to their home.

William Ottman, one of the three brothers, afterwards married Catherine France, a daughter of Sebastian France and thus became brother-in-law of John Ludwig Kling, whose wife was Anna France, eldest daughter of Sebastian France. William Ottman's daughter, Catherine, was married to John Kling, a grandson of John Ludwig and Anna (France) Kling.

## CHAPTER II

### Arrival in Stone Arabia 1757 of George and Henreck Kling

When the Kling families arrived in Stone Arabia, nearly two years after landing in Philadelphia, they soon learned that all trouble and anxiety were not left in Germany.

Trouble had been brewing for a number of years between the Palatine settlers and English officials over the ownership of land. Many of the former had purchased land from the Indians. The English officials claimed the Palatines' titles were illegal, because England had gained New York by conquest and that government alone had authority to sell the land. The trouble was further increased by threatened Indian attacks, so that from 1759 to 1771 a large number of the Palatines left the settlements in the Schoharie Valley and Mohawk Valley and went to Pennsylvania where land was easily obtained and Indian attacks infrequent.

George Kling and his family remained thirteen years in New York colony. He and his wife and a daughter were members of the Palatine Lutheran Church that was erected in 1770. It is yet in use and is the oldest church edifice in Montgomery County.



1771 George Kling and family with other Palatines returned to Pennsylvania.

The return of George Kling to Pennsylvania gave two of the brothers to that colony and one, Henreck Kling, to New York colony.

When the three lower counties of Pennsylvania became the colony of Delaware and later the state, one of the two brothers found himself in that territory. As we have not had access to early documents of either state we can not say definitely whether it was George or John Kling.

But it is understood upon good authority that Amos Kling, father of Mrs. Harding was a descendant of the Delaware branch.

When a young man, Amos Kling went to Connecticut. On April 4, 1859, he married Louisa M. Bouton, in New Canaan, Conn. Soon after he removed to Marion County, Ohio, where he, like the majority of the Kling descendants engaged in farming. Here his only daughter, Florence Kling Harding, was born, also his two sons. Later he became a retired farmer and made his home in the city as scores of the other Klings have done.

John Ludwig Kling, son of Henreck Kling, was a nephew of George Kling and cousin to his children, also related in same way to John Kling, brother of George and Henreck. The former remained in Pennsylvania.

Nearly seven generations have passed away since the return of George Kling and family to Pennsylvania, therefore, it is impossible for us to state the Christian name of the ancestor of Amos Kling. Of one fact, we are certain that he was a descendant of one of the two brothers, John Kling or George

Kling, one of which became a resident of the State of Delaware.

In the city of Marion, Ohio, Florence Kling was united in marriage with Warren G. Harding, owner and publisher of the "Marion Star."

When their home was fully established she joined her husband in the conduct of his newspaper publishing where her ability and watchful interest were soon apparent.

To the day of his "Home Going" she never wavered in her devotion to her husband, as wife, companion, and assistant.

The following tribute by an unknown author is inserted in our history in appreciation of him who was all of life to Florence Kling Harding.

#### WARREN GAMALIEL HARDING.

The life, death and burial of a great president have now become material for the historian. Perhaps at no time since the death of the immortal Lincoln has a public man been so universally mourned as President Warren Gamaliel Harding. On Thursday, August 2, from far-off San Francisco came the sorrowful tidings that plunged a mighty nation into grief. You can observe it everywhere. The bravery and patience manifested by our late beloved president in his illness can be likened to that Greek gladiator of old who "conquered agony but yielded to death." How peaceful and calm was his exit! A gifted poet has said that the end of the good man is peace: "Night dews fall not more gently to the ground, nor weary, worn-out winds expire so soft."

Today the sun is shrouded—veiled. And fair America weeps. It is claimed that there is but one pardonable sorrow, and it is that for the departed. But as many as are the shadows that flit across the horizon of our earthly life, where does not shine a star, where does not speak a still small voice to the mourner's heart, to light the gloom or minister comfort? The loss to our country and to Mrs. Harding is indeed great; but there is a balm for every wound, a haven of rest where the sorrowing heart may find relief. We shed tears today, when we think of our dead president and we think, too, that a man of such sterling worth has surely gone to that place "Where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

To attempt to write of the grandeur, the purity, the charitableness and true value of Warren G. Harding is beyond our humble scope. We feel that our power of expression is inadequate—too commonplace to do him justice. We believe that he was a great man. Our judgment is based on the fact that a truly great man can be known only when he has assumed the principal character in some great deed or event. Possibly the greatest writers, orators and philosophers have lived and died in perfect silence—unknown.

Warren G. Harding assumed the leading part in the affairs of a mighty nation at its most critical moment—at the conclusion of the greatest war in all recorded history. His moderate and kindly manner fitted him to take command at that time. His was the type that is strong, yet gentle, that possesses calmness, kindness of heart, genuine old-fashioned virtue, faith, vision. He was a healer of

human distress occasioned by a great world war. What he did was worth living for, worth dying for.

Warren G. Harding was not counterfeit. He was not blurred. He was the real gem. Honesty, courage and generosity were his three virtues. His perfect candor was his sword and shield. As a progressive journalist he had early learned to understand the nature of man and to get at the truth, at the very heart of things. His written words, clear and direct as light and candid as a looking-glass, gave one a perfect picture of his thoughts. It is said of him that he never was afraid to ask—never too dignified to admit that he did not know. Finally, he was natural in his life and thought—a mild, gentle, peaceful and wise ruler.

There is a saying to the effect that if you want to know a man's true character give him power. It is easy for the weak to be gentle. Most people can bear adversity. But if you wish to know what a man really is, give him a big, responsible job. This is the supreme test. It is the glory of Warren G. Harding that having almost absolute power, he never abused that power except on the side of the well-being of the citizens whom he had the honor of representing. Through such things as titles, clothes, manners and race he saw the real—that which is. He was just "plain folks." Today he sleeps:

"A little pause in life while daylight lingers  
Between the sunset and the pale moonrise;  
When daily troubles slip from weary fingers  
And calm grey shadows veil the aching eyes."

Henreck (Henry) Kling was a widower with two children when he joined the Stone Arabia Palatine settlement, a daughter, Elizabeth, seven years old, and son, John Ludwig, five years old.

An infant son was given to the wife's parents at her death and left in Germany.

October 15, 1767, he married a second wife, Catherine Sternburg, of Stone Arabia. August 16, 1768, a son, Johann George, was born. On August 21 the infant was baptized (christened) in the High German Reformed Church of Stone Arabia. The witnesses were John Ludwig, half brother, and Margaretta Silback.

September 7, 1768, Elizabeth Kling, sister of John Ludwig, was married to Johannes Misselles who, when the Revolutionary war began, sided with England and with his wife and children fled to Canada and never returned. At the close of the war his farm was confiscated and sold by the government.

During one of the Tory and Indian raids Johann George, son of Henreck and Catherine Kling, disappeared suddenly and no trace of him was ever found. It was thought he was captured and carried off by the Indians who frequently adopted captive white children.

In 1765 or '66, Henreck Kling purchased a tract of land containing 264 acres, known as lot No. 43 in the old Patent of Durlach, granted to Johannes Lawyer and others, the whole tract being in the town of New Durlach, so named by the early German settlers, many of them having come from Durlach, Germany. The Germans pronounced it "Turlach." The name is variously spelled. After

clearing some of his forest covered land and erecting a log house he removed from Stone Arabia to New Durlach.

Soon after coming to New Durlach, Henreck Kling purchased a second tract of land containing 106 1-2 acres, known as lot No. 4 of the subdivision of lot No. 10, in Young's Patent. This tract has been owned by his descendants for a century and a half.

November 15, 1772, John Ludwig Kling, son of Henreck Kling, married Anna, the oldest of twelve children of Sebastian (Frantz) now France and wife, Anna Fritz. Their daughter was born on the ocean October 20, 1753, while on their voyage to America. Her sister, Catherine France, was married to William, son of Christian Ottman, and her sister, Elizabeth France, was the wife of Paul Shank, a soldier of Burgoyne's Army. Hence the relationship between the Frances, Klings, Ottmans and Shanks, since increased by inter-marriage.

When Ludwig Kling and wife began life's journey together in the home of his father, Henreck Kling, everything had to be done by manual labor. One hundred fifty years ago the simplest machinery was unknown to the settlers. All cooking was done over a fire-place that usually occupied an entire side of the one-room log house. Wool and flax raised upon the farm furnished the family clothing after weeks and often months of toil in preparing the material. When we consider the incessant toil and privation of our ancestors we must give them credit for invincible courage.

When the call came to old Tryon County for all the men from eighteen to sixty years of age to

perform military duty, John Ludwig Kling responded, serving as Sergeant under Colonel Clyde, First Regiment, Tryon County Militia, Captain Mathias Brown.

John Ludwig Kling being on scout duty from 1778 to 1781, was watching and reporting the movements of the disloyal in Tryon County, of which there were not a few. In the same regiment were Lieutenant John Seeber, Adjutant Jacob Seeber, Captain Jacob Diefendorf, Ensign John L. Bellinger and others of his neighborhood.

The German Palatines were characterized as having resolute will and great physical strength and they exercised both in defense of their adopted country.

Their descendants are awakening to the fact that no other people save the Huguenots came here as did their Palatine ancestors, not as impoverished immigrants but as a people who dared ALL FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE who when here gave to our country's need more men proportionately to their number than any other nationality.

The settlers of New Durlach, Schoharie Valley, Stone Arabia and the Mohawk Valley lived in soul stirring times during the Revolutionary War. Indians and Tories, equally bloodthirsty, murdered and scalped for British gold and applied the torch without a moment's warning.

The following incident was related to the sister of the compiler of this history in the summer of 1909 by an aged granddaughter of Ludwig Kling, Mrs. Peter W. Ottman, who said her grandmother Kling told it to her. "During the raid of Tories and Indians, October 18, 1780, upon the France

and Marckley families in New Durlach, part of which is now the town of Seward, N. Y., the John Ludwig Kling family, living about two miles north-east of them, hearing of the approach of the savages, fled for safety to the forest covered hill a short distance from the home. The mother, Anna (France) Kling with her child in her arms being unable to keep up with the other members of her family crept under a stack of hay where she spent the night in fear, praying for the safety of her loved ones.

“To prevent the cries of her child betraying her hiding place to the merciless foe she stopped its mouth with her kerchief. The next day the sad news came that her 14-year-old brother, John France, had been killed and scalped. Also Catherine Marckley, affianced wife of her brother, Christopher France, who was in the army. The distress and personal anguish of the defenceless women and children of that period cannot be described.”



## JOHN LUDWIG KLING.

John Ludwig Kling was the oldest son and only child of Henreck Kling in New York colony and is regarded as the progenitor of all the Klings found in Schoharie and other counties of New York State and also of a small army of them scattered from Central Ohio thruout most of the western states to the Pacific coast, but does not include a score or more residents of the City of New York that have arrived in the United States in recent years.

On the death of his father, Henreck Kling, John Ludwig inherited his entire estate and continued his residence at the old farm home. Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France, were the parents of eight children; names and dates of birth and names of those they married follow:

Mary Kling, born January 3, 1773; married David Bellinger.

Nicholas Kling, born March 24, 1774; married Eve Ecker.

Laney Kling, born February 4, 1777; married William Seeber.

John George Kling, born January 8, 1780; married Laney Dailey.

Katy Kling, born October 2, 1784; married J. Van Alstyne.

Jacob Kling, born December 27, 1785; married Dorothy Gasper.

Henry Kling, born January 11, 1788; married Elizabeth Summers.

Nancy Kling, born March 3, 1790; married Henry Lehman.

All of their children were born at the old home, in what is now known as the town of Sharon, Schoharie County, State of New York, with which the history of one branch of the Klings is so intimately associated.

For the better understanding of the location and names of places mentioned in this work a brief geographical history is here given.

From 1691 to 1772, a period of eight-one years, there were but nine counties in the entire colony of New York, and Albany County embraced all the territory north of Dutchess and Ulster Counties and extended indefinitely westward.

In 1772, thru the efforts of Sir William Johnson, a new county was formed that included all of New York colony west of a line extending due north of the Delaware River and along the eastern limits of the present counties of Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton to the Canadian line. The new county was named Tryon in honor of the Colonial Governor Tryon. Thus more than half of the present Schoharie County was in old Tryon County. Within its limits was the Town of New Durlach.

In 1784 the name of Tryon County was changed to Montgomery County, in honor of General Richard Montgomery, because of the unpopularity of Governor Tryon. The present towns of Sharon,

Seward, part of the town of Carlisle made up part of the town of New Durlach.

Schoharie County was not formed until April 6, 1795, and the eastern part of New Durlach was annexed to it under the name of Sharon, from a town in Connecticut from which a number of settlers came at the close of the Revolutionary War.

The town of Sharon was called New Durlach up to 1797. The following hamlets were in the New Durlach territory, Sharon Hill, now Sharon P. O., Sharon Center, Sharon Springs, Engles Mills, Leesville and Beekman's Corners.

It may not be known by present day Klings that the Battle of Sharon occurred on July 10, 1781, near Sharon Center in the town of New Durlach between the forces of Colonel Willett of less than 300 regulars and militia, and Dockstader, a Mohawk Tory at the head of 400 Tories and Indians. It was a repetition of Oriskany but Colonel Willett won for the Patriots.

The following towns of Schoharie were embraced in Tryon County and later in Montgomery County: Summit, Jefferson, Richmondville, Seward, Sharon, and part of Carlisle.

The town of Carlisle was formed 1807. The town of Seward 1840.

John Ludwig Kling and Anna France were young when they married, but with undaunted courage they performed life's duties amidst toil and discouragement, danger and sacrifice incident to those early days and failed not to implant in the minds of their children the great truths of Christianity.

As we contemplate the history of the family we are led to believe their teachings have borne fruit,

as witnessed by the number of teachers and ministers found among their descendants.

John Ludwig Kling never applied for a pension, tho entitled to it. He disposed of his real estate by deed after the death of his wife, in 1824, to three of his sons. Jacob was not a farmer. He sold the land as he purchased it in lots, hence the difference in the number of acres.

"July 30, 1824, personally appeared before me, William Beekman, First Judge of the County of Schoharie, John Ludwig Kling, a person to me personally well known to be the grantor to the within deed and who acknowledged the within deed as his own voluntary act and deed for the purpose therein contained and I having examined the same, let it be recorded.

WILLIAM BEEKMAN.

Recorded and examined June 7, 1825, at 12 o'clock noon.

JOHN D. LAWYER, Clerk."

Each of the following deeds were executed and recorded on the dates above mentioned and certified by Judge Beekman:

(1) To Nicholas, his son, he sold 106 1-2 acres for \$1,500.

(2) To John George, his son, he sold 139 1-2 acres for \$1,500.

(3) To Henry, his son, he sold 124 1-2 acres for \$1,500.

All three deeds on record in the County Clerk's office contain the following statement:

"In consideration of the sum of \$1,500, money of account of the United States, to him in hand paid, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents by the said party of the second part, etc."

From the fact of the deeds being recorded the same day and hour it is quite possible they were left unrecorded until after the grantor's death.

Less than a quarter of a mile east of the Eldredge residence, that occupies the site of the old home of Ludwig Kling, in a field bordering a small brook, is the family and neighborhood burial ground of one hundred and fifty years ago.

Here in field stone marked and sunken graves repose the ashes of Henreck Kling and wife, Catherine Sternburg, and of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France.

June, 1923, through the generosity of William N. Kling, great grandson of John George Kling and great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, a monument was erected in Slate Hill Cemetery in memory of John George Kling, and wife, who are buried in the Kling lot, and also in memory of John Ludwig Kling and Anna France, his wife. Grandchildren of John George Kling paid the back taxes and put the lot under perpetual care, thus securing the deed.

## CHAPTER III.

### (1) Mary Kling Bellinger's Descendants.

MARY KLING, oldest child of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France, was born in County Tryon, Province of New York, January 8, 1773, where the English flag waved, "not over the free, but over the home of the brave Palatine settlers."

She was united in marriage with David Bellinger of the same county. They were the parents of ten children. Names of them and names of those they married follow:

Peter Bellinger married Eva Frederick.

David D. Bellinger married Sophia Zea.

Hannah Bellinger married Peter W. Ottman.

Mary Bellinger married John C. Smith.

Margaret Bellinger married Robert Wyman.

Jane Bellinger did not marry.

Eliza Bellinger married Peter Zea.

Catherine Bellinger did not marry.

Sophie Bellinger married Soloman Ingleman, first wife.

Laney Bellinger married Soloman Ingleman, second wife.

A record of the descendants of but one of Mary (Kling) Bellinger's children has been obtained for this history, that of "Hannah," wife of Peter W. Ottman, son of William Ottman and his wife, Catherine France. Peter was an own cousin of

Hannah's mother, as Mrs. John Ludwig Kling and Mrs. William Ottman were sisters, daughters of Sebastian France.

Peter W. Ottman and Hannah Bellinger were the parents of fifteen children. All, but one who died in infancy, lived to adult age, married and established homes. The following is a list of the names of their children, and names of those they married:

William Ottman died in infancy.

Laney M. Ottman married Martin W. Smith.

Catherine Ottman married Chauncey Osterhout.

Christina Ottman married Jeremiah Bellinger.

Jeremiah Ottman married Mary Jane Lowe.

Mary Ottman married William Bellinger.

Nancy Ottman married first, Koert Van Schaick, second, Sherman Robinson.

Ann Eliza Ottman married Reuben L. Empie.

John Ottman married Eliza Bellinger.

Martin Luther Ottman married Mary C. Lehman.

Hannah Ottman married John Heimbürg.

David Ottman married Miss Van Volkenburg.

Martha Ottman married Levi Kilts.

Ellen Ottman married John Sigsby.

Ephraim Ottman married Miss Sommers.

All of Hannah (Bellinger) Ottman's children were great grand children of John Ludwig Kling, and all the children of Mary (Kling) Bellinger were grand children of John Ludwig Kling.

David Ottman, Mrs. Martha O. Kilts of Cobleskill and Mrs. Nancy (Ottman) Robinson, of Rochester, are the only children living of Peter W. and Hannah (Bellinger) Ottman.

Laney M. Ottman was married to Martin W. Smith of Duanesburg, N. Y., where they made

their future home. Both have passed away. No children survive them.

Catherine Ottman was born in the town of Sharon, 1831, and died in town of Cobleskill, 1886.

She was the wife of Chauncey Osterhout. They had one child, a daughter, Amelia.

Mrs. Osterhout survived her husband a number of years, making her home, the remainder of her life with her daughter, Mrs. Virgil Kling.

Christina Ottman, was united in marriage with Jeremiah Bellinger of the town of Seward, where their entire married life was spent. She was survived by her husband eight years. They were the parents of four sons and six daughters. Names follow :

Peter Bellinger  
William Bellinger  
Eugene Bellinger  
Marvin Bellinger  
Mrs. Harvey D. Karker  
Mrs. Seth Van Volkenburg  
Mrs. Henry Van Volkenburg  
Mrs. Wilber Young  
Mrs. Harvey Karker  
Mrs. Menzo Livingston

Mrs. Livingston, of Seward, was the first one of Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger's children to pass away. In the summer of 1922, she suffered a stroke of apoplexy and lived only a few hours. Her husband, a son, Peter, a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Kilts, nine grandchildren, five sisters and four brothers are the nearest survivors.

Jeremiah Ottman was born in the town of Sharon, October 11, 1836. Married to Mary Jane Lowe, June 30, 1850. He purchased a farm in the



vicinity of Sharon Center in 1875. Farming was his life occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Ottman were the parents of seven children. The names of six that are living follow:

Mrs. James Hamilton  
Mrs. Harry Van O'Linda  
Mrs. Henry Merenes  
Mrs. Henry Williams  
Sherman Ottman  
Frank Ottman

Jeremiah survived his wife two years. Interment of both, husband and wife, was at Slate Hill Cemetery.

Mary Ottman was the wife of William Bellinger. They were residents of the Davenport neighborhood, town of Seward. They had three children: Hiram, Howard and Edna.

Hiram married Miss Wormuth, daughter of Lamar Wormuth. They have one son and three grandchildren. Hiram Bellinger, like his father, is a loyal member of I. O. O. F. Howard Bellinger died before he reached his majority. Edna was married to Seth Empie. Mr. and Mrs. Bellinger deceased.

Nancy Ottman, born 1840, was twice married. Her first husband was Koert Van Schaick, whom she married in 1860. He died two years later. They had one son, William, born 1861, married in 1884, died 1911. His children were Koert, born 1885, died 1897; Florence, born 1887, died 1919, and Harry, born 1889. Florence Van Schaick married Dr. William Bryant of Rochester in 1910. Their children were Eleanor E., born 1911, and Frederick E., born 1916. Harry Van Schaick mar-

ried Margaret Walz. They live in Cleveland, Ohio, and have no children. Nancy Ottman Van Schaick married for her second husband Mr. Sherman Robinson, in 1865. They live in Rochester, N. Y.

Ann Eliza Ottman was born in town of Sharon. Married at the age of 17 years to Reuben L. Empie, son of Benjamin Empie. In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Empie purchased the farm at Rhinebeck, town of Seward, N. Y., where they resided the remainder of their days. At her death, Mrs. Empie was in her 67th year, having been married fifty years. The husband survived his wife three years. Interment at Slate Hill Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Empie were the parents of ten children. Five survive their parents: Benjamin F., of Albany; Reuben L., jr., of Schenectady; Ralph, on the home farm; Mrs. Wesley D. Borst, of Lawyersville, and Mrs. Bert H. Bruce of Dorloo, Schoharie County, N. Y.

John Ottman was born December 4, 1847. Was married to Miss Eliza Bellinger of the town of Seward. They had three sons and one daughter: Jay Ottman, Henry Ottman, Ferdon Ottman, and Elizabeth Ottman.

Martin Luther Ottman was born March 25, 1844. Married to Mary Catherine Lehman, March 25, 1863. Celebrated their golden wedding in Cobleskill, March 25, 1913, when the entire family was met together, being the first time in many years. A few months after this joyful occasion the husband and father passed away. The widow and mother has since departed this life.

Five children and nine grandchildren survive them. Names of the children as follows: Edwin

A. Ottman, Charles D. Ottman, Mrs. Paul Turk, Mrs. George Pindar, Mrs. John Carlisle.

Hannah Ottman was the wife of John Heimbürg. Her married life was largely spent in Albany and Boston. The year previous to her death, failing health caused her family to come to Cobleskill to be near relatives and old friends. In a short time death called her away at the age of 66 years.

One daughter, Mrs. Charles Kilduff of Boston, two sisters and one brother survive her.

Interment in Cobleskill Cemetery.

David Ottman, the last surviving son of Peter W. and Hannah (Bellinger) Ottman, was born in Sharon. He married Miss Van Volkenburg, sister of Dr. Jacob Van Volkenburg of Sharon. They have been residents of Cobleskill for many years. They have six children. Names as follows:

Newell Ottman

Henry Ottman

Louis Ottman

Mrs. Lena (O.) Mickel, Cortland, N. Y.

Mrs. Mabel (O.) Cary, Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Ollie (O.) Creighton, New York, N. Y.

There are also five grandchildren.

Martha Ottman was born in town of Sharon, 1846. September 28, 1865, she was united in marriage to Levi Kilts at Seward, N. Y., and took up their residence at Sharon Springs. Three or four years later they removed to Cobleskill, where Mr. Kilts became proprietor of the United States hotel in which he continued a successful business until his death March 27, 1904, when the elder of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kilts, Louis

Kilts, succeeded to the management of the hotel and continued to conduct it until the hotel was sold. For several years he engaged in the "gents' furnishing business." Disposing of his interest in this business, he went to Chicago where he was in business four years. Returning to his home town he accepted a position with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company in which capacity he was employed when stricken with appendicitis, and a week later passed away. Survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late Peter S. Mann; his mother and brother, Harry Kilts. Louis was a member of the Pioneer Lodge, K. of P., and of Cobleskill lodge No. 394, F. and A. M. Interment in Cobleskill Rural Cemetery.

Harry A. Kilts, youngest son of Mrs. Martha (Ottman) Kilts, was married to Miss Nora Akeley, June 14, 1894. They reside in Cobleskill, N. Y., which is very pleasing to his widowed mother in her declining years.

Ellen Ottman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Ottman, was married to John Sigsby of the town of Seward. They had one child, a son, Seth D. Sigsby, who married Miss Jessie, daughter of the late Clark Diefendorf of the town of Seward. They had several children. One or two of them are living in New Jersey.

Ephriam Ottman, son of Peter W. and Hannah (Bellinger) Ottman, was born in town of Sharon. Married Miss (?) Sommers. They resided in the town of Seward until the failing health of his wife caused them to remove to Amsterdam, N. Y., to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Augustus Belotti. Mrs. Ottman died soon

after coming to Amsterdam. Ephraim Ottman survived his wife about three years. He died early in the summer of 1923. Those nearest surviving him are one son, Willis Ottman; one daughter, Mrs. Augustus Belotti; three grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

Peter W. Ottman and wife, Hannah Bellinger, daughter of Mary (Kling) Bellinger, had a remarkable family and their home was noted for its hospitality.



## CHAPTER IV.

### (2) Nicholas Kling's Descendants.

NICHOLAS KLING was the oldest son and second child of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France. He was born March 24, 1774, in town of New Durlach, two years after the name of Tryon County was changed to Montgomery. May 1, 1796, he married Eve Ecker. She died May 12, 1816. Nicholas Kling died April 20, 1849.

They were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, one of the latter died in infancy. After the death of his wife Nicholas Kling married a widow Walker. No children were born of this union.

Nicholas was one of three sons of John Ludwig Kling that purchased land of their father. See Chapter II for account of the transaction.

February 13, 1839, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argusville, N. Y., was organized by Rev. Philip Wieting, and Nicholas Kling was made an elder and a trustee of it. The society worshipped at first in the Baptist Church until it became too small for their numbers. In 1848, Rev. Marcus Kling, a nephew of Nicholas Kling, was called to the pastorate of the church which he served until 1866. During this time he superintended the erec-

tion of a substantial church that was dedicated in 1855.

Nicholas Kling resided on a farm a number of miles from his place of worship, yet he and several of his children and their families were faithful attendants.

Names of his children and names of those they married follow:

- ( 1) Luther Kling married Jane Pettingill.
- ( 2) Abram Kling married Poly Letcher.
- ( 3) Nicholas Kling, Jr., married Katy (Leem) Lamb.
- ( 4) John Kling married Susan Daniels.
- ( 5) David Kling married (Nannie) Nancy Hodge.
- ( 6) Henry N. Kling married Mary Ann Hyney.
- ( 7) Peter Kling married Elizabeth Wagoner.
- ( 8) Betsey Kling married Benjamin Lehman.
- ( 9) Rebecca Kling married Martin Van Alstyne (her cousin).
- (10) Nancy Kling married Elisha Daniels.

LUTHER, oldest child of Nicholas Kling, was named for Ludwig Kling, his grandfather, "Luther" being the English form of the German "Ludwig," also for the French "Louis." Luther was born in Sharon, where he resided during his entire life. Farming was his occupation. Luther Kling and wife, Jane Pettingill, had eight children, all grew up and married. Names as follows:

Julia Ann Kling  
Matthew Kling  
Eliza Kling  
John Luther Kling  
James Kling  
Dr. Jay Kling  
Harriet Kling  
Charles Kling

Julia Ann (Kling) Voorhees, oldest child of



Luther Kling, was born May 8, 1815, died January 13, 1869. Her husband, Jacob Voorhees, died February 14, 1869. They had a daughter, an only child, Harriette Voorhees, born May 1, 1847. She was married to Richard Bell, October 23, 1865. They have three children, sixteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. The latter is of the eighth generation of Klings on the maternal side.

Matthew Kling, second child of Luther Kling and wife, Jane Pettingill, grandson of Nicholas Kling and great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was born in the town of Sharon, March 30, 1818. Died February 5, 1894. Was married to Catherine Prait of Sharon. She was born April (?), 1822, and died 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kling had two sons, "John Luther" and "Levi." The former was born July, 1846. Married to Mary Staley, October 10, 1869. She was born July 11, 1847. Two children was born to them. "Dwight Kling" and "Ethelyn Kling." Dwight was born May 5, 1873. Married "Lilly Rickert," June 16, 1894. She was born May 8, 1871. Dwight Kling and wife have one daughter, "Pauline Elizabeth," born May 27, 1898. Married to "Percy Vrooman" June 28, 1919. They have one son, Durwood Kling Vrooman, born June 6, 1920. He is of the eighth generation of Klings on the maternal side, being the :

Grandson of Dwight Kling.

Great grandson of John Luther Kling.

Great great grandson of Matthew Kling.

Great great great grandson of Luther Kling.

Great great great great grandson of Nicholas Kling.

Great great great great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling.

Ethelyn Kling, only daughter of John Luther Kling, was born July 5, 1877. Married to John Fonda. They have two daughters, Aletha and Marion. The former was born September, 1897. She is a graduate of Syracuse, N. Y., Conservatoire and is an accomplished musician. She was married June 30, 1921.

Marion Fonda was married during the holidays of 1919 to Meryl Hoagland.

John Luther Kling, father of Dwight Kling and Ethelyn (Kling) Fonda, died June, 1885.

Levi Kling, second son of Matthew Kling and wife, Catherine Prait, grandson of Luther Kling, great grandson of Nicholas Kling, and great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was born August 2, 1851, in the town of Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y. January 4, 1870, he married Mary Morrell of Sharon Springs, N. Y. She was born August 20, 1851. Died November 24, 1878. Survived by her husband, a son, William Morrell Kling, and a daughter, Catherine May Kling.

Levi Kling married a second time on October 8, 1891, Miss Carrie A. Neely of Iowa. She was born May 5, 1864. Not long after their marriage they removed to Grand Island City, Nebr., where they have since resided. They have a daughter, Marion Isabelle, born March 20, 1897. She is a teacher in the schools of Grand Island City, Nebr., where she has taught for several years with much success and still engaged in her chosen work. During the summer of 1921, she with her parents made a trip east to visit her father's birthplace, relatives and friends at Sharon Springs and Troy, N. Y. On their re-

turn they visited Washington, D. C., and other places of interest. Miss Marion Kling was chauffeur for the round trip.

William Morrell Kling, son of Levi Kling, was born June 24, 1876. He married Josephine Hozza, who was born February 14, 1876. Died October 6, 1898. He married the second time Miss Lillian Fraats, June 16, 1901. She was born July 17, 1879. They have three sons, William M. Kling, born March 4, 1909. Herbert Kling, born May 10, 1914, and John Luther Kling, born November 23, 1917.

Catherine May Kling, sister of William M. Kling was born November 16, 1878. She was married to A. W. Ross of Minnesota, 1897. They have two children.

Eliza Kling, third child of Luther and Jane (Pettingill) Kling, was born April 25, 1819. Died May 5, 1877. She was married to Josiah Hyney, who died June 11, 1901. They were the parents of five children. Names as follows: Charles, John, Luther, Mary Jane, Eliza Catherine, and George W. The oldest and the youngest died in childhood.

John Luther Hyney served in the Civil War. See Roll of Honor. Mary Jane Hyney was married to a Mr. Empie and resided in Sharon. Nothing further known of her.

Eliza Catherine Hyney was born at Argusville, N. Y., March 13, 1845, being the fourth child of Josiah and Eliza (Kling) Hyney. In early girlhood she united with the Lutheran Church of Argusville. She was married to Alexander Smith. They had four children. Mrs. Edmond Johnson and Estella Smith of Argusville, Charles Smith of

Sharon Springs and Verna Smith of Palatine Bridge. Husband and wife have passed away. Interment at Slate Hill Cemetery.

John Luther Kling, fourth child of Luther and Jane (Pettingill) Kling, was born October 23, 1820. Married Maria Collins October 7, 1841. She was born April 27, 1822. Her sister, Elizabeth Collins was the wife of Peter Kling, son of John George Kling, and a cousin of Luther Kling, who was a son of Nicholas Kling. By marriage Peter Kling became brother-in-law of his cousin Luther's son. Maria (Collins) Kling died January 23, 1881. John Luther Kling died November 6, 1885. They had no children.

James Kling, fifth child of Luther and Jane (Pettingill) Kling was born June 28, 1822, and died 1884. Married Maria Nehr of town of Cobleskill, N. Y. She was born 1829 and died 1901. They had no children. The widow married Peter D. Jordan, her second husband.

Dr. Jay Kling, sixth child of Luther and Jane (Pettingill) Kling, was a pharmacist and surgeon. Married Maria Beekman of the town of Sharon, N. Y. They removed to Plymouth, Ohio, October 30, 1850. When the Civil War began, Dr. Jay Kling entered the Union Army as an officer and surgeon in an Ohio Regiment. See Honor Roll. Soon after the close of the war, his wife died, survived by her husband and a daughter, an only child, Johanna Kling.

She was married to Henry Sargent of Perrysburg, Ohio, where they were living in 1921. After the death of his wife, Dr. Jay Kling removed to the State of Georgia and began the practice of medi-

cine again. Here he married a second time. He died in the State of Georgia.

Harriet Kling, seventh child of Luther Kling and wife, Jane Pettingill, was born October 5, 1830. Married to Abram De Garmo, February 7, 1850. They were the parents of three children, Luther, Esther and Mary Jane. Further information of those children may be obtained from Mrs. Alexander Richards of Starkville, N. Y., who is a granddaughter of Harriet Kling De Garmo.

Charles Kling, eighth and youngest child of Luther Kling and wife, Jane Pettingill, was born January 23, 1833. Married to Mary Jane Snyder. They had two sons. One of their sons, Raldo Kling, was married about 1888. He had a numerous family. Some of his grandchildren are residents of North Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y. No account of the second son of Charles Kling.

ABRAM KLING, second son of Nicholas Kling and Eve Ecker, his wife, was born in Sharon, N. Y., June 17, 1798. Died April 30, 1873. Married Polly Letcher, 1817. They had eight children. Names as follows:

Richard Kling, born December 8, 1818—no further information.

Sally (Sarah) Kling, born May 8, 1821.

Mary Ann Kling, born August 23, 1822.

Norman Kling, born February 20, 1826.

Alvira S. Kling, born August 10, 1827.

Ellen W. Kling, born August (?), 1830—No further information.

George W. Kling, born February 26, 1832.

Nelson Kling, born June 5, 1837.

Sally (Sarah) Kling, second child of Abram Kling and wife, Polly Letcher, and a grand daughter of Nicholas Kling, was married to Rev. Marcus W. Empie, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Sharon, Walworth County, Wisconsin, which they served together for a quarter of a century.

Mary Ann Kling, third child of Abram Kling, was married to David Webster and resided in town of Sharon, N. Y., where she died August 10, 1868. No record that she had children.

Norman Kling, fourth child of Abram Kling, was born, married and died in town of Sharon, N. Y. There are no representatives of his family living.

Alvira L. Kling, fifth child of Abram Kling, was born August 10, 1827. Married to (?) Dey. Died April 14, 1873. No representatives of her family living.

George W. Kling, seventh child of Abram Kling and wife, Polly Letcher, was born February 26, 1826. Was married to Olive Bingham, September 25, 1857, by Rev. Ramsay, a Baptist Clergyman. They were the parents of three sons: William N. and Winnie A. "twins," born July 12, 1863, and Pearla S. Kling.

William N. Kling spent his boyhood days on his father's farm in the neighborhood of Sharon Springs. Soon after attaining majority he came to Albany, where he married and has been engaged in business ever since. Resides on Madison avenue, Albany, N. Y. No children.

Winnie A. Kling, twin brother of William N. Kling, also spent his boyhood days on his father's farm near Sharon Springs. He married Miss Grace L. Smith, February 12, 1883. He was in the employ

of the "Hartford Electrical Works" of Hartford, Conn., where he was instantly killed by a fall from a step ladder when he lost his balance and fell backwards, his head striking an iron pipe. He was 52 years old and a former resident of Sharon Springs. Is survived by his wife, a daughter and two brothers, William N. Kling, a twin brother, and Pearla S. Kling. Interment at Sharon Springs.

Pearla S. Kling, third and youngest son of George W. Kling, is one of Albany's leading business men, having been engaged in a wholesale and retail bakery business for many years. Before becoming president of the Common Council Mr. Kling was a member of that body as alderman from the Sixth Ward. Mr. Kling's place of business is on Beaver street, and first as alderman and then as president of the Council, he has given the city the benefit of his splendid business training. At the present time he is postmaster of the City of Albany. He is progressive, public-spirited and conscientious, and has a host of friends.

Many of the important improvements in Albany's business section has the encouragement and support of Mr. Kling. As member of the Common Council he fathered many of the street improvement ordinances, and as member of the committee on land, water and railroads, he had much to do with the city's splendid river front improvements. He was also instrumental in bringing about the permanent improvement to South Pearl street and State street.

Mr. Kling spent his boyhood days on a farm at Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, where he was born December 23, 1877. He received his prelim-

inary schooling in the schools of his native town, after which he took a course at the Albany Business College. He then married and made Albany his permanent home. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of several Masonic bodies, the Odd Fellows, Elks and Red Men, and is also a member of the Unconditional Republican Club and other organizations.

Nelson Kling was the eighth and youngest son of Abram Kling and wife, Polly Letcher. He was born near Sharon Springs, February 12, 1838. He married Addie Alger. Was a farmer for many years in the town of Canajoharie, N. Y. Failing health caused him to retire from his chosen occupation. He died Tuesday, January 11, 1913, at his home in Button Street near Ames. Besides his widow, one son, Mark D. Kling, and two nephews, William N. Kling and Pearla S. Kling, of Albany survive him.

NICHOLAS KLING, Jr., third son of Nicholas Kling and Eve Ecker, his wife, was born in Sharon, N. Y. Married Katy (Leem) Lamb. They were the parents of four children. Names as follows: John Kling, Christopher Kling, Mrs. Sarah (Kling) Guffin and Evalyn (Kling) Tator. About 1869 the Kling brothers leased a grist mill at West Fulton, Schoharie County, for a term of three or five years. When an opportunity was offered them to dispose of the property they did so. Christopher removed with his family to Fultonham, N. Y., and John removed to Oneonta, N. Y., where he died.



Christopher is the only member of that family living.

Evalyn Kling was married to James Tator of Warnerville, N. Y. She died at her home in that village, 1915. Her husband died in 1910. They had no children.

Mrs. Sarah (Kling) Guffin, a widow for many years, died in town of Carlisle the last week of December, 1923. She had no children living.

John Kling is survived by several children and grandchildren. Two of his sons are in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Christopher Kling has a son Charles Kling, living at Groveners Corners, town of Carlisle, N. Y. He is a farmer by occupation.

In the early 40's, a peculiar disease (?) called "Western Fever" (?) prevailed, largely in Old Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y., and in some Mohawk Valley towns, for which there was no apparent remedy except to remove to the west and scores of the afflicted ones went "west" as soon as their financial affairs were arranged.

Strange as it appears, some of the Klings, a hardy, stick-to-home race were stricken with it. Jacob Kling and wife and most of his children went to Wisconsin, also George Kling, son of John George Kling, with his family made that state their home. Two of the sons of Nicholas Kling, John Kling and David Kling, with their families and two of his sons-in-law, Martin Van Alstyne and Elisha Daniels with their families were of the number that went "west."

JOHN KLING, fourth son of Nicholas Kling, removed with his family from Sharon, N. Y., to the

northern part of Illinois. A few years later he removed to Plymouth, Ohio, where his brother, David, resided and there made his future home.

DAVID KLING, fifth son of Nicholas Kling, had a number of children but we have not succeeded in tracing the New York Klings that settled in Plymouth County, Ohio, seventy-five years ago. In Marion County, south of Plymouth County, there are descendants of the Delaware family of Klings, west of those counties are descendants of the Pennsylvania family of Klings. Hence there is evidence that there are descendants of the three Palatine families that came to America in 1755 living at the present time in Ohio.

HENRY N. KLING, sixth son of Nicholas Kling and Eve Ecker, his wife, was born in the town of Sharon, N. Y., August 18, 1810. He married Mary Ann Hyney of Argusville, N. Y., who was born January, 1915. Henry N. Kling resided on a farm several miles from the village of Argusville, where he died June 16, 1861. Mary A. Hyney, his wife, died October 3, 1904. Henry N. Kling and wife, Mary A. Hyney, were the parents of six children. Names follow, but not according to birth dates as they were not all obtained. Ann Eliza (Kling) Hoag, Stephen Kling, Luther Wellington Kling, Emma (Kling) Empie, Mary J. (Kling) Bradley and Lavina (Kling) Borst.

Luther Wellington Kling, son of Henry N. Kling was born at Argusville, N. Y., 1849. In the early

70's he went to Illinois. From Illinois he removed to the State of Wyoming. In 1892 he removed to Corinne, Utah, where he died in the year 1908. Survived by his wife, who was Miss Minette Brewer before her marriage, three sons and two daughters. Names of his children as follows:

William Kling married Anna Cochrain and are residents of the State of Idaho.

Eva Kling, sister of William Kling, was married to a Mr. Tucker, they also reside in Idaho.

The widow of Luther Wellington Kling, her daughter, Mrs. Nellie (Kling) Davis, and two sons, Erwin and Merwin Kling, twin brothers, who served in the World War, reside in Corinne, Utah. Luther Wellington Kling was not the oldest of Henry N. Kling's children but was the first to pass away.

Ann Eliza Kling, daughter of Henry N. Kling, was married to Mark G. Hoag of Amsterdam, died at her home in that city 1911. Survived by her husband, who has since died, two children, Irwin Hoag and Mrs. Ada (Hoag) Fero, two grandchildren and one great grandson.

Irwin Hoag married Nettie B. Wilks. Has two children. A daughter, Mrs. Ruth (Hoag) Ammon. She has one son George Ammon.

Clarence Hoag, son of Irwin Hoag, married Miss Hancock. Have no children.

Mrs. Ada (Hoag) Fero, sister of Irwin Hoag, has no children.

Stephen Kling, son of Henry N. Kling, was born March 5, 1846. He was united in marriage with Mary Clement, 1867, by Rev. Marcus Kling, cousin of the bridegroom's father.

In 1874 Stephen Kling removed with his family to Kinderhook, where he resided at the time of his death. Surviving him are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Miles E. Miller of Kinderhook, N. Y.; one son, Henry J. Kling of Scotia, N. Y., and four grandchildren.

Henry J. Kling, formerly of Fultonville, now of Scotia, son of Stephen Kling, grandson of Henry Kling, great great grandson of Nicholas Kling, and great great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, married Miss Yates. They have one son, H. Yates Kling. Henry J. Kling is a prominent member of Fultonville Lodge F. and A. M.

Emma Kling, daughter of Henry N. Kling, was born 1851, married Myron O. Empie, February, 1873. At the commencement of their married life they resided on a farm near Sharon Hill, later removing to the Gideon Empie farm, the old homestead where she resided until called to enter the rest prepared for the faithful.

The first break in this Christian home came when the eldest son, Romine Empie, answered the Master's call ten years previous to the mother's going home. Surviving her are her husband and four children:

Rev. Charles Gideon Empie, D. D., of Troy, N. Y.

Mrs. Alfred M. Douglas of Troy, N. Y.

Louis Empie of Johnstown, N. Y.

Edgar Empie of Sharon Springs, N. Y.

Thirteen grand children and eight great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Mary J. Bradley of Schenectady and Mrs. Lavina Borst of Seward, N. Y.

Rev. Charles G. Empie was born in Sharon,

March 10, 1874. Married Grace Louise Diefendorf. September, 1903.

They have had six children, names as follows: Ruth D. Empie, John C. Empie, Paul C. Empie, Martin Luther Empie (deceased), Florence May Empie and Donald Kling Empie.

Rev. C. G. Empie is a grandson of Henry N. Kling, great grandson of Nicholas Kling and great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France. Is of the fifth generation of Klings.

Mary J. Kling, daughter of Henry N. Kling, was married to Richard H. Bradley of Carlisle, N. Y. They resided for some years at Canajoharie. In 1904 they removed to Schenectady where he died 1922 of heart trouble. Mr. Bradley was a member of Albany Street M. E. Church and a member of Hamilton Lodge No. 79, F. and A. M. of Canajoharie.

Surviving him are his widow, one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Martin; one son, Frank H. Bradley, and two grandchildren, Helen E. Martin and Frank H. Bradley, Jr.

Mrs. Mary J. (Kling) Bradley makes her home in Schenectady, N. Y.

Lavina Kling, sixth and youngest of Henry N. and Mary A. (Hyney) Kling's children was only in her fourth year at the death of her father.

She was married to William E. Borst of the town of Seward where they reside. They have three children, one daughter, Anna C., and two sons, Floyd D. and Lloyd H., twins.

Anna C. Borst was married to Bursley Mereness. They have a daughter, Edna Mereness.

Floyd D. Borst married Edna J. Putman. They

are the parents of seven children: Beatrice L., Stanley P., Mary S., Floyd D., Jr., Irene, Arlington and Marcia.

Lloyd H. Borst married Grace L. Putman. They have three sons: William Eugene Borst, Clarence Borst and Malcolm Borst.

Mrs. Lavina (Kling) Borst and Mrs. Mary J. (Kling) Bradley, daughters of Henry N. Kling, granddaughters of Nicholas Kling, are great granddaughters of John Ludwig Kling.

PETER KLING, seventh son of Nicholas Kling and wife, Eve Ecker, was born in town of Sharon, N. Y., July 24, 1814, and died August, 1870. His wife, Elizabeth Wagoner, was born March 31, 1814. Died April 2, 1864.

Peter and Elizabeth (Wagoner) Kling had four sons: Sylvester, William H., Douw, Jacob Winnie, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Rosella Bullock of Sharon Springs. Two of their sons died in childhood.

Sylvester was born December 1, 1830. Died March 10, 1864. Married Miss Harriet Karker, who was born 1836, and died 1905. No children. Sylvester Kling was engaged in teaching in district schools at the time of his death.

William H. Kling, brother of Sylvester Kling, was born May 4, 1839. Died November 26, 1919, at the home of his son, Arden Kling, at Canajoharie, N. Y., after a short illness. He was in the eighty-first year of his age. He always resided on his small farm in the Button Hill district, town of Canajoharie.

His wife was Rachel Howe. They had four sons. Names follow: Winnie J. Kling, Howard Kling, Arden Kling, all of Canajoharie, and Douw Kling of Avon, N. J.

Winnie J. Kling was born March, 1867. Married Nellie or Nellis Ingberman of Canada. They have five children: Ethel, Anna, Florence E., Dewey and Morris.

Florence E. Kling was married May 26, 1923, by the Rev. George W. Lewis at the M. E. parsonage in Ames, to Alton Ulter of Cherry Valley, N. Y., where they will reside.

Howard Kling was born June, 1872. Married Lizzie Dingman. Have no children.

Douw Kling was born May, 1877. Married Laura Fleming. Children two, Walter Kling and Gladys Kling.

Arden Kling was born April 3, 1882. He married Jennie Putnam. One child, Mildred Kling, born May 3, 1910, died August 28, 1918.

The four sons of William H. Kling are the grandsons of Peter Kling and wife, Elizabeth Wagoner, great grandsons of Nicholas Kling and great great grandsons of John Ludwig Kling.

BETSEY KLING, oldest daughter and eighth child of Nicholas Kling and wife, Eve Ecker, was born in town of Sharon, N. Y., 1802. Died December, 25, 1825. She was married to Benjamin Lehman, January 16, 1821. He was born February 1, 1795, and died February 29, 1872. They had one son, Stephen Lehman, who was born December, 1823. He married Jane Webster. Children five, Elizabeth, Ida,

Helen, Jennie and Benjamin. After the death of Betsey Kling Lehman, her husband married again.

REBECCA KLING, second daughter and ninth child of Nicholas Kling, was born in Sharon, N. Y. Married to her own cousin, Martin Van Alstyne. His mother and her father were brother and sister. In the early 40's they, with a score of other Sharon families, removed to the new state of Wisconsin. They had a number of children, only one of which reached adult age. Antoinette Van Alstyne was married to William Catline. In 1909, they resided in Glenn Elyn, Ill. Martin Van Alstyne and wife, Rebecca Kling, passed away many years ago at their home in Sharon, Wis.

NANCY KLING, third daughter and tenth child of Nicholas Kling, and wife, Eve Ecker, was married to Elisha Daniels. They were of the number that went to Wisconsin in the early 40's.

Nancy Kling, her husband and all of her children have passed away. A son, Freeman Daniels, died 1916. Two of his children, a son, W. E. Daniels, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Dickenson, reside in Pasadena, Calif. Another grandson of Nancy Kling and Elisha Daniels is L. J. Daniels of Sharon, Wis. His father was a brother of Freeman Daniels, and both were sons of Nancy Kling and Elisha Daniels. One of their daughters, Esther Daniels, never married. She died 10 years ago. She had a sister living near Elmhurst, Wis., 1921. She was an aged woman at that time and may have since passed away.





## CHAPTER V.

### (3) Laney Kling Seeber's Descendants.

Laney Kling Seeber was born September 4, 1777, in the town of New Durlach, Tryon County.

She was the third child and second daughter of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France.

Laney was not two months old when Burgoyne's Army surrendered to the American Army under General Gates at Saratoga. Nicholas, her brother was not four years old, and Mary, her sister was not five years old and Anna (France) Kling, their mother, had at that time three children under five years of age.

Laney Kling was married 1795 to William Seeber of Montgomery County as the name of Tryon County no longer existed. The new county of Schoharie was formed the year of their marriage. They began housekeeping in the town of Sharon, as the old town of Durlach no longer existed. William Seeber was a taxpayer in the town of Sharon where he was the owner of a farm in 1827.

Laney Kling and husband, William Seeber, had two sons, James Seeber and Adam Seeber. Much search has yielded scant information relating to the family of James Seeber and that of his brother, Adam Seeber.

JAMES SEEBER, son of Laney (Kling) and husband, William Seeber, was married to Miss Clara Lowell. They resided at Lowell's Corners, near Seward Valley, Schoharie County. ("Seward Valley" is now known as Dorloo.) They were the parents of five children: Melissa, Emeline, Mahala, William and Sylvester.

For some years previous to their death William Seeber and wife, Laney Kling, made their home with James Seeber, their son, where the mother died 1860 or '61.

ADAM SEEBER, brother of James Seeber, married and lived in that part of the town of Sharon, which is now town of Seward.

It is to be regretted that more information of the descendants of Laney Kling Seeber was not secured.



## CHAPTER VI.

### (4) John George Kling's Descendants.

JOHN GEORGE KLING, fourth child and second son of J. Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France, was born in old Tryon County, Province of New York, January 8, 1780. Died in town of Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y., September 6, 1861. Married Laney Dailey of Connecticut, March 16, 1802. She was born September 18, 1782, of English ancestry and died in town of Sharon, Schoharie County, New York, November 21, 1867.

John George Kling was a man of decided will and much intellectual ability. The limited educational advantages afforded him in youth were offset by much reading, and he was well informed upon the questions of the day, concerning state and national affairs. Being the son of a soldier and the grandson of another soldier, Sebastian France, he was interested in the affairs of his country.

The German language was used in the schools of his boyhood. He taught himself to read and write English. He continued, however, to read his German Bible until a short time previous to his death when he gave it to his nephew, Rev. Marcus Kling, who could read and speak German.

In 1827, John George Kling was appointed tax

collector of the town of Sharon, which included all of the present town of Seward and which remained a part of Sharon until February 1, 1840.

At the expiration of 97 years his well preserved Collector's book and "bond" is of interest because of the many taxpayers' names recorded therein whose descendants are living at the present time in the towns of Sharon and Seward.

It will be surprising to the younger generation of his descendants to learn that their ancestor, while engaged in cultivating a large farm, also wove the cloth of yarn spun from wool by members of his household for the clothing of himself and five sons. He also wove blankets, woolen cloth for dresses, and linen cloth from flax grown upon his farm.

Cloth for the men's Clothing when it came from the loom was taken to a "fulling-mill" where it was dyed, fulled and pressed ready for the tailor. It was a never-to-be-forgotten event in the life of the young farmer of a century ago when he escorted his lady love home from "meetin'" clad in a new home spun suit decorated with brass buttons.

All of John George Kling's children were born and grew to adult age upon the homestead farm that he purchased from his father, John Ludwig Kling in 1824, who inherited it from Henreck Kling, his father. See Chapter II.

John George was the only one of the eight children of John Ludwig to live his entire life on the old farm, die there and with his wife be buried in Slate Hill Cemetery. Interment had been made in the old family and neighborhood burial plot on the farm. Afterwards Rev. Robert Stotts and wife,

Mary Kling, purchased a lot in the cemetery and requested Francis Kling, youngest son of John George, to superintend the removal of the bodies to Slate Hill Cemetery, which he did.

John George and wife, Laney Dailey, were the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Names, dates of birth and names of those they married follow:

Nancy Kling, born July 19, 1803, married John Ottman.

John Kling, born April 17, 1806, married Catherine Ottman.

Peter Kling, born September 19, 1809, married Elizabeth Collins.

Abram Kling, born July 12, 1812, married Christina Kromer.

George Kling, born June 24, 1815, married Diana Shafer.

Francis Kling, born December 25, 1818, married Mary E. Foland.

Mary Kling, born July 29, 1821, married Rev. Robert Stotts.

Laney Ann, born August 12, 1824, married Thomas Nipe.

NANCY KLING, oldest child of John George and Laney (Dailey) Kling, was born July 19, 1803. Married to John Ottman, son of Peter and Lida Ottman and a nephew of William Ottman and wife, Catherine France. He was a brother of Mrs. Mary (Ottman) Angle, late of Cobleskill, N. Y.

John Ottman and wife, Nancy Kling, were the parents of two children, Lucinda and Gilbert.

Nancy Kling and her husband died before their children became of legal age.

Lucinda Ottman, their daughter, was married to William Safford. They had two daughters, Nancy Safford and Hester Safford.

The former was married to Jacob Hutton of Cobleskill, N. Y. Several years after their marriage they removed to Amsterdam, N. Y., where Mr. Hutton died August, 1915. Surviving him are his widow and daughter, Mrs. Helen (Hutton) Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson reside with Mrs. Hutton.

Mrs. Hester Snyder, sister of Mrs. Nancy Hutton is the widow of J. W. Snyder, late of Amsterdam, N. Y. She has two sons, Ray Snyder and John W. Snyder, both residents of Amsterdam, N. Y. John W. Snyder is married and has one son.

Mrs. Hester Snyder and Mrs. Nancy Hutton are great granddaughters of John George Kling and great great granddaughters of John Ludwig Kling and of the 6th generation on the Kling side.

Gilbert Ottman, brother of Mrs. Lucinda (Ottman) Safford and son of John Ottman and wife, Nancy Kling, resided nearly all his life in the town of Carlisle, N. Y. He was a farmer. He married and had several children but none of them could be located. Gilbert Ottman is deceased.

JOHN KLING, second child and oldest son of John George Kling and wife, Laney Dailey, was born April 17, 1806. Died January 20, 1846. Married Catherine Ottman, daughter of William Ottman and wife, Catherine France, and an own cousin of her father-in-law, John George Kling, as her mother and his mother were sisters, daughters of Sebastian France. John Kling resided in the neighborhood of the old homestead where he died, survived by his widow and three children, Jane, John W., and Peter A.



Jane Kling, only daughter of John Kling and Catherine (Ottman) his wife, was married to John Henry Bellinger, a farmer living near what was formerly called "Sharon Hill." The name "Hill" was dropped by the Post Office Department, but the real "Hill" is yet very much in evidence.

John Henry Bellinger and wife, Jane Kling were the parents of three children; two sons and one daughter. The parents and two of their children are deceased.

John William Kling, brother of Jane Kling Bellinger, was born in Sharon, N. Y., 1837. He married Helen Baker in 1860. They resided at Sharon Springs about six years and then removed to Ilion, Herkimer County, N. Y., where he died in 1909, survived by his widow, who has since died, one son, two daughters and several grandchildren.

Peter Augustus Kling was the youngest child of John and Catherine (Ottman) Kling. He was born August 23, 1840, in Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y. He was five years old when his father died.

Some years after his mother married a second time but the marriage not proving satisfactory the husband and wife agreed to separate, which they did. Peter A. married Phillips Ann Banker and located a few years after in Amsterdam, N. Y., where he continued in business for forty years. They had three children. Two sons and one daughter. Two survived their parents. John Kling and Nancy (Kling) Brown. The devoted wife and mother died several years previous to the death of her husband.

After the death of his wife Peter A. Kling made his home with his daughter when in Amsterdam,

but spent part of his time in Poughkeepsie with his son, John Kling.

Peter Augustus Kling died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Brown, in Amsterdam, Friday, November 19, 1922, at the age of 82 years. Surviving him are two children, John Kling of Poughkeepsie, Mrs. Nancy (Kling) Brown and 4 grand children, Ralph Kling and Theodore B. Kling of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mrs. Audrey (Kling) La Diew of Schenectady and Chauncy Brown of Amsterdam.

He was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. Interment in the family plot in "Fairview Cemetery," Amsterdam, N. Y.

Peter A. Kling was a grandson of John George Kling and wife, Laney Dailey, great grandson of J. Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France; also a grandson of William and Catherine (France) Ottman. He was a nephew of Peter W. Ottman and wife, Hannah Bellinger, the latter being the daughter of Mary (Kling) Bellinger, daughter of J. Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France.

PETER KLING, third child of John George Kling and wife, Laney Dailey, was born September 19, 1809, and died at South Valley, N. Y., May 9, 1883. Married Elizabeth Collins who was born December 19, 1813. Died November 21, 1881.

Peter Kling and Luther Kling, son of Nicholas Kling were cousins, as John George Kling and Nicholas Kling were brothers. By marriage Peter Kling and John Kling, son of Luther Kling became brothers-in-law as Elizabeth Collins, wife

of Peter Kling and Maria Collins, wife of John Kling, were sisters. The latter was born April 27, 1822, and died January 23, 1881.

Peter and Elizabeth Kling were the parents of 4 children; Stephen S., Amenzo C., Ella and Harmon.

Peter Kling was greatly interested in the education of his children, for this he labored and planned. All of his children were teachers.

In his boyhood he sustained a serious injury to one of his knees which caused him much suffering, increasing in intensity to middle life when amputation became necessary. He recovered and tho handicapped by the use of a crutch he was free of that suffering the remainder of his days.

Peter and Elizabeth Kling were devoted members of the Lutheran Church. Husband, wife, and Harmon, their youngest son, are buried in beautiful "Slate Hill Cemetery," Sharon.

Stephen S. Kling, oldest of Peter Kling's children, was born at the old Kling homestead in Sharon, N. Y., April 9, 1837. Died in Los Angeles, Calif., June 28, 1915. Was married October 19, 1858, to Ann Jennette Hoyte of Lowville, Lewis County, N. Y. Both being employed in teaching in that county led to their acquaintance and later to their marriage. When he retired from teaching he engaged in "Furnituring Manufacturing." In 1895, he removed to Los Angeles, Calif. October 19, 1908, husband and wife celebrated their "Golden Wedding," surrounded by their children, grandchildren, relatives, and many friends who greeted them on the joyful occasion. On March 26, 1912, the cherished wife and mother passed away. Sur-

vived by her husband, 3 sons and 7 grandsons. A daughter, Stella May, born June 20, 1873, died February 19, 1874.

Stephen S. Kling was a veteran of the "Civil War." See roll of honor. He was a grandson of John George Kling and a great grandson of John Ludwig Kling. His sons now constitute the "Kling Manufacturing Co.," Furniture, Los Angeles, Calif. It is a "close corporation," owned by the three brothers.

George Stephen Kling, President.

Spencer Jay Kling, Vice-President.

Wayland Hoyte Kling, Secretary and Treasurer.

The company is identified with many important projects of Los Angeles. It is one of the important consumers of hard and fancy cabinet woods on the Pacific Coast.

George Stephen Kling, oldest son of S. S. Kling was born 1866. Married Ardella E. Sharp September 29, 1900. They have 3 sons; Spencer Stephen, born June 21, 1904; Robert G., born March 23, 1907, and Loren James, born August 7, 1909.

Spencer Jay Kling was born September 4, 1868. Married Belle Lone Mergart March 6, 1907. Deceased. One son Kessuer Kyle born August 26, 1910.

Spencer Jay married a second time Miss Helene Davey. They have one son, Richard O.

Wayland Hoyte Kling was born March 28, 1879. Married Eva May Young October 19, 1908. Have 3 sons, Herbert W., born September 20, 1910. Dayton H., born January 20, 1912. Arllyn C., born May 27, 1915.

The three Kling brothers were born in New York

State of German Palatine Ancestry on the paternal side. They are grandsons of Peter Kling, late of Sharon, New York, great grandsons of John George Kling and great-great grandsons of John Ludwig Kling who was born in Germany 1750 and came to America 1755, with his father and two of his father's brothers and their families.

The officers of the "Kling Manufacturing Co." all belong to the fraternity of F. and A. M. George S. holds a prominent position in the order.

Amenzo C. Kling, second son of Peter Kling, was born in the town of Cobleskill, Schoharie Co., N. Y., December 28, 1841. He was a graduate of the State College of Teachers at Albany. Was a teacher of note for ten years in the schools of Schoharie and Otsego Counties.

Superintendent of schools in northern New Jersey for eight years. Retiring from the profession of teaching he located in Little Falls, N. Y., where he died May 4, 1917. Survived by his widow, who was "Louisa Brooks" before her marriage and a sister, Mrs. Ella (Kling) Devenpeck, of San Pedro, Calif. No children.

Ella (Kling) Devenpeck, 3rd child and only daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Collins) Kling, was born in the town of Cobleskill, September 30, 1844. Married February 12, 1870, to George Devenpeck, who was born in the town of Florida, Montgomery County, N. Y., in 1878. Mr. Devenpeck and family removed from Otsego County, N. Y., to the State of Kansas, locating in Lake township, Harvey County, on a large prairie farm where he engaged in raising wheat and corn. After many years spent in the arduous occupation of

farming, Mr. and Mrs. Devenpeck retired from the farm and took up their residence in town of Burrton for rest. Here after a lingering illness the husband and father passed away August 5, 1918. Surviving him are his widow, two children and four grandchildren.

John Devenpeck, their son, resides in Burrton, Kansas. Is a farmer. Born in Otsego County, N. Y. April, 17, 1872. Married November 13, 1901, Elizabeth Williams, who was born June 17, 1877. They have three children, two daughters and one son. Names and dates of birth follow: Myra May, born April 2, 1903; Stella, September 16, 1904; John George Devenpeck, February 16, 1907.

Eva Algene, daughter of George and Ella (Kling) Devenpeck was born in State of New York, July 17, 1874. Married to William E. Greenfield December 19, 1897, in State of Kansas. They had two children, George W., born February 4, 1899, died February 24, 1900; William J., born January 18, 1900.

Mrs. Ella (Kling) Devenpeck, since the death of her husband makes her home with Mrs. Greenfield, her daughter, in San Pedro. Her son-in-law holds a prominent position in the Department of Shipbuilding in San Pedro Harbor. Her grandson is also connected with same department. He was in the Merchant Marine for two years.

Harmon Kling the 4th and youngest child of Peter and Elizabeth Kling was born in the town of Sharon, January 31, 1848, and died August 22, 1868, at the home of his parents at South Valley, N. Y., less than two months after passing his examinations with honor for entrance in the graduating

class of 1869 in the "State College" for teachers at Albany, N. Y. He was particularly successful in teaching in the "Department of Practice." He was never physically strong, yet always hopeful and eager to prepare himself for his chosen work, that of teaching. To the grief of his parents and many friends that dread disease, tuberculosis developed and his life work ended.

ABRAM KLING, 4th child of John George Kling and wife, Laney Dailey, was born at the old homestead, in town of Sharon, July 12, 1812. Died in the village of Carlisle, N. Y., June 22, 1880. His occupation was that of tanner, altho he followed farming, after middle life for several years on the old Kling farm in town of Sharon.

He married Christina Kromer, daughter of an early settler at France's Hook or "Corners," now known as "Mineral Springs," Schoharie County, N. Y. Here they resided for a number of years, he being employed in a tannery. They had 6 children: Augustus, Jacob C., Mary, Cornelia, Abram, Jr., and Christina. Augustus their oldest child was accidentally killed in 1853 while in the employ of the N. Y. C. R. R. He was in his 20th year and unmarried.

Jacob C. Kling was born October 26, 1836, and died at Amsterdam, N. Y., April 27, 1912, being in his 76th year. On November 10, 1854, he married Christina L. Young of Carlisle, a descendant of an early settler and Revolutionary soldier. He engaged in farming, specially the cultivation of hops for a number of years. Finally, he retired from the

excessive labor of the farm and removed to Amsterdam, N. Y., where he engaged in other business. They had 3 sons: George A., William N. and Andrew. Jacob C. Kling was a grandson of John George Kling, great grandson of John Ludwig Kling who served in the Revolutionary war and great grandson of Sebastian France, who served in the Revolutionary war.

Nearly 8 years after her husband's death, the widow and mother departed this life, January 14, 1920. Those nearest that survive her are two sons, George A. and William N. Kling, 4 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

George A., oldest son of Jacob C. Kling and wife, Christina Young, was born August 23, 1857. Married Mary Shaver, formerly of Blenheim, Schoharie County, N. Y. They have one son, an only child, Elmer Kling, born January 27, 1884. He married Alice M. Denehy of Boston.

Elmer Kling is connected with the Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co. of Cambridge, Mass., in the accounting and credit dapartment.

George A. Kling is one of the New England representatives of Stephen Sanford & Sons, Inc., Rug and Carpet Manufacturers at Amsterdam, N. Y. George A. Kling and son, Elmer Kling, are residents of Boston, Mass. Both are eligible to enter the organization of the "Sons of the American Revolution."

William N. Kling, 2nd son of Jacob C. Kling, was born August 9, 1860. Married Bertie Donnan, October 9, 1888. A "Scotch Lassie" tho American born. Her ancestors were early settlers in the Mohawk Valley. Mrs. Kling is a member of the Am-



sterdam Chapter D. A. R. Children 4. Ethel, born March 22, 1891; died, August 10, 1891.

Donald D., born March 9, 1893. Mildred Elizabeth, born September 29, 1895, and Helen E., born August 24, 1900; died December 6, 1901.

William N. Kling has been associated with Stephen Sanford & Sons, Inc., Carpet Manufacturers of Amsterdam, N. Y., since 1878, now nearly fifty years of continuous service. Is a director and Treasurer of the corporation.

He is a trustee of Green Hill Cemetery Association. A member of the Antlers Country Club, member of Amsterdam Lodge of Elks and a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Donald D. Kling, only son of William N. Kling, was born in city of Amsterdam, N. Y. Is a graduate of the classical course of the H. S. of the city. Served 18 months in military service during the "World War." See roll of honor. Holds a responsible position in the purchasing department of the Stephen Sanford & Sons, Inc., Rug and Carpet Manufactory of Amsterdam, N. Y.

He is a grandson of Jacob C. Kling, great grandson of Abram Kling, great-great grandson of John George Kling, and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling who served in the Revolutionary War. He is of the 6th generation of Klings.

Mildred Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Kling, was married February 6, 1923, to Tulloch McCosh Townsend of Schenectady, N. Y. They have a son, William Tulloch, born December 28, 1923.

Mrs. Townsend is a graduate of Amsterdam H. S. Attended Abbot Academy, Andover, Mass.,

Simmons College, Boston, and Scudder School, New York City. Mrs. Townsend is a member of Amsterdam Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution.

Mr. Townsend is the business supervisor of Public Schools of Schenectady. He is a graduate of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity; also belongs to the "Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," of Troy, N. Y.

Andrew Kling the 3rd and youngest son of Jacob C. and Christina (Young) Kling was born January 9, 1864. Married Christina Larkin of Sloansville, N. Y., February 25, 1885.

He died September 17, 1886. Survived by his widow and infant daughter, his parents and two brothers.

The daughter Mabel, grew up and was married to Homer Sagendorf of Schoharie. They are the parents of one son and 5 daughters. They reside in the town of Richmondville, N. Y.

Mary Kling, oldest daughter of Abram Kling and wife, Christina Kromer, was born August, 1839. Died at Central Bridge, Schoharie County, October 5, 1887. She was married to Jacob Lettice. They were the parents of 5 children: Willis, Isabell, Charles, Ella and Duane. Mary (Kling) Lettice and two of her sons died of typhoid fever.

Isabell was married to Samuel Putnam. She was born 1859 and died April 6, 1881 in her 23rd year. Charles Lettice, 2nd son of Mary Kling Lettice died at Central Bridge, September 19, 1887. Duane, her 3rd son was born March, 1867, and died at Central Bridge, September 20, 1887.

Ella Lettice was married to Samuel Putnam, whose first wife was her sister, Isabell Lettice.

Cornelia Kling, second daughter of Abram Kling, was born August 31, 1843, and died January 1, 1902. She was married to Abram Ottman, December, 1862. They had 4 children: Walter, Florence, Henry and Nina Elizabeth. All survived their mother.

Abram Kling, Jr., youngest son of Abram Kling, was born 1846 in town of Sharon at the old Ludwig Kling home. He was married to Ruby Vrooman. They resided at Sharon Springs, where he died July 3, 1909. Interment at Slate Hill Cemetery. Is survived by his widow. No children.

Christina Kling, youngest child of Abram Kling, was born 1848. Died 1901. Married to John Kilts. She is survived by one son, Myron Kilts, and 2 grandchildren, Laura Kilts and Charles Kilts.

GEORGE, fifth child of John George Kling, was born in the town of Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y., June 24, 1815, and died at his home in Oxford, Marquette County, Wis., July 3, 1888. He was married to Diana Shafer, a granddaughter of Judge Henry Shafer of Cobleskill, N. Y., a Revolutionary soldier, on September 11, 1836. She was born in town of Cobleskill, May 17, 1818, and died at Oxford, Wis., March 27, 1891.

In 1846, George Kling, with his family, removed to northern Illinois, settling at Burr Oak, Boone County, about three miles south of Sharon, Wis. There they lived for about seven years when they moved to a farm in Wisconsin, near Sharon. Later they moved to Oxford, Wis.

George and Diana Shafer Kling were the parents of two daughters and three sons, whose names, dates of birth and names of those they married follow:

Mary M., born November 21, 1837; married Frank Abbott.

Martha, born December 11, 1842; married Edgar A. Fisher.

Marcus W., born May 4, 1849; died August 15, 1867.

Orlando, born May 2, 1854; married Eva A. Abbott, first; Adelle E. Brown, second.

Leando, born May 2, 1854; died June 10, 1854.

Mary M. Kling, first child of George and Diana Kling, was born November 21, 1837, at Cobleskill, N. Y. She married Frank Abbott, a native of Concord, N. H., on August 6, 1864, at Oxford, Wis. They took up their residence in Oxford, Wis., where Mr. Abbott was a druggist and postmaster. In 1877, with his family, he removed to Westfield, Wis., where he continued in the drug business for twenty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott gave much attention to the education of their children, two of whom are graduates of the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Abbot departed this life February 19, 1909, at Westfield. His survivors are his widow, four daughters, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Frank and Mary Kling Abbot had four children as follows:

Anna C., born July 12, 1865, married James Lowe.

Clara May, born May 20, 1867, married Charles R. Folsom.

Lottie J., born September 7, 1872, married Erwin Wendell Woodford, M. D.

Bertha, born October 2, 1874, married Jesse A. Reid.

Anna C., first child of Frank and Mary Kling Abbott, was born July 12, 1865, at Oxford, Wis. She was married to James Lowe at Westfield, Wis., November 17, 1887. He died at LaMoure, North Dakota.

Their children are:

Robert Abbott, born November 17, 1890, at Jackson, Minn.

Maurice Russell, born September 12, 1896, at Jackson, Minn., died February 14, 1902.

James (called Howard at first), born May 11, 1900, at Jackson, Minn.

Robert, first child of James and Anna Abbott Lowe, married Lucile Fleming and is a banker at LaMoure, North Dakota. They have two children, Janet and Wendell.

James, third child of James and Anna Abbott Lowe, served in the Navy for eleven months during the World War, enlisting while still in High School. He is now a student in the University of Wisconsin. (See Honor Roll.)

Clara May, second child of Frank and Mary Kling Abbott, was born May 20, 1867, at Oxford, Wis., and married Charles Roger Folsom of Milwaukee, Wis., on August 28, 1901. She graduated from the School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin in 1892, being one of the first two women to graduate from that department.

Charles R. and Clara Folsom now live at Fayetteville, N. Y. They have three children as follows:

Abbott, born June 25, 1902, married Dorothy M. Matten.

Roger W., born March 21, 1907.

Elizabeth, born November 23, 1911.

Abbott Folsom was graduated from Syracuse University, June, 1923. He was manager of the Lacrosse team of the University and in that capacity accompanied the team to England where a series of games was played for the International championship. The cup was won by the Syracuse team. He was married May 20, 1923, to Dorothy Marcy Matten, daughter and only child of Dr. H. D. and Mrs. Cora M. Matten of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. His bride accompanied him on the European trip.

Lottie, third child of Frank and Mary Kling Abbott was born September 7, 1872, at Oxford, Wis., and married Dr. Erwin W. Woodford of Cleveland, Ohio, on November 21, 1901. They lived in that city until Dr. Woodford's death, August 15, 1905. Since that time Mrs. Woodford has lived with her mother in Westfield, Wis. For several years she has been very active in W. C. T. U. work. (See Honor Roll.)

Bertha, fourth child of Frank and Mary Kling Abbott was born October 2, 1874, at Oxford, Wis., and married Jesse A. Reid November 25, 1897, at Westfield, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Reid lived for a number of years in Iowa where Mr. Reid was engaged in the creamery business. They now live on a farm near Anoka, Minn. Their children are Helen Jean, Esther, and Allen, aged respectively 14, 12 and 7 years. Helen and Esther entered Anoka High School this year.

Martha, second child of George and Diana Shafer Kling, was born December 11, 1842, at the Ludwig Kling homestead at Sharon, N. Y. She married Edgar A. Fisher, M. D., August 23, 1868, at Oxford, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were the parents of five children as follows :

Harvey, born October 22, 1869.

Cora, born May 23, 1876.

Dora, born May 23, 1876.

Carme E., born February 9, 1880, died December 13, 1880.

Carlton Carme, an infant, died October 6, 1885.

Mrs. Fisher, for many years a widow, lives with her daughters, Cora and Dora, at Long Prairie, Minn. The son, Harvey, lost his life by drowning a few years ago. None of these children married.

Marcus W., third child of George and Diana Shafer Kling, was born May 4, 1849, and died August 5, 1867, at Oxford, Wis.

Orlando and Leando, fourth and fifth children of George and Diana Shafer Kling, were born May 2, 1854, at Oxford, Wis.

Leando lived but a few weeks.

Orlando married, first, Eva A. Abbott, November 7, 1877. She died September 19, 1878, and their son, Herbert E., born September 7, 1878, died October 9, 1878, at Oxford, Wis.

Orlando married Adelle E. Brown for his second wife, April 9, 1884. He was for many years a physician and druggist and later in life, a newspaper and magazine writer. During the World War, he served with the Red Cross. See honor roll.

Dr. Kling died May 5, 1922, leaving his widow and two daughters, Lucile, born February 23, 1886, and Maude, born April 10, 1890, who live in Denver, Colo., the home of the family for many years.

FRANCIS KLING, sixth and youngest son of John George Kling and wife, Laney Dailey, was born (Christmas) December 25, 1818, at the home of his grandparents, John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France.

Francis Kling was five years old when his grandmother Kling died and nearly seven years old when his grandfather, John Ludwig Kling, died.

1837, George Kling, brother of Francis Kling, removed with his family to a farm two and a half miles south of the village of Cobleskill, in the town of Cobleskill, that he and Francis had purchased. Three years later George Kling sold his share in the farm to Peter Kling, his brother, and returned with his family to the old home in Sharon. Three or four years after George Kling removed with a number of other Sharon families to the new state of Wisconsin.

Peter Kling and Francis, his brother, cultivated the farm on shares three years when they sold the farm and Peter Kling and family returned to the old home in Sharon.

Francis Kling remained and purchased another farm. He married Mary Elizabeth Foland, daughter of Henry Foland, who was born in Columbia County, a son of Philip Foland, a Revolutionary soldier.

Mary Elizabeth (Foland) Kling was born in the town of Cobleskill, February 19, 1823. Died at Vinton, her home, September 28, 1888.

In the year 1852, Francis Kling sold his farm and purchased a larger one, five miles south of Cobleskill Village in the town of Richmondville, known



as the Brewster-Ward farm, where he spent the remainder of his days.

He was interested in every department of agriculture, especially dairying. He had few hours of leisure as his working hours were from 5 a. m. to 7 p. m. He did not complain of the hard work on the farm. He was a great reader, tho his time for reading was limited to the evening hours, when bodily weariness often overcame his mental faculties and the newspaper or book he was reading would drop from his hand.

On attaining his majority he voted with the "Whig" party until 1860, when he entered the Republican party of which he remained a strong supporter to the close of his life.

Francis Kling and wife were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and close students of the Bible. Family prayer was never omitted in their home in the morning, no matter if farm work was pressing.

Francis Kling outlived all of his brothers and sisters. Died at Vintonton, June 22, 1898, in his 80th year.

Interment in Cobleskill Rural Cemetery by the side of his wife, who had preceded him ten years previously to the grave.

Three children: George H. Kling, Mrs. Harriet (Kling) Simmons, Margaret E. Kling and three grandchildren survived him.

George H. Kling, only son of Francis Kling, was born in the town of Richmondville. Married November 13, 1889, to Miss Harriet Severson of Guilderland Center, Albany County, N. Y. Stanley H. Kling, their son, was born March 10, 1891.

After a short residence on the home farm. George Kling removed to East Greenbush, Rensselaer County, N. Y. November 1889 he removed with his family to Troy, N. Y., where they have since resided.

June, 1918, Stanley H. Kling entered the United States military service, was ten months with the A. E. F. in France. (See Roll of Honor.) He became a member of the F. & A. M. fraternity in 1918. Now employed as Agency Cashier for the Troy office of John Hancock Mutual Life Ins. Co., Boston, Mass.

Harriet, daughter of Francis Kling, was married December 12, 1872, to Charles H. Simmons of the town of Summit, Schoharie County, N. Y. Before marriage both were engaged in teaching in the public schools of Schoharie County.

After marriage C. H. Simmons was interested in farming. They had two children: Mrs. Bertha S. Flint and Foster L. Simmons.

The former is the only surviving member of the family of Mrs. Harriet (Kling) Simmons. Mrs. Bertha (Simmons) Flint has been teaching a long time before and since her marriage. She is a graduate of Springfield Academy, Otsego County, N. Y. Graduate of Oneonta State Normal School for Teachers, also had two years in Columbia University for "Specialization Work." She has one son, Francis K. Flint.

Foster L. Simmons, second child of Mrs. Harriet (Kling) Simmons was born in the town of Seward, N. Y. He was a graduate of Albany Business College. Was manager for three years of the New York office for the Ostrander Fire Brick Co., Troy, N. Y. During this time he attended evening school

at Cooper Institute. In 1913 he entered Louisville College of Dentistry where he died from blood poisoning April, 1916. He was to be graduated from the school June, 1916.

He was an expert golf player and was the professional instructor at both the Cherokee and Standard Golf Links of Louisville, Ky. He had his training when a small boy, acting as caddie for the Golf Links at Cooperstown, N. Y., where his parents resided. By not going home during the summer vacations, he earned enough to defray his school expenses. The faculty and members of the senior class of the College of Dentistry attended the funeral services at Louisville in a body. Many beautiful floral pieces expressed the high esteem in which he was held. The little caddies of the Standard Links sent huge bunches of violets which they gathered from the course.

Foster L. Simmons was ill but a few days, a carbuncle at the base of the brain caused blood poisoning. His sister reached his bedside but a few hours before his death. She brought the body to Troy, N. Y. Funeral services were held from the residence of his uncle, George H. Kling on April 20, 1916. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Harriet Kling Simmons survived her son five years, her husband, C. H. Simmons, passed away 1910. Her sudden death January 6, 1921, from angina pectoris was a shock to her relatives and friends for she was gone ere they knew of her illness. She was a quiet home loving woman, cheerfully performing every duty, winning the love and esteem of all with whom she came in contact. She whispered "Good Bye" to her daughter as her spirit

took its flight to meet the dear ones gone before. Her body was brought to the home of her brother, George H. Kling, in Troy where funeral services were held. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery.

Margaret E. Kling, the first born of Francis Kling and wife, Mary Elizabeth Foland, and their daughter Harriet were both born in the town of Cobleskill, N. Y., but before either was old enough to attend school, Francis Kling, their father, removed to the town of Richmondville where Margaret E. entered school the next April.

The district school house was a mile from her home. It was a little, old, paintless building standing close to the highway, with scarcely room enough around it to accommodate a bantam mother hen and her chicks. The school-room was destitute of all furniture found in present day schools, but M. E. K. thought everything was beautiful because the teacher gave her permission to study her reading lesson and read ahead of her class. (Her mother had taught her to read.) She was so much pleased with the school that she resolved to teach school. A resolution she carried out, devoting 45 years of her life to that work.

When graduated from "The State Normal School," now "Teachers College," Albany, N. Y., she entered a more advanced grade of schools, as instructor and principal. September, 1883, she accepted the Principalship of Haskell School, Troy, N. Y., remaining 28 years in the same school, but not in the same building, as a new and modern equipped building was erected in 1895, a three-story building of twelve school-rooms each having a seating capacity of forty pupils. In this school the

graduates finished the first year High School. The school is honored in having 53 of its graduates of 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909 serve in the "World War." Five of which did not return. M. E. Kling retired from school work June, 1911.

She entered the Temperance Work in 1869, thru the "Sons and Daughters of Temperance." March 23, 1880, she became a member of the I. O. G. T. Was one of the charter officers of "Rescue Lodge," No. 209, I. O. G. T., of Cobleskill, N. Y. Joined the Woman's Christian Temperance Union 1892. Joined the Woman's Suffrage Organization 1908. Remained actively at work in both organizations until both victories were gained. Since then she has worked for Enforcement of the "Eighteenth Amendment" thru the W. C. T. U.

While teaching in Cobleskill High School she was Secretary for three years of The Teachers' Association of Schoharie County. While teaching in Troy, N. Y., she was president two terms of Rensselaer County Teachers' Association, being the first woman to hold that position. She is a member of Philip Schuyler Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Is a life member of Rensselaer County W. C. T. U., also a member of the Half Century Graduate Club, Teachers' College, Albany, N. Y.

MARY (KLING) STOTT, seventh child and second daughter of John George and Laney (Dailey) Kling, was born at the old home in the town of Sharon, July 9, 1821. Was married to Rev. Robert Stotts, a retired Lutheran minister. They

were residents of Sharon Springs for thirty-three years where they were well known to the city visitors of this famous health resort, for furnishing commodious quarters for their coachmen and horses during the boarding season.

Mr. and Mrs. Stotts passed away many years ago. Interment in Leesville Cemetery. They had no children.

LANEY ANN KLING, eighth and youngest child of John George Kling and wife, Laney Dailey, was born in Sharon, at the old home, August 12, 1824. She was married to Thomas Nipe of Carlisle, N. Y., in 1850, and they took up their residence at Sprakers, N. Y.

Thomas Nipe was not an old man, but a few years over fifty at his death and altho in his own estimation invulnerable to disease, he was not an over-strong man and at last succumbed to pneumonia. He was a well known nurse. Many a sick bed was kindly attended by his hand, and the dull room of the convalescent enlivened by his cheery words. Interment in the Kling Plot, Slate Hill. Laney (Kling) Nipe survived her husband several years. She died February 12, 1888, at Amsterdam, N. Y.

Laney Ann Kling and husband, Thomas Nipe, were the parents of three sons and two daughters. Charles W. Nipe of Frankfort, N. Y., is the only member of the this family living. He married Mary Kelley, who died in the fall of 1919 from an attack of influenza so prevalent at that time. She is survived by her husband and one son.

Lansing E. Nipe is survived by his widow, who

was Miss Eva Abbot, niece of the late Asa Abbot of Cobleskill, N. Y.; a son, Leroy Nipe, and a grand son, a granddaughter and a brother.

C. W. Nipe and L. E. Nipe were for many years successful grocers in their home town of Frankfort, N. Y.





## CHAPTER VII.

### (5) Katy Kling Van Alstyne's Descendants.

KATY KLING, fifth child and third daughter of John Ludwig and Anna (France) Kling, was born at the old homestead, in the town of New Durlach, 1783, just at the close of the Revolutionary War. She was married to John Van Alstyne of the same town. They were the parents of eight children whose names were as follows:

Nicholas Van Alstyne  
Daniel Van Alstyne  
John Van Alstyne  
Martin Van Alstyne  
Catherine Van Alstyne  
Elizabeth Van Alstyne  
Laney Ann Van Alstyne  
Nancy Van Alstyne

NICHOLAS VAN ALSTYNE was born in town of Sharon. Early in life he entered the Lutheran ministry and gave 60 years of his life in the service of that church. He died 1905, survived by one son and a number of grandchildren. (See Honor Roll of ministers.)

CATHERINE VAN ALSTYNE was the first wife of "Squire" Henry Loucks of the town of

Seward, formerly part of the town of Sharon. She died survived by her husband; one son, John Martin Loucks, and one daughter, Mrs. Peter Strobeck.

ELIZABETH VAN ALSTYNE was married to John I. Ward. They resided during their entire wedded life about a quarter of a mile west of what is now Slate Hill Cemetery.

They were the parents of four daughters and one son. The names of their children are as follows: Louisa, Nancy, Maria, Mrs. D. Hains, and John E. Ward.

Louisa never married.

Nancy was married to a Mr. Rase, a farmer of Sharon.

Maria was married to Samuel Flansburg and they removed to Colorado. Mrs. D. Hains of Janesville, town of Seward, N. Y., died 1907 at her home in that place.

John E. Ward was born 1833 in town of Sharon, and died at Lawyersville, N. Y., April 18, 1909. He married a Miss Weber, now spelled "Weaver," of South Valley, N. Y. They had four sons and one daughter. Their names and place of residence are as follows:

Daniel Ward, Bridgeton, N. Y.

Herman Ward, Fort Plain, N. Y.

Jay Ward, Gloversville, N. Y.

Dorr Ward, Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Sherman MacNeil, only daughter, Seward, N. Y.

Mrs. John E. Ward passed away four years previous to the death of her husband. For a number of years they had resided in Cobleskill, where J. E.

Ward was in the employ of the Harder "Threshing Machine Co."

His children and a number of grandchildren survive him.

LANEY ANN VAN ALSTYNE was married to Martin Hoffman, a farmer of Sharon. They resided in the vicinity of the "Kling neighborhood." Not ascertained that they had any children.

In the early 60's the "Frankean Lutheran Synod" was held in Sharon, State of Wisconsin, and Rev. Marcus Kling, pastor of Argusville Lutheran Church, and Laney Ann Hoffman of Sharon Lutheran Church were appointed delegates to the Synod. It was a very enjoyable occasion, as Mrs. Hoffman met two of her brothers, Daniel and Martin Van Alstyne, who had removed to Wisconsin from Sharon. The brothers and Mrs. Hoffman were cousins of Rev. Marcus Kling, whose father, Henry Kling was a brother of Katy Kling Van Alstyne, her mother. The town of Sharon, Walworth County, Wis., was named for old Sharon of New York.

NANCY VAN ALSTYNE was married to Matthew Ottman, son of William Ottman, who was one of three brothers, sons of Christian Ottman, that were captured by the Indians in the fall of 1782 and taken to Niagara, thence to Canada, and held in captivity for more than a year before they were permitted to return home. Matthew was an own cousin to his wife's mother, Katy Kling Van

Alstyne, as her mother was Anna (France) Kling, a sister of his mother, Catherine (France) Ottman. His mother-in-law, Katy Kling Van Alstyne, was also a niece of his mother. Regardless of mixed relationship Matthew Ottman and wife spent a long and happy married life together. They had two daughters. One was married and resided with her parents, the other daughter married and resided at Sharon Springs.

Matthew Ottman and wife were consistent and faithful attendants of the "Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation" of Leesville, town of Sharon, where they resided.

DANIEL VAN ALSTYNE was born in the town of Sharon, N. Y., was a graduate of Whitesboro Academy. Married Elizabeth Joslyn of Utica, N. Y. After his ordination for the Lutheran ministry he received a call from a Lutheran church in Wisconsin; he accepted it and removed to that state, where he died, 1884.

MARTIN VAN ALSTYNE was born in town of Sharon. Married Rebecca Kling, the second daughter and ninth child of Nicholas Kling, his own cousin. Rebecca Kling's father and Martin Van Alstyne's mother were brother and sister. In the early 40's Martin Van Alstyne, with a number of other Sharon families, removed to Wisconsin. One daughter, Antoinette, of five children born to them, grew up and was married to William Catlin. They were living in 1909 at Glen Elyn, Ill. Her parents passed away many years ago.

Of JOHN VAN ALSTYNE very little reliable information has been obtained. It appears he was a farmer and lived for some time on a farm in the vicinity of Sharon Springs; disposing of that he located on another farm near Hyneys Mills. Of his family no information is available.



## CHAPTER VIII.

### (6) Jacob Kling's Descendants.

JACOB KLING, third son and sixth child of Ludwig Kling, was born in Montgomery County, formerly Tryon County, December 27, 1785, and died in Wisconsin, October 12, 1884, in the 99th year of his age. He was married to Dorothy Gasper or Gosper, November 27, 1808. She was born February 8, 1793, and baptized on March 10, 1793, by the Rev. Mr. Bork, pastor of the Reformed Church of "New Rhinebeck."

Jacob Kling and wife, Dorothy Gasper, were the parents of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters, all of whom were born in Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y. He was the only one of Ludwig Kling's four sons that was not a farmer. He was a shoemaker, following that occupation all his life.

In 1835 he removed with his family to "Yorkville," a small village, now part of the City of Utica, but a thriving place at that time, owing to the newly constructed Erie Canal. In the early 40's Jacob Kling and family with other Sharon families removed to the newly formed State of Wisconsin, however, several of his sons remained in the Mohawk Valley.

Jacob Kling was a loyal, helpful brother of his sister Katy when she was left a widow with eight children to care for, under the crushing sorrow that it was her lot to suffer.

The following is a list of the names of his children, dates of birth and names of those they married:

John L. Kling, born January 25, 1810, married Eliza Mayer.

Peter A. Kling, born December 2, 1811, married Sophia E. Empie.

Henry M. Kling, born February 10, 1813, married Elizabeth Mayer.

Jacob R. Kling, born January 7, 1815, married Emily Bliss.

Mary Ann Kling, born July 30, 1817, married John Anderson.

William Kling, born November 14, 1819, married Mary Ann Cummings.

Hiram Kling, born September 4, 1821, married Delphia U. Nurse.

Elizabeth Kling, born July 27, 1823, married Hiram Nurse.

Norman Kling, born May 7, 1825, married Julia Mansfield.

Christopher Kling, born March 19, 1827, married Sophia Inman.

George H. Kling, born January 29, 1829, married Helen F. Armstrong.

Catherine L. Kling, born May 10, 1832, married Silas Chatfield.

This branch of the Klings is noted for great longevity. Its descendants are widely scattered throughout New York, Wisconsin, the Middle West and California.



JOHN L. KLING, oldest son of Jacob and grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was married to Eliza Mayer, March 1, 1837. Resided in Syracuse. They had three children, William, DeWitt and Mrs. Louisa (Kling) Murray.

John L. Kling lived to be nearly 96 years old.

DeWitt Kling, his son, served in a New York Regiment in the Civil War. (See Honor Roll.)

Not ascertained that any descendants of John L. Kling are living.

PETER A. KLING, second son of Jacob and grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was married to Sophia E. Empie, sister of Rev. Marcus W. Empie, by Rev. Philip Wieting, December 10, 1833. They resided in the town of Sharon at Beekman's Corners. They had three children, Gideon, John and Hattie.

Gideon Kling married Louisa Borst, daughter of Peter G. Borst of Sharon in 1861. They resided for a number of years in Sharon, then removed to Cobleskill to make their home with their only child, Mrs. Effie E. (Kling) Van Deusen. A few years thereafter the husband and father died July 26, 1904. His widow at the age of 66 years followed him.

The survivors of Gideon Kling and wife are Mrs. Effie E. (Kling) Van Deusen and two grandchildren, Mrs. Verna L. (Van Deusen) Warner of Oneonta, N. Y. Mrs. Warner before her marriage was very successfully engaged in teaching in the schools of Newark, N. J., and Attorney Maynard K. Van Deusen of Cobleskill. He served in the World War. (See Honor Roll.) Mrs. Effie E. (Kling)

Van Deusen is the daughter of Gideon, granddaughter of Peter A., great granddaughter of Jacob and great great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France, being of the 5th generation. Mrs. Warner and brother, Maynard (Kling) Van Deusen are of the sixth generation on the Kling side.

Rev. John Kling, son of Peter A. Kling and Sophia Empie, his wife, grandson of Jacob and great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was born in Schoharie County, town of Sharon. State of New York, July 1, 1838.

Rev. John Kling married Almira Lehman, daughter of Henry Lehman, Jr., son of Nancy (Kling) and Henry Lehman of Sharon, N. Y., on August 13, 1863.

There were seven children born of this union: Alfred, 1864; Clara, 1867; George H., 1869; Hattie A., 1872; Mary E., 1874; J. Irving, 1877; Marcus W., 1879; of which the first three children died at an early age.

While at Wurtemberg Church for the second time Rev. and Mrs. Kling celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 13, 1913. In December of the same year, Rev. Kling retired from active work in the ministry. On February 22, 1914, his wife, Almira, died of pneumonia while visiting in Chicago, Ill. The remains were brought to Cobleskill, N. Y., and the funeral held at the Lutheran Church, Rev. E. A. Ottman, D. D., officiating. Interment in Slate Hill Cemetery.

July 13, 1915, Rev. Kling married Mrs. Phoebe Miller of East Schodack, N. Y. He re-entered the ministry as pastor of the East Schodack Lutheran

Church, August 1, 1915. He retired for the second time, July 1, 1919. At this time he delivered his last sermon on his 80th birthday.

He was stricken with paralysis May 30, 1919, and died as a result of this affliction, February 2, 1923. Rev. John Kling was the last one of Peter A. and Sophia (Empie) Kling's children to pass away.

A brief history of his children and grandchildren that survive him follows:

Hattie Almira Kling, fourth child, married William Todd Snively of Wolfsburg, Bedford County, Pa., at Phoenixville, Pa., October 26, 1892. Two children were born of this union: William John, November 8, 1893, and Hubert Kling, June 1, 1896, at Berne, N. Y. Both sons of William T. Snively and Hattie Almira Kling, his wife, are graduates of Cornell University. Both are members of the Masonic fraternity with their father. Both served in the "World War." (See Honor Roll.) William John Snively, eldest son married Miriam Allen, June 29, 1921, at Janesville, Wis.

Mary Elizabeth Kling, fifth child, married Frank White in Berne, Albany County, N. Y., November 2, 1898. One son was born of this union, Leland F. White, October 15, 1899. Frank White died August 25, 1909. January 29, 1913, Mary Elizabeth married George H. Crusius in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y. She died there October, 1923, after many months of extreme suffering. Her son, Leland F. White enlisted March 10, 1918, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Served in the 178th Aero Squadron. (See Honor Roll.)

John Irving Kling, sixth child, married Letta

Mabel Patton at Oneonta, N. Y., on August 30, 1899. Four children were born of this union:

Raymond Irving, born June 27, 1900.

Harold Patton, born March 5, 1904.

Mabel Alvera, born February 2, 1909.

Marion Letta, born October 8, 1910.

Raymond Irving, oldest son of J. I. Kling, enlisted October 15, 1918, at the age of 18 years. Was a private in S. A. T. C., Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Was discharged December 17, 1918. (See Honor Roll.)

John Irving Kling is a resident of Chicago, employed as auditor for the city.

Marcus William Kling, seventh child, married Leota A. Empie, daughter of the late J. Wesley Empie of Seward, Schoharie County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kling reside in Washington, D. C. He is Secretary to the Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The children of Rev. John Kling belong to the fifth generation, being the grandchildren of Peter A. Kling, great grandchildren of Jacob Kling and great great grandchildren of John Ludwig Kling and Anna France, his wife.

Hattie S. Kling, daughter of Peter A. Kling and Sophia Empie, his wife, was born in the town of Sharon, February 28, 1847.

She was united in marriage to Anson France, October 20, 1869. They resided for some years in the town of Seward where Mr. France was engaged in farming. Later they resided in Richmondville for a short time, and then took up their residence in the city of Oneonta, N. Y., where Hattie S.

(Kling) France died 1919 from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. From early youth she was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. Those nearest her that were left to mourn their loss were her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Daniel Trinkino, and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the home by her pastor, Rev. Philip M. Luther, of the Lutheran Church of the Atone-ment, who brought a message full of comfort and hope from the words: "In My Father's House are Many Mansions."

Four years after, on March 2, 1923, Anson France, the husband died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Trinkino at Milford, N. Y. Death was caused by pneumonia. His pastor, Philip M. Luther, of Oneonta officiated at the funeral. Anson France was born in the town of Seward, May 3, 1843. He was the son of Lawrence France, who was a grandson of Sebastian France.

HENRY MADISON KLING, third son of Jacob, was born February 10, 1813, in the town of Sharon, N. Y. Married Elizabeth Mayer, March, 1837. They had one son, born in Albany, Henry Willard Kling. He married and had one son, Henry William Kling. who was born in Syracuse and died in that city February, 1921. His widow, Mrs. Lulu D. Kling, one son, Frederick D. Kling, and one daughter, Miss Frances M. Kling survived him. His children are the only descendants of Henry M. Kling that are living and are of the 6th generation. Henry William Kling was a prominent fraternal leader in a number of orders, especially the Red

Men and Maccabees and was Past State Chief of the Haymakers, a branch of the Red Men. For many years he took part in all activities of the latter order, arranging conventions and other affairs, which gave him a wide acquaintance. Henry William Kling was by occupation a cabinet finisher. He was of the fifth generation, being a great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling.

June 3, 1922, Mrs. Lulu D. Kling, widow of Henry William Kling, died at her home, No. 143 Baker avenue, Syracuse, following a brief illness.

JACOB R. KLING, fourth son of Jacob Kling and Dorothy Gasper, his wife, was born January 7, 1815. Married Emily Bliss, January, 1843.

Jacob R. Kling and wife, Emily Bliss, were the parents of seven children. Names as follows: Mary, Henry B., Celia, Willard J., Frank W., Edith and Ruby. Only one of Jacob R. Kling's children resides in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Mary (Kling) Mathews, first born of Jacob R. and Emily (Bliss) Kling, was married in Wisconsin, where her husband was engaged in lumbering. Not long after marriage Mr. Mathews and family removed to Woodbine, Iowa, where he and Henry B. Kling, brother of Mrs. Mathews, together engaged more extensively in lumbering. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews were the parents of three children: G. Clifford Mathews (deceased) married and had one daughter, Gretchen. Miss Grace Mathews is unmarried, and Dr. Lynn D. Mathews of Denver, Colo., has three children. The passing of Mrs. Mary (Kling) Mathews was deeply mourned

not only by her relatives, but by a host of her church friends and other acquaintances. She was loyal to her Saviour in her daily walk and conversation and her sweet Christian life, her love and tenderness as wife and mother have left an impression which will never be eradicated from the hearts of those who knew her.

Henry Bliss Kling, (deceased), was the eldest son of Jacob R. Kling. He removed with his family from Wisconsin to Woodbine, Iowa, where he was associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. Mathews in lumbering. Here he became prominently identified with interests pertaining to the growth and advancement of Woodbine, Iowa. He held many positions of trust and honor in its civic affairs. Served a term in the State Legislature of Iowa. His widow, Mrs. Flora E. Kling, of Los Angeles, Calif; two children, Mrs. Bessie (Kling) Nelson and Herbert A. Kling survive him; also seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Bessie Kling Nelson has two children: Herbert and Paul. Herbert A. Kling has five children, names follow: Flora E., Henry B., Herbert A., Helen and (?) Kling.

Mrs. Celia (Kling) Bennett is the second daughter and third born of Jacob R. and Emily (Bliss) Kling. She had two daughters, Blanch Bennett, unmarried, and Ruby (Bennett) Williams (deceased). Survived by two sons, Bennett Williams and John Williams.

Willard J. Kling, second son of Jacob R. Kling resides in Santa Monica, Calif., where he is a bank

president and also owner of extensive pear orchards at Littlerock, Los Angeles County, Calif. He has one daughter, Margaret E. Kling.

He and his brother, Frank W. Kling, and their sisters, Celia, Edith and Ruby are grandchildren of Jacob and Dorothy (Gasper) Kling and great grandchildren of John Ludwig and Anna (France) Kling, and are of the fourth generation. They are five of forty-five great grandchildren of Ludwig Kling that are living February 1, 1924.

Frank W. Kling, youngest son of Jacob R. Kling, is a resident of Troy Center, Wis. He has three sons, two daughters and ten grandchildren.

1.—Albert E. Kling, son, resides in Milwaukee, has two children: Doris Evelyn Kling and Raymond A. Kling.

2. Prudence (Kling) Ferry of Troy Center, Wis., has one son, Ellsworth Allen Ferry.

3.—Mabelle Kling, resides in Milwaukee, unmarried.

4.—Duncan J. Kling, Troy Center, Wis. Has four children: Lois Kling, Laurel Gordon Kling, Gladys Kling, Douglas Kling.

5.—Ralph W. Kling is a resident of Whitewater City, Wis. Children three: Harold Kling, Arnold Kling and Royal Lester Kling.

Mrs. Edith (Kling) Patton, resident of Blue Springs, Neb., is the third daughter of Jacob R. Kling, has three children: Kent Kling Patton, Floyd Patton and Vern Patton.

Ruby Kling, fourth daughter of Jacob R. Kling, is the wife of S. L. Berkley, Mayor of Santa Monica, Calif. They are the parents of three sons:

1.—Dr. Hugh Kling Berkley married Martha



Westbrook. Resides at 1002 South Union street, Los Angeles. Children two, Hugh Westbrook Berkley and Robert Huston Berkley. (See Honor Roll.)

2.—Lawrence Berkley, married Arline Coffman. He is a mechanical engineer. Resides in Chicago. Has two children: John B. and Elizabeth B.

3.—Robert DeLong Berkley is the youngest son of Mrs. Ruby (Kling) Berkley of Santa Monica. He is a student.

MARY ANN KLING, oldest daughter and fifth child of Jacob Kling and wife, Dorothy Gasper, was born in town of Sharon, N. Y., July 30, 1817. Married to John Anderson, December, 1853. No further information obtainable.

WILLIAM KLING, fifth son of Jacob Kling, was born in Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y., November 21, 1819. Married Mary A. Cummings of Utica, N. Y., December, 1847. They had four children: Ira Cummings Kling, Myron Hale Kling, Myra K. Vandersall and Elmer Ambrose Kling.

Ira C. Kling born in Wisconsin, July 4, 1848, at Adams. Married Amelia Moore, 1879. He died February, 1911, in Chicago. He was Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction sixteen years for Iowa. Had three children: A son, Kenneth Kling; died in infancy; a son, Emery Kling, died at the age of ten years; a daughter, Mrs. Eva (Kling) George, born 1884. A graduate of Drake (Disciple) University, Des Moines, Iowa. An or-

dained Disciple minister. Residence 2620 Beaver avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Eva (Kling) George has one son living, Everett George, a senior in Drake University. Holds the highest office in Order De Molay. He is preparing for the medical profession.

Myron Hale Kling, son of William Kling, grandson of Jacob Kling and great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was born April 6, 1854, at Adams, Wis. He is United States Government Inspector, Bureau of Animal Industry, Sioux City, Iowa, 2222 Jennings street.

Married Emma Brown. Has two children: Mrs. Maude (Kling) Darling. A graduate of Morning-side College (Methodist) of Sioux City, Iowa. No children. She was born 1876. P. O. 3704 Fourth avenue, Sioux City, Iowa.

Roy Dwight Kling, born 1880. Was for sixteen years Assistant Office Manager Cudahy Packing Co. Now a farmer at Shell Lake, Wis. Married; no children.

Mrs. Myra (Kling) Vandersall, only daughter of William Kling and wife, Mary A. Cummings, was born November 21, 1857. Died 1921, at Canton, Ohio. Was the mother of six children. Names follow:

1.—Stanley G. Vandersall, graduate of Drew University. Is general secretary Alumni Association Christian Endeavor, P. O. 41 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass. Has two children.

2.—Leonard Vandersall is general salesman of Chandler cars for South America. Not married. P. O. Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America.

3.—Herbert Vandersall, graduate of Princeton

University. Is a teacher of English in Presbyterian College, Cairo, Egypt. Married August, 1923, while on a furlough in the United States.

4.—Ada Vandersall Young, died about a year and a half ago at Youngstown, leaving four children motherless.

5.—Jessie (Vandersall) Snyder has two daughters and two sons. P. O. 92 Tenth street, N. W., Canton, Ohio.

6.—Eva Vandersall died when about 16 years old. Four of Myra (Kling) Vandersall's children are living at the present time.

Elmer Ambrose Kling, youngest of William Kling's children, was born at Adams, Wis., October 6, 1860. Married Miss Lena Carr of Wisconsin. They have two daughters. One is a stenographer in Minneapolis and the other is at home. Not married either of them. Elmer Ambrose Kling is an Attorney at Law in Little Falls, Minn. He served as member of Minnesota State Legislature and also as Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Minnesota F. and A. M.

HIRAM KLING, sixth son of Jacob Kling, was born September 4, 1821, in town of Sharon, Schoharie County, N. Y. Married Delphia U. Nurse, September 22, 1847. Died 1910 at the age of 89 years. Survived by an only child, Mrs. Sarah (Kling) McGucken of Earlville, N. Y.

ELIZABETH KLING, second daughter of Jacob Kling, was born in Sharon, N. Y., July 27, 1825.

Married February, 1849, to Hiram Nurse, brother of Hiram Kling's wife. Elizabeth Kling and husband resided in Wisconsin. Not ascertained that they had any children.

NORMAN KLING, seventh son of Jacob Kling, was born May 7, 1825, in Sharon, N. Y. Married Julia Mansfield, October, 1849. Resided in Utica, N. Y., at the time of his death. Survived by his widow, four daughters and one son. Names of his children and grandchildren follow:

Mrs. Flora (Kling) Spencer, has two daughters, Grace Spencer, High School teacher, and Mrs. Irma Spencer, wife of Prof. Alexander, Morris Heights, New York City.

Miss Lillian (Kling) Evans, widow, resides with her mother, widow of Norman Kling, Rome, N. Y.

Mrs. Eva (Kling) Ward removed with her husband, Frank Ward, a contractor, to Los Angeles, Calif. They have one daughter, Rose Ward, a pharmacist in San Francisco.

Mrs. Rose (Kling) (?) (deceased). She resided in Los Angeles.

Lincoln Kling married and is a resident of New York.

CHRISTOPHER KLING, eighth son of Jacob Kling, was born in Sharon, N. Y., March 19, 1827. Married Sophia Inman, August, 1852. Died at the home of his daughter in Utica, N. Y., June 23, 1920, in his 94th year. Funeral and interment, June 26, 1920.

Christopher Kling was prominent for many years in Masonic, Odd Fellows and Pythian circles. He was one of the oldest members of the Pythian Order in the state of New York. and in his day one of the best known. For quite a number of years he served as district deputy grand chancellor of the Pythian order. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In all those organizations he did everything in his power to promote their welfare. He was a Republican. He cast his first vote in 1848, for Lewis Cass for president but the slavery question changed him to a Republican in 1860.

In 1845 he went to Albany and learned the trade of a tailor, which was his vocation. During the Civil War he worked in the clothing establishment of Palmer Kellogg of Utica, who had large contracts for furnishing soldiers' uniforms, employing 80 cutters of whom Christopher was one.

After the death of his wife, in 1892, he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Sutton.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary (Kling) Sutton of Utica, N. Y.; Mrs. Ina (Kling) Losee of Milwaukee, and several nephews and nieces. He was the last one of the twelve children of Jacob Kling to pass away.

GEORGE H. KLING, ninth son of Jacob Kling was born January 29, 1829. Married Helen Frances Armstrong. His widow, a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Dorothy (Kling) Eldridge; a son, George Herbert Kling, and two grandchildren, Dora Eldridge and Edward Eldredge, survive him. Mrs. Kling

has made her home with her daughter at 406 Mandeville street, Utica, N. Y., since the death of her husband.

CATHERINE L. KLING, the twelfth and youngest child of Jacob Kling and wife, Dorothy Gasper, was born May 10, 1832. Married May, 1857, to Silas B. Chatfield. Died at her home, Troy Center, Wis., July 27, 1915, after nine weeks of extreme suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Catherine (Kling) Chatfield was a teacher in the public schools for several terms previous to her marriage. May, 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Chatfield celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. August, 1913, Mrs. Chatfield, accompanied by her daughter, made a trip east to visit relatives in Utica, N. Y., her brother, Christopher, and a dozen or more nephews and nieces. She also made a trip to Oneonta to visit Mrs. Hattie (Kling) France, daughter of her brother, Peter A. Kling.

Later she went to Rochester and other points in Central New York to visit Mr. Chatfield's relatives. She enjoyed every minute of the time. Mrs. Chatfield is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Alice Gonia of Whitewater City, Wis.; a son, Seneca B. Chatfield.



## CHAPTER IX.

### (7) Henry Kling's Descendants.

HENRY KLING, fourth son and seventh child of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna (France) Kling, was born January 11, 1788, in the town of New Durlach, Montgomery County, formerly Tryon County. He married Elizabeth Sommers, a daughter of Nicholas S., and granddaughter of Rev. Peter Nicholas Sommers. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Moeller, November 11, 1811. Elizabeth was born June 17, 1792, in the same town and county as her husband.

In the year 1824, Henry Kling purchased a farm containing 124 1-2 acres for \$1,500 of his father, John Ludwig Kling. He resided upon his farm until 1843, when he sold it to Robert Eldredge for \$3,500 and removed to Breakabeen in the Schoharie Valley, where he purchased another farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life.

In 1850, a son of Robert Eldredge, Van Ness E., purchased the adjoining farm that John George Kling had purchased of his father, John Ludwig Kling, in 1824, and in which he, John George Kling, held a life interest. Van Ness Eldredge also secured the Henry Kling farm from the Robert Eldredge estate, thereby uniting again the two farms. Those



farms were part of the "Old Dorlach Patent" and have been owned by Klings and Eldredges 163 years.

Henry and Elizabeth Kling had ten children. Two died in childhood, eight grew up. Their names, dates of birth, and names of those they married, follow:

All of their children were born in the town of Sharon, N. Y.

David L. Kling, born December 4, 1812, married Catherine Davenport.

Nicholas H. Kling, born January 11, 1815, married Ann Eve Keyser.

Nancy Catherine, born June 17, 1817, married John Adam Empie.

Marcus, born January 6, 1820, married Eve Ann Angle.

Mary Kling, born March 6, 1822, married Nelson Manchester.

Magdalene Margaret Kling, born October 15, 1825, married Abram Becker.

Daniel Kling, born January 28, 1827, married Nancy Keyser.

Sarah Kling, born April 18, 1830, died 1836.

Jane Elizabeth Kling, born October 18, 1832, married David Keyser.

John Luther Kling, born May, 1835, died 1836.

DAVID L. KLING died February 4, 1848, aged 35 years, leaving a widow and two sons. William Henry, and Nicholas L. The former was born in 1838, and the latter 1842; also his parents, three brothers and four sisters.

William Henry Kling married Clarissa Bice, 1859. In 1868, the family removed from Schoharie, N. Y., to the State of Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their days. William H. Kling and

Clarissa Bice, his wife were the parents of six children. Names follow:

Mrs. Amy (Kling) Vestal, Colorado.

Miss Catherine Kling, Colorado.

David L. Kling, Oklahoma.

Erastus E. Kling, Iowa.

Frank Kling, Iowa.

Edward B. Kling, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kling passed away between 1886 and 1895.

Nicholas L. Kling, second son of David L. Kling, was married to Cornelia Campbell, 1862. They located in Williamsport, Pa., where he conducted a bakery for six years.

Returning to New York State he settled upon a farm in Patrie, Schoharie County. His wife died 1897. Nicholas died, 1915, surviving his wife nearly eighteen years. One son, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren are the survivors of Nicholas L. Kling.

David L. Kling, son of Nicholas L. Kling and great grandson of Henry Kling, was a teacher for several years in the Public Schools of Schoharie County. For twenty-five years he has served as prison guard at Auburn and Dannemora Prisons, N. Y. He has two sons, Nicholas and Orion. They are of the sixth generation of Klings.

Mary Catherine Kling, daughter of Nicholas L. Kling, was married to Richard N. Southworth of Seward, N. Y. They had three daughters, only one of them is living. Mary C. (Kling) Southworth died August 2, 1909.

NICHOLAS H. KLING, second son of Henry

and Elizabeth Kling, was born in town of Sharon, Schoharie County, January 11, 1815, and removed with his parents in 1843 to Breakabeen, N. Y. He married Ann Eve, daughter of Jacob Keyser, who was a descendant of one of the early settlers in the town of Fulton. She was born July 4, 1827, and died May 15, 1866. Nicholas H. Kling died May 11, 1886, in the seventy-second year of his age. He was a farmer the greater part of his life. Under the Old School System he was elected in 1853, Superintendent of Schools of the town of Fulton, Schoharie County, issuing the license of the teachers in his town.

After the death of his wife he married Mrs. Marinda Sherman Brandow, February 12, 1867. Only one of his six children is living. The nearest survivors of Nicholas H. Kling are Madison, his son, and sixteen grandchildren. Marinda Kling died June 2, 1890.

Martin Luther Kling, oldest son of Nicholas H. Kling, grandson of Henry and Elizabeth Kling, and great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, died June 24, 1883, survived by his widow, Ellen (Smith) Kling and three of his four children. Those living are Mrs. Mary Ellen (Kling) Joslyn, Rev. George H. Kling, and Carl B. Kling. John Luther Kling, born August 3, 1875, died February 18, 1878.

Mrs. Joseph L. (Mary Kling) Joslyn, was born May 8, 1873. Has four sons and six daughters:

Mrs. Susan M. Bellinger, born March 6, 1892.

Mrs. Ursula E. Bush, born December 18, 1893.

Mrs. Hazel E. Mattice, born April 21, 1895.

Martin L. Joslyn, born March 27, 1897.

Melvin J. Joslyn, born January 29, 1900.

Ella May Joslyn, born June 23, 1901.

Edna Irene Joslyn, born February 12, 1903.

Ernest Carl Joslyn, born September 10, 1905.

George Seward Joslyn, born August 8, 1909.

Frances Joslyn, born April 29, 1914.

Mrs. Bush has one child, Edgar J., born June 18, 1918. He is of the seventh generation of Klings.

The following explains itself:

A wedding of more than usual interest took place at 8 o'clock on the morning of August 12, 1922, at the parsonage of the Second Lutheran Church, West Sand Lake, N. Y., the Rev. George H. Kling, pastor, when Ella May, daughter of Joseph L. and Mary Kling Joslyn, of Middleburg, N. Y., became the bride of Charles F. Van Wie of Clarksville, N. Y., and her sister, Edna Irene Joslyn, was united in marriage to Harry J. West of Middleburg. Rev. Kling, uncle to the brides performed the ceremony. Each of the contracting couples acted as best man and bridesmaid to the other. Mrs. Ellen Kling, grandmother, and Carl B. Kling, an uncle to the brides, were also present.

Rev. George H. Kling, son of Martin Luther and Ellen (Smith) Kling, has been pastor of the Second Lutheran Church of West Sand Lake, N. Y., since June, 1913. Carl B. Kling, a brother, is a prominent teacher in Albany County.

David Hazelius Kling, son of Nicholas H. Kling, was born May 30, 1849. Died November 21, 1899.

He married Julia Keyser, October 18, 1875. They had four children born to them, only two are living: Anna Elizabeth and Bertha May. Anna E. is a trained nurse. She served in the Military Department as nurse in both the United States

and France during the World War. (See Honor Roll.) She has been very successful in her chosen work. Bertha M. is a public school teacher and also has given attention to Red Cross work.

David H. Kling is survived by his widow, two daughters, and one brother, Madison Kling.

Madison Kling, only living child of Nicholas H. Kling, was born April 3, 1851. He was married to Ida West and they resided at Breakabeen, N. Y. They were the parents of five children:

- (1) Nicholas Kling, Bainbridge, N. Y.
- (2) Christina (Kling) Hilts, West Fulton, N. Y.
- (3) Pearl G. (Kling) Durand, Hartford, Conn.
- (4) Elizabeth (Kling) Hotaling, Little Falls, N. Y.
- (5) Grover C. Kling, Albany, N. Y.

Nicholas Kling (son of Madison Kling) was married to Miss Mattie McPherson about 1904. They have three children: Arthur, Raymond and Mildred.

Christina (Kling) Hilts, (daughter of Madison Kling) was married in 1900 to David Hilts. They have three children: Madison, Linwood and Gertrude.

The latter was married to George H. Wagoner of Carlisle, Schoharie County, N. Y.

Pearl G. (Kling) Durand (daughter of Madison Kling) has no children.

Elizabeth (Kling) Hotaling (daughter of Madison Kling) was married to LaVerne Hotaling formerly of Breakabeen, N. Y., now of Little Falls, N. Y. To them have been born nine children, five sons and four daughters, viz: Jacob, Maynard, LaVerne, Jr., Kenneth and Bernard, (sons); Ida, Mildred, Golda, and Beatrice (daughters).

Grover C. Kling (son of Madison Kling) is a grocer and caterer in Albany County, R. D. No. 1. Married Miss Anna Aschenbrenner. They are the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters. Names as follows:

Grover C. Kling, Jr.  
Gerald Francis Kling.  
Paul Grant Kling.  
Jeanette Kling.  
Catherine Kling.

Rev. Arthur M. Kling, youngest son of Nicholas H. Kling, married Alice Shafer, daughter of Moses Shafer, of Fulton, Schoharie County, N. Y.

Rev. A. M. Kling was a member of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served in some of the largest churches in that Conference. Years of arduous and continuous work compelled him to retire for a much needed rest. He took up his residence at Cobleskill, to give his son, Arthur, Jr., the advantage of the High School. His health did not improve and the announcement of his sudden death was a shock to his ministerial brethren and former parishioners. His widow, six children, several grandchildren, and one brother, Madison Kling, survive him. Names of his children as follows:

Alonzo Kling.  
Arthur M. Kling.  
Margaret Kling.  
Mrs. Mabel Eve (Kling) Squires.  
Mrs. Mary (Kling) Bradley.  
Mrs. Clara B. (Kling) Dyer.

Margaret Kling is a graduate of Drew Seminary, Carmel, Putnam County, N. Y.

Alonzo Kling served in the Navy during the World War. (See Honor Roll.)

Mrs. Alice Kling is a resident of Thiells, Rockland County, N. Y. Her daughter, Mrs. Walter Squires, also resides in Thiells, where she was a teacher before her marriage and is yet teaching.

Arthur M. Kling, son, after his graduation from Cobleskill High School entered Syracuse University.

NANCY CATHERINE KLING, oldest daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Kling, was born June 17, 1817. She was the first wife of John Adam Empie, son of Adam Empie. They were married November 29, 1836, in town of Sharon, which at that date included all of the present town of Seward.

Mrs. Empie's parents sold their farm in 1843 and removed to Breakabeen, Schoharie County, N. Y. A few years later the Empie family removed to the same place where they resided for a quarter of a century, then returned to Sharon where Mrs. Empie died. John Adam and Nancy C. (Kling) Empie were the parents of three children: Louisa, Ellen and Luther.

Louisa Empie was married to George Mattice. They were the parents of five children: Luther, Violeta, Diantha, Lillie and Queenie. Mrs. Louisa (Empie) Mattice died November, 1906.

Ellen Empie was married to Alvin Dockstader of Carlisle, N. Y., in 1867. In 1876 Mr. Dockstader purchased the "Henry Lehman" farm near Sharon Springs where the family has since resided. Two children were born to them: Johanna and George. The latter died 1911.

Ellen (Empie) Dockstader is a great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling.

Luther Empie married Eugenia Nelson of Breakabeen, N. Y., where he was a dealer in general merchandise for six or eight years, disposing of his store he removed with his family to Sharon Springs, where he conducted a "Grain and Feed Store" until his death, March, 1909. His widow, four sons, John, Stephen, Homer and Alvin, and one sister, Mrs. Dockstader, survive him.

Luther Empie was a great grandson of John Ludwig Kling.

REV. MARCUS KLING, fourth child of Henry and Elizabeth (Sommers) Kling, was born in town of Sharon, N. Y., January 6, 1820. His mother was a granddaughter of Rev. Peter Nicholas Sommers, who was married to Maria Keyser of Stone Arabia, May 26, 1744, by Rev. Christopher Berkenmeyer of Stone Arabia, whose pastoral work in Stone Arabia antedates the Revolutionary War.

Rev. Marcus Kling entered the Lutheran Ministry, 1848. Married to Eve Ann Angle of Lawyersville, N. Y., December 26, 1849. They had five children, one died in infancy. Four grew up: Virgil, DeWitt, Edna and Della. The latter died while in her "teens." Mrs. Eva Ann (Angle) Kling died September 2, 1894. After the death of his wife Rev. Kling and daughter, Edna, made their home with DeWitt Kling, his son. Several years previous to his death he lost his eyesight which caused him much sorrow that he could no longer read. He passed away August 30, 1902. Interment in Cobleskill Rural Cemetery. (See Honor Roll.)



Virgil Kling, eldest child, of Rev. Marcus Kling, married Amelia, the only child of Chauncey and Catherine (Ottman) Osterhout of Cobleskill. After his marriage he purchased a farm and pursued the occupation of farming until failing health compelled him to retire. Virgil and Amelia (Osterhout) Kling were the parents of thirteen children, of which seven sons and four daughters reached adult age and survived their parents.

Virgil Kling was a great grandson of John Ludwig Kling. Amelia (Osterhout) Kling was a great great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling; her great grandmother, Mary (Kling) Bellinger, was the oldest child of John Ludwig and Anna (France) Kling.

The names of Virgil Kling's children are as follows:

Rev. C. V. Kling, Rector Trinity Church, Troy, N. Y.  
Marcus Kling, Marcellus, N. Y.

Howard Kling, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.

DeWitt Kling, Geneva, N. Y.

Henry Lansing Kling, Lawyersville, N. Y.

Arthur Kling (?).

Miss Catherine Kling, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Mrs. J. W. (Kling) Cook, Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Jerome (Kling) Wormuth, Lawyersville, N. Y.

Mrs. Edith (Kling) Zeh, Hyndsville, N. Y.

Leslie B. Kling, brother of above named, met a tragic death April, 1919. Returning from Cobleskill with a truck load of goods for his store, the auto truck suddenly veered to the roadside, turned completely over and on top of him. He sustained a fractured skull and expired a few hours after, without regaining consciousness. He was married, June 19, 1913, to Miss Jennette Brewster of Law-

yersville, N. Y. He was an energetic, progressive merchant and rapidly built up a large and widely extended trade. He possessed a pleasing personality, having a cheerful smile and kind word for all. Was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is survived by his widow, a son, Robert Virgil, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, six brothers and four sisters.

Rev. C. V. Kling has three children: Mildred Katherine, Mrs. Marjory W. (Kling) Goodwin, and Otto Paul Kling.

Marcus Kling has three children: Virgil, Maretta and Willis.

Henry Lansing Kling has two daughters: Doris Aurelia, Iva Marion.

Howard Kling has six children: Marian, Evelyn, Milton, Arthur, Emerson and Melville.

DeWitt Kling, second son of Rev. M. Kling, married Huldah Wright of Schoharie Village. He was a farmer for twenty-five years. Disposing of his farm several years ago he located in Cobleskill where he is enjoying a well-earned rest from the toil of the farm. Has two daughters, Eva A., and Lillian. Both are graduates of Cobleskill High School. The former is also a graduate of Oneonta Normal School and the latter a graduate of Albany Business College. She is a stenographer.

Eva A. taught in Altamont High School, Albany County, two years and two years in "Seward Place School," Schenectady, N. Y. She is an accomplished musician. June 12, 1920, Eva A. Kling was married to Kenneth H. Fake, a graduate of Cobleskill High School and of Albany Law School. In 1917 he enlisted in the Army service in the Avi-

ation Branch. Went into training at Kelly Field, Texas. Afterwards went to West Point, Virginia, where he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery. He was a member of the Assembly of New York Legislature for 1923. He is a Republican and a firm supporter of the 18th Amendment. Elected November 6, 1923, for second term in New York Legislature of 1924.

MARY KLING, the fifth child of Henry and Elizabeth Kling, was born March 8, 1822, in the town of Sharon. She was united in marriage with Nelson Manchester of Schoharie January 14, 1847. After a short residence in that town they removed to Breakabeen, N. Y. They had four children, three daughters and one son. Names follow:

Elizabeth, Nancy, Oscar and Ida. In the year 1879 or 1880 the family removed from Breakabeen to Oneonta where Mr. Manchester and son entered the employ of the D. & H. R. R.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Manchester) Bradt, daughter of Nelson and Mary (Kling) Manchester was born November, 1849, at Schoharie. She was married to W. L. Bradt of Oneonta, a conductor of the Delaware and Hudson R. R. They resided in Albany for ten years, then for four years they were in Cooperstown, after which their married life was spent in Binghamton where she died. Survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. C. W. Martin, and one son, Fred Bradt, and three grandchildren, all of Binghamton, also one sister, Mrs. Ida Beam of Oneonta. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Oneonta. Mrs. Ida Beam of Oneonta is the only child living of Mary Kling Manchester.

MAGDALENE KLING, third daughter of Henry Kling, was born in Sharon, October 15, 1825. She was the wife of Abram Becker of Breakabeen, N. Y., where they made their home. They had five children, David, Abram, Elizabeth, Gertdure, and Louisa. All lived to reach adult age and married. At present, October, 1923, only two are living, David Becker of Montclair, N. J., and Mrs. Elizabeth (Becker) Wood of Amsterdam, N. Y. Both brother and sister are great grandchildren of John Ludwig and Anna (France) Kling and are of the fourth generation of Klings.

Magdalene Margaret Kling and husband, Abram Becker, died about twenty-five years ago at Breakabeen, N. Y.

DANIEL KLING, fourth son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sommers) Kling, was born in Sharon, January 28, 1827, married to Nancy Keyser, August 4, 1853. They had one son, an only child, Irvin M., who was born April 24, 1869. Daniel Kling died at his home in Breakabeen, N. Y., October 15, 1897, in the seventy-first year of his age. Survived by his widow and son.

Irvin M. Kling was married January 20, 1897, to Miss Liona Bouck, daughter of Hamilton Bouck of Gallupville, N. Y. They have a son, Howard D. Kling, who is a graduate of Middleburg High School and of Albany Business College. He is connected with the "General Electric Company," Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Nancy C. Keyser Kling, relict of Daniel Kling, died at her home, March 23, 1923, aged 90 years, 4 months, 19 days.

Irvin M. Kling is a dealer in General Merchandise in his native village. He is a grandson of Henry and Elizabeth (Sommers) Kling, great grandson of John Ludwig and Anna (France) Kling, great great grandson of Henreck and Catherine (Sternburg) Kling, great great great grandson of Sebastian and Anna (Fritz) France. John Ludwig Kling and Sebastian France served in the Revolutionary War.

JANE ELIZABETH KLING, eighth child of Henry and Elizabeth Kling, was born in the town of Sharon, October 18, 1832. She was married to David Keyser, brother of Mrs. Daniel Kling. They were the parents of eight children. Those living are: Philip Keyser, merchant of Richmondville, N. Y.; Mrs. Frank Becker, and Mrs. Jonas Foland, both of Breakabeen, and Mrs. William Rivingburg of Schenectady, N. Y.

They are of the fourth generation of Klings on the maternal side, and great grandchildren of John Ludwig Kling. David Keyser died suddenly at his home in Breakabeen, December 21, 1907, being in the 80th year of his age. Jane E. (Kling) Keyser Died December 2, 1911, aged 79 years. She outlived all of her brothers and sisters.

Besides the four children mentioned, two grandchildren, Harold Rivingburg and Mrs. Myrtle Rivingburg Alborts, both of Schenectady, N. Y., survive them.



## CHAPTER X.

### (8) Nancy Kling Lehman's Descendants.

NANCY, the eighth and youngest child of John Ludwig Kling and wife, Anna France, was born March 3, 1790, in the town of New Durlach, Montgomery County, formerly called Tryon County. Schoharie County was not formed until 1795.

Nancy Kling was married to Henry Lehman of the same town and county. He was a farmer and the owner of a farm near Sharon Springs where they resided. Here all of their children were born, and the wife and mother, Nancy (Kling) Lehman, died March 11, 1860.

Interment was in the family burial plot on the home farm.

This farm was purchased in 1876 by Alvin Dockstader of Carlisle, N. Y. Mrs. Dockstader is a granddaughter of the late Henry Kling of Breakabeen, N. Y., who was a brother of Nancy (Kling) Lehman. Henry Lehman and wife, Nancy Kling, had seven children; their names and names of those they married follow:

Henry Lehman, Jr., married Catherine Hiller.

Josiah Lehman, married a German woman; name (?).

Mary Lehman, married George Horning.

Katy Lehman, married Seth Swift.

Laney Lehman, married Charles Anthony.

Eliza Lehman, married Willard Hitchman.

Sophia Lehman, married Francis Best.

Henry Lehman, Jr., and wife, Catherine Hiller, were the parents of four sons and four daughters. Names follow:

- (1) Josiah Lehman, deceased.
- (2) Seward Lehman, Sharon, N. Y.
- (3) Alfred Lehman, Albany, N. Y.
- (4) John Lehman, deceased.
- (5) Mrs. A. W. Hicks, deceased.
- (6) Mrs. Almira (Lehman) Kling, deceased.
- (7) Mrs. Millard Ottman, Central Bridge, N. Y.
- (8) Mrs. (Lehman) Eldredge, Central Bridge, N. Y.

Have a record of but one member of this family, that of Almira, wife of Rev. John Kling. (See Chapter VIII.)

Mrs. Millard Ottman and Mrs. Fayette Eldredge, both of Central Bridge, N. Y., Seward Lehman of Sharon, N. Y., and Alfred Lehman of Albany, are four of forty-five great grandchildren of John Ludwig Kling, and wife, Anna France, that are living this day, February 1, 1924.





## MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

Descendants  
of  
John Ludwig Kling.

NICHOLAS VAN ALSTYNE was the first one of the grandsons of John Ludwig Kling to enter the ministry. He was ordained and entered the Lutheran ministry in early life, devoting sixty years of active service to the promotion of the Gospel in the Lutheran Churches of Rensselaer and Montgomery Counties. In 1871 he accepted a call to the Raymertown Lutheran Church, Rensselaer County, N. Y., where he remained until 1899, a period of 28 years. It is regretted that a history of his sixty years itineracy in church service could not be obtained.

REV. MARCUS KLING, grandson of John Ludwig Kling, entered Hartwick Seminary, Otsego County, in 1842. After his ordination to preach the Gospel in the Lutheran Church, he began his first pastorate at Argusville, N. Y., in 1848, where he continued uninterruptedly for nearly nineteen years, during this period also serving the Lutheran churches of "Center Valley" and of "Little York." The latter he organized in 1848, and in 1849 was instrumental in the erection and dedication of a Lutheran Church for the society. He also super-

intended the erection of a substantial Lutheran Church at Argusville in 1855.

Accepting a call from the Lutheran Church of Johnstown, N. Y., he served three years as its pastor, then came to Lawyersville where a vacancy had occurred thru the death of the pastor, Rev. Philip Weiting, who had requested Rev. M. Kling to take his place in case of his decease. Included in the pastorate at Lawyersville was a portion of his early field of labor, that of "Little York."

At the expiration of eleven years' service in these churches he retired from active church work, having served faithfully and successfully thirty-three years in the ministry of the Lutheran Church.

REV. DANIEL VAN ALSTYNE, D. D., grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was a graduate of Whitesboro Academy, N. Y. After his ordination as a Lutheran minister, he accepted a call to take charge of a Lutheran church in Wisconsin and removed to that state with his family. In 1880, he visited Europe. Spent considerable time in the old City of Wittenburg, Germany. Upon his return in 1881 he delivered a number of interesting lectures on the "Relics of the Reformation in Wittenburg" from his personal observation. He came east in 1881 to visit relatives in Schoharie and Montgomery Counties. Soon after his return to Wisconsin he retired from the ministry.

REV. JOHN KLING, great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, received his theological education at Selin's Grove, Pa., and Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.

He entered the ministry of the English Lutheran Church, November, 1866. During his labor of over

fifty years in the ministry he filled the pulpits of the following congregations:

Maryland, Otsego County, N. Y.—1866 to 1867.

Poestenkill, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—1867 to 1873.

East Schodack, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—1873 to 1877.

Ancram, Columbia County, N. Y.—1877 to 1880.

Wurtemburg Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y.—1880 to 1886.

Valatie, Columbia County, N. Y.—1866 to 1890.

Phoenixville, Chester County, Pa.—1890 to 1893.

Berne, Albany County, N. Y.—1893 to 1902.

Guilderland Center, Albany County, N. Y.—1902 to 1907.

Wurtemburg Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y.—1907 to 1913.

East Schodack, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—1915 to 1918.

In December of 1913 Rev. Kling retired from active work in the ministry. He re-entered the ministry as pastor of the East Schodack Lutheran Church, August 1, 1915. He retired for the second time July 1, 1918, at which time he delivered his last sermon on his 80th birthday.

REV. ARTHUR M. KLING, great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was a member of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was the Conference Secretary and Treasurer for several years. He served some of the largest congregations in that Conference. Years of arduous work compelled him to retire April, 1918, from active service for a much needed rest. He took up his residence in Cobleskill, to give his son, Arthur, Jr., the advantage of the High School.

His health did not improve and the announcement of his sudden death on August 7, 1918, was a

shock to his ministerial brethren and former parishioners.

REV. C. V. KLING, great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, was born August 10, 1873. Graduate Hartwick (Classical) 1896, (Theological) 1899. Lutheran pastorate Breakabeen, 1899; Argusville, 1900-1905.

Ordained deacon (Episcopal Church) 1906; Priest, 1907.

Rector St. Paul's Church, Waddington, N. Y., 1907-08. Rector Grace Church, Waterford, N. Y., 1909-1913; Rector Trinity Church, Tulsa, Okla., 1914-1920; Rector St. James' Church, Fort Edward, N. Y., 1921; Rector Trinity Church, Troy, N. Y. 1922.

REV. CHARLES G. EMPIE, D. D., is a great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, and of the fifth generation on the maternal side. He was graduated from Hamilton College in '98, and studied theology at Hartwick Seminary. He was ordained in June, 1900, and served the following congregations: Raymertown, N. Y., following Rev. Nicholas Van Alstyne; St. Johnsville, N. Y.; Oldwick, N. J., and is now pastor of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer of Troy, N. Y. Rev. Empie served as President of the Frankean Synod, and also was a member for 18 years of the Board of Trustees of the Hartwick Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church. From this institution he received in 1923 the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

REV. GEORGE H. KLING, son of Martin Kling and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, began his pastoral work in the Second Lu-

theran Church of West Sand Lake, N. Y., July, 1913, where he is yet in service.

He is a graduate of Hartwick Theological Seminary where the degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred upon him. Had two years in Union College, Schenectady. Has been associated with Rensselaer County Sunday School for a number of years. He is also a worker in the field of temperance.

REV. EVA KLING GEORGE, daughter of the late Ira C. Kling of Chicago, was born 1882. She is a graduate of Drake University of Des Moines, Iowa, a Christian (Disciple) School. She is an ordained minister of the Disciple Church, 1620 Beaver avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Rev. Eva Kling George is a granddaughter of William Kling, great granddaughter of Jacob Kling and great great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling.

MRS. LOTTIE WOODFORD'S name is included with the ministers of the Gospel, descendants of John Ludwig Kling, for the fact she is an indefatigable worker in a Christian organization that includes a million members in the United States.

Lottie Abbott Woodford, daughter of Frank and Mary Kling Abbott and great great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling, is a graduate of Milwaukee State Normal School, Milwaukee, Wis., and of the University of Wisconsin.

She taught school for seven years, first in the public schools and later as supervising teacher in the Normal School.

After her marriage and the subsequent death of her husband, Mrs. Woodford became actively engaged in Women's Christian Temperance work. She was president of the local Union in Westfield,

Wis., for fifteen years, during which time she held several county offices.

In 1910 she was made State Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, which office she still holds.

Her successful work for the state in that field led to her appointment as National Lecturer, Department Scientific Temperance Instruction.

In the summer of 1923, during the illness of the National Director of that department, Mrs. Woodford was appointed to discharge those duties. For three months she lectured before large bodies of students, beginning in the High Schools of Washington and the District of Columbia, and continuing the work in high schools, summer schools and colleges throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Virginia.

Mrs. Woodford's work in the W. C. T. U. has brought her naturally into the political field. She is a member of the Republican County Committee and in 1922, during the Wisconsin primary election, she was State Campaign Manager for the W. C. T. U., working with the Republican State Committee in Milwaukee where the fight to nominate dry candidates was made.

REV. MARCUS W. EMPIE and REV. DAVID OTTMAN were not descendants of John Ludwig Kling, yet so closely were they related to the Klings by marriage it is not out of order for their names to appear in this history.

Rev. M. W. Empie, born 1824, in town of Sharon, N. Y., baptized by Rev. A. Crownse, received the hand of welcome and fellowship into the church from Rev. P. Wieting. In 1848, he became pastor

of the "Sharon Lutheran Church," Walworth County, Wis.

He married Sally (Sarah), daughter of Abram Kling, granddaughter of Nicholas Kling, and great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling. His sister, Sophia Empie, was the wife of Peter A. Kling, son of Jacob Kling. Abram Kling and Peter A. Kling were own cousins. The children of Peter A. Kling and wife, Sophie Empie, were nephews and nieces of M. W. Empie. Peter A. Kling, husband of Sophie Empie, was a grandson of John Ludwig Kling. M. W. Empie's church congregation was largely made up of families from "Old Sharon." N. Y.

Rev. David Ottman, son of William Ottman and wife, Catherine France, was a nephew of John Ludwig Kling and Anna (France) Kling, as his mother was sister of Anna (France) Kling. David Ottman was a brother of Peter W. Ottman, who married Hannah, a daughter of Mary Kling Bellinger, who was daughter of John Ludwig Kling. The said Mary Kling Bellinger was an own cousin of her son-in-law, Peter W. Ottman, and also own cousin of David Ottman, brother of Peter W. Ottman.

Rev. David Ottman was born between 1796 and 1800. He was a farmer and lived on a farm about a mile west of Sharon Hill. He was a man of more than ordinary ability. Tho he followed thru life his early occupation of farming, yet having been licensed to preach he began his church work at Freysbush. In 1841 he organized the church at Center Valley, N. Y. He finally went to Wisconsin and settled in Walworth County, where he or-



ganized, in September, 1845, the Lutheran Church of Sharon. He married Miss Polly Moak and had a large family.

## MILITARY SERVICE

of  
John Ludwig Kling  
and His  
Descendants.

JOHN LUDWIG KLING served in the Revolutionary War from 1778 to 1781 under Lieutenant Colonel Clyde, as Sergeant in the First Regiment, Tryon County Militia, Captain Mathias (Matthew) Brown.

JACOB KLING, son of John Ludwig Kling, served in the second war with England (War of 1812), was in a New York regiment stationed at Sacket's Harbor.

WILLIAM KLING, son of Jacob Kling and grandson of John Ludwig Kling, served in the Civil War (Rebellion). Enlisted September 9, 1864. Was in Company B, 44th Wisconsin Infantry, as Sergeant. Honorably discharged July 2, 1865. Died February, 1911. Buried in Military Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wis.

DeWITT KLING, son of John L. Kling and great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, enlisted at Syracuse, 1862, in a New York regiment and went to the front where he lost one of his limbs in the "Seven Days' " battle.

DR. JAY KLING, grandson of Nicholas Kling and great grandson of Ludwig Kling, removed from Sharon Springs to Plymouth County, Ohio, where he enlisted at the breaking out of the Civil War as officer and surgeon in an Ohio Regiment. In a battle on the Rappahannock, Virginia, the Union troops were defeated. Surgeon Kling lingered to administer to the wounded and dying soldiers and was captured by the Confederates and held a prisoner for some time. All his personal papers and small articles that were in his pockets were taken. Being a member of the Masonic fraternity he was finally released and all of his personal belongings returned.

JOHN LUTHER HYNEY, son of Eliza Kling and Josiah Hyney, nephew of Dr. Jay Kling, great grandson of Nicholas Kling and great great grandson of John Ludwig Kling enlisted in Company C, 134th Regiment, N. Y. S. V., at the beginning of the Civil War. This regiment was raised from Schoharie and Schenectady Counties.

Early in November, 1862, it was taken to Washington, D. C., from there to Fairfax, Va., where the regiment under command of Colonel Grede was brigaded in the Second Brigade (Second Division) 11th Army Corps, under command of General Van Steinwehr.

This regiment participated in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Missionary Ridge, Lost Mountain and Petersburg. At the last named battle many of the brave men of the 134th fell, also at Gettysburg. Large numbers of this regiment were seriously wounded, among them was John Luther Hyney.

STEPHEN S. KLING, later of Los Angeles, Calif., a native of Schoharie County, N. Y., grandson of John George Kling and great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, enlisted in Lewis County, N. Y., 1864, for three years or during the war. Was stationed at Ogdensburg as assistant in the Quartermaster's Department, where he remained until the close of the Civil War.

(No evidence has been found that Klings, descendants of John Ludwig Kling, served in the Spanish War. Hence we pass on to the "World War.")

ALONZO S. KLING, son of Rev. Arthur Kling and great-great-great grandson of Ludwig Kling, served in the Navy in the "World War." He enlisted April 10, 1918, at Binghamton, N. Y. Sailed May 11, 1918, on the U. S. S. Kanawa, arrived in England, May 22, and was transferred to the U. S. S. New York, which patrolled the sea from the Orkney Isles to Dumferline, Scotland, hoping to catch the German fleet if it came out.

The U. S. S. New York was Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman's Flag Ship. Alonzo S. Kling was on board the Battleship U. S. S. New York when the German High Seas Fleet (Grand Squadron) surrendered to the Allied fleet off the coast of Scotland, November, 1918. On December 12, 1918, the U. S. S. New York lifted anchor and went out to meet the "George Washington" on which President Wilson sailed. Escorted the ship in the harbor at Brest, France, then sailed for the United States, reaching New York, December 26, 1918, where the men were mustered out January, 1919.

HUBERT KLING SNIVELY, second son of

Hattie A. Kling and William T. Snively, grandson of Rev. John Kling, great-great grandson of Jacob Kling and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, enlisted April 29, 1917, at Cornell University. Commissioned First Lieutenant, Infantry, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, November 27, 1917, age 21 years 6 months.

Sailed for France from New York, January 7, 1918. Instructor of grenades and minor tactics at 2nd Corps Army School. Attached to 29th French Division, attached to 33rd American Division, attached to Inter-Allied Games Commission.

Arrived at New York, July 29, 1919, A. E. F. 19 months. Discharged at Camp Grant, Ill., August 23, 1919. 28 months' service.

Graduated Cornell University—B. S. Degree, 1922.

WILLIAM JOHN SNIVELY, first son of Hattie A. Kling and William T. Snively, enlisted May 11, 1917, with 1st R. O. T. C., Forts Sheridan, Ill., and Leavenworth, Kan., until August 26, 1917. June 19, 1917, commissioned second Lieutenant Engineers. August 26, 1917, to August 26, 1918, second Lieutenant, Company F, 311th Engineers, 86th Division, stationed at Camp Grant. August 26, 1918, to February 1, 1919, Regimental Supply Officer, 4th Engineers Training Regiment, Camp AA Humphreys, Va.

Graduated Cornell University—C. E. Degree—1916. Born November 8, 1893, Phoenixville, Pa.

ANNA ELIZABETH KLING, daughter of David Hazelius Kling, granddaughter of Nicholas Kling, great granddaughter of Henry Kling and great-great granddaughter of John Ludwig Kling, is a trained nurse. She served as army nurse at Camp

Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; for several months, then was sent to France where she served 14 months in the World War as a nurse.

ARTHUR KLING, brother of Rev. C. V. Kling, grandson of Rev. Marcus Kling, great grandson of Henry Kling and great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, served 10 months with the A. E. F. in France. Was a resident of the town of Cobleskill, Schoharie County.

DONALD D. KLING, son of William N. Kling, grandson of Jacob C. Kling, great grandson of Abram Kling and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, entered service in the "World War," February, 1918, at Camp Devins, Mass., later was transferred to Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y., where he served in Executive Office, Camp Headquarters, until discharged July, 1919.

JAMES LOWE, son of Anne Abbott Lowe, grandson of Mrs. Mary Kling Abbot, great grandson of George Kling, great-great grandson of John George Kling and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, enlisted in the United States Navy, June 1, 1918, at Minneapolis, Minn. Was in training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, Ill., until July, 1918, then was transferred to United States Naval Land Battery Unit and sent to Annapolis where he remained six months. From there he was sent to Philadelphia Navy Yard where he received his discharge March 13, 1919. He was then a 2nd class seaman.

STANLEY H. KLING, son of George H. Kling, grandson of Francis Kling, great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, entered service in the "World War," June, 1918, at Camp Wadsworth, S. C. June

26, 1918, his regiment, the 52nd Pioneer Infantry, was sent to Camp Upton, Long Island. July 3, 1918, the regiment was sent to Hoboken, N. Y., where it embarked on the Leviathan for France. Landed at Brest July 12, 1918. July 17, 1918, the troops marched to St. Nazaire, 75 miles south of Brest. November, 1918, the regiment had crossed the Meuse River and was on the old battlefield of Verdun when word came that the German Army had surrendered. The regiment guarded the passage of ammunition and food to the front. The regiment was immediately turned back. Sailed from Brest for the United States March, 1919. Arrived in New York, March 29, 1919, and was sent to Camp Dix, N. Y., where the soldiers were discharged April, 1919. Stanley H. Kling was in A. E. F. service ten months.

Maynard K. Van Dusen, son of Mrs. Effie Elizabeth Kling and the late Egbert Van Dusen of Cobleskill, N. Y., grandson of Gideon Kling, great grandson of Peter A. Kling, great-great grandson of Jacob Kling and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, served with the A. E. F. in France.

LELAND F. WHITE, son of Mary E. Kling and Frank White, her husband, grandson of Rev. John Kling and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, enlisted March 10, 1918, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Served in 178th Aero Squadron at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, transferred to 682d Aero Squadron, Houston, Texas. Discharged March 31, 1919, at Houston, Texas. Age at time of enlistment 18 years 5 months.

RAYMOND IRVING KLING, son of John I.

Kling, grandson of Rev. John Kling, and great-great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, enlisted October 15, 1918, in S. A. T. C., Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Discharged December 17, 1918.

DR. HUGH KLING BERKLEY, son of Ruby Kling Berkley, grandson of Jacob R. Kling, great-grandson of Jacob Kling, great-great grandson of John Ludwig Kling, served as a Captain during the World War, stationed at Camp Carney and at Camp Lewis.

DR. ORLANDO KLING (son of George, grandson of John George, and great-grandson of John Ludwig Kling), was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore. Md., and also a registered pharmacist. For a number of years he practised both medicine and pharmacy and at intervals was engaged in newspaper work. During these years he resided in Wisconsin and Minnesota. In 1884 he went to Idaho Springs, Colo., and four years later he removed to Denver where he passed the rest of his life.

Journalism had an ever increasing appeal for Dr. Kling and he finally gave up his practice to devote himself to that work. For a number of years he was editor of a Denver paper, "George's Weekly." He was also a magazine writer of some note, his stories for boys published in "American Boy" being especially well liked.

During the Great War, Dr. Kling, being beyond the age for active service, devoted his time to work with the Red Cross, serving as Enlistment Office. He had almost entire charge of enlisting Base Hospital No. 29 which went to France from Colorado.



## GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

of

John Ludwig Kling  
Living January 1, 1924

(1)

Mary (Kling) Bellinger's Grandchildren

David Ottman, Cobleskill, N. Y.

Mrs. Martha (Ottman) Kilts, Cobleskill, N. Y.

Mrs. Nancy (Ottman) Robinson, Rochester, N. Y.

(2)

Nicholas Kling's Grandchildren

Mrs. Lavina (Kling) Borst, Seward, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary J. (Kling) Bradley, Schenectady, N. Y.

(3)

No Great Grandchildren

(4)

John George Kling's Grandchildren

Mrs. Mary (Kling) Abbott, Westfield, Wis.

Mrs. Martha (Kling) Fisher, Long Prairie, Minn.

Mrs. Ella (Kling) Devenpeck, San Pedro, Calif.

Charles W. Nipe, Frankfort, N. Y.

George H. Kling, Troy, N. Y.

Margaret E. Kling, Troy, N. Y.

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No Great Grandchildren

(6)

Jacob Kling's Grandchildren

Willard J. Kling, Santa Monica, Calif.  
Mrs. Celia (Kling) Bennett, Santa Monica, Calif.  
Mrs. Edith (Kling) Patton, Blue Springs, Neb.  
Mrs. Ruby (Kling) Berkley, Santa Monica, Calif.  
Frank W. Kling, Troy Center, Wis.  
Seneca Chatfield, Troy Center, Wis.  
Mrs. Alice (Chatfield) Gonia, Whitewater, Wis.  
Myron H. Kling, Sioux City, Iowa.  
Elmer E. Kling, Little Falls, Minn.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Dorothy (Kling) Eldredge, Utica, N. Y.  
George Herbert Kling, Utica, N. Y.  
Mrs. Mary (Kling) Sutton, Utica, N. Y.  
Mrs. Ina (Kling) Losee, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Mrs. Flora (Kling) Spencer, Utica, N. Y.  
Mrs. Eva (Kling) Ward, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Lincoln Kling, New York, N. Y.  
Mrs. Lillian (Kling) Evans, Rome, N. Y.

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Henry Kling's Grandchildren

Madison Kling, West Fulton, N. Y.  
DeWitt Kling, Cobleskill, N. Y.  
Edna Kling, Cobleskill, N. Y.  
Irvin M. Kling, Breakabeen, N. Y.  
Mrs. Ellen (Empie) Dockstader, Sharon Springs, N. Y.  
David Becker, Montclair, N. J.  
Mrs. Elizabeth (Becker) Wood, Amsterdam, N. Y.  
Philip Keyser, Richmondville, Schoharie County, N. Y.  
Mrs. Frank (Keyser) Becker, Breakabeen, N. Y.  
Mrs. Jonas (Keyser) Foland, Breakabeen, N. Y.  
Mrs. William (Keyser) Rivingburg, Schenectady, N. Y.  
Mrs. Ida (Manchester) Beam, Oneonta, N. Y.

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Nancy Kling Lehman's Grandchildren

Seward Lehman, Sharon, N. Y.

Alfred Lehman, Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. (Lehman) Ottman, Central Bridge, N. Y.

Mrs. (Lehman) Eldredge, Central Bridge, N. Y.

