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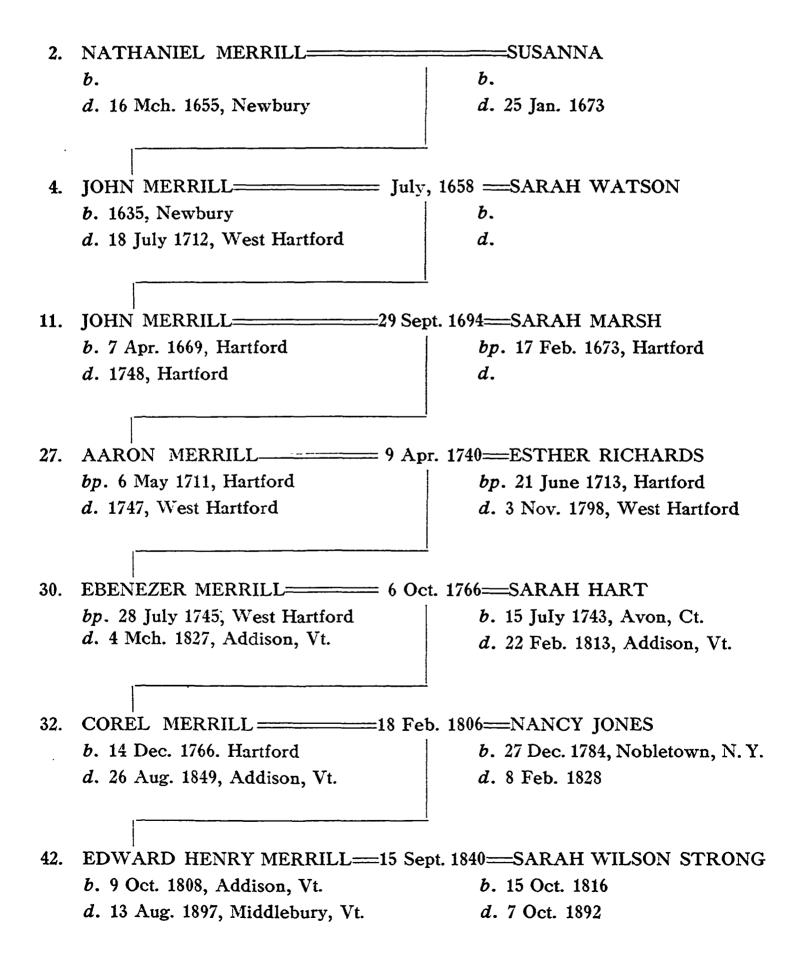
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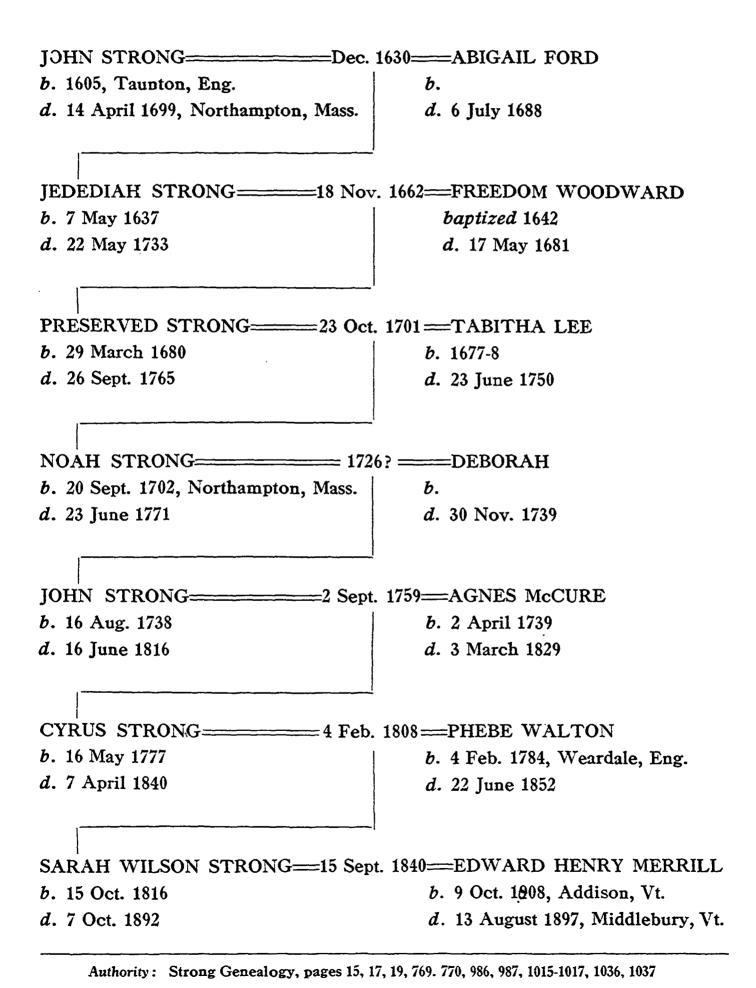
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THE MERRILL FAMILY

John and Nathaniel Merrill, brothers, came from England to America in 1633 and landed at Ipswich, Mass., and in 1635 were of original settlers and proprietors of Newbury, Mass., where they built themselves homes and resided till they died.

It is said that their ancestors were Huguenots, and bore the patrimonial title de Merle. Certain members of the family de Merle fled from their estates near Puy-de-Dome in the province of Auvergne, France, to England, shortly after the massacre of St. Bartholomew's eve on August 23d, 1572.

John married Elizabeth —, he died September 12th, 1673, and she July 14th, 1682. They had one child, Hannah, who married May 24th, 1647, Steven Swett. She died April 4th, 1662.

Nathaniel's wife was known as Susannah, but her family name is not recorded. It has been given by some early genealogists as Jordan, but this was the name of her second husband, as the land and probate records of Essex County show. It is possible that her maiden name was Wilterton.

Nathaniel was the father of six children: Nathaniel, John, Abraham, Susannah, Daniel and Abel, he died March 16th, 1655. His will filed at Salem, Essex County, definitely mentions John, the emigrant, as his brother, and Nathaniel, as his oldest son.

John settled in Hartford, Ct., where in 1657 he was the owner of a lot on Elm St.; in 1658 was made a freeman of the place; there in July, 1658, he married Sarah Watson, the eldest daughter of John Watson, a prominent settler.

John Seymour, an ancestor of Governor Horatio Seymour of New York State, married her only sister, Mary.

Deacon John Merrill died in 1712. His son John, known for many years as Lieutenant John Merrill, married September 29th, 1694, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Lyman Marsh.

Aaron, their fourth son, married in West Hartford on April 9th, 1740, Esther, daugher of Samuel Richards, and their second son, Ebenezer, became on October 6th, 1766, the husband of Sarah, the third daughter of James and Thankful North Hart of Northington.

Her father was a descendant of Deacon Stephen Hart, an ancestor of Mrs. Emma (Hart) Willard, the foundress of the Troy Seminary.

Corel, son of Ebenezer and Sarah Hart Merrill, born December 14th, 1766, died August 26th, 1849.

Married 1st wife, Huldah Valance, who died December 23rd, 1797.

Second wife, Nancy Jones, born December 27th, 1784; married February 18th, 1806; died February, 1828.

Edward Henry Merrill, son of Corel Merrill and Nancy Jones; born October 9th, 1808; died August 13th, 1897; married September 15th, 1840, Sarah Wilson Strong (daughter of Cyrus Strong and Phebe Watson), who was born October 15th, 1816; died October 7th, 1892.

They had three children:

Henry Edward Merrill, Cyrus Strong Merrill, M. D., Mary Agnes Merrill.

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JOHN and NATHANIEL MERRILL, brothers, came from England to America in 1633, and landed at Ipswich, Mass., and in 1635 were of the number of original settlers and proprietors of Newbury, Mass., where they built themselves homes and resided until they died.

- I. JOHN MERRILL married Elizabeth ——. He died September 12, 1673, and she, July 14, 1682. They had one child, Hannah, who married, May 24, 1647, Steven Swett. She died, April 4, 1662.
- *II. NATHANIEL married Susanna (probably Wilterton, a Sister of Gregory Wilterton of Hartford, Conn.,) died March 16, 1655 (widow survived him and married Stephen Jourdaine and died without further issue January 25, 1672-3).

Children:

- 3. Nathaniel, born in Newbury, —— 1634, married, October 15, 1661, Joanna Kinney. He died January 1, 1683. They had three sons and two daughters.
- *4. John, born in Newbury in 1635, married in July, 1658, Sarah Watson. He died in West Hartford, Conn., July 18, 1712. They had eight sons and two daughters
- 5. Abraham, born in Newbury, 1637, married, January 1, 1661, Abigail Webster. They had three sons and seven daughters.
- 6. Susanna, born in Newbury, —— 1638.
- 7. Daniel, born in Newbury, August 20, 1642, married, May 14, 1667, Sarah, daughter of John and Jane Clough of Watertown, Mass. They had eight children.
- 8. Abel, born in Newbury, February 20, 1644, married, February 10, 1671, Priscilla Chase. They had six sons and two daughters.
- *IV. JOHN, son of Nathaniel and Susanna Wilterton Merrill, was born in Newbury, Mass., in 1635, and died in West Hartford, Conn., on July 18, 1712.

He possessed, in 1657, a lot, known as 18, on Elm Street, Hart-

ford, Conn. He was made a freeman in 1658. He held the office of deacon in the second church in Hartford.

Married, in Hartford, —— Sarah, the second daughter of John and Margaret Smith Watson. Her father is recorded as having, in 1646, lot 9, on South Main Street, in Hartford.

Children:

- 9. Sarah, born in Hartford, September 19, 1664, married, September 22, 1687, Samuel Kellogg.
- 10. Nathaniel, born in Hartford, January 15, 1667, married January 18, 1698, Susanna Pratt.
- *11. John, born in Hartford, April 7, 1669, married, September 29, 1694, Sarah Marsh.
 - 12. Abraham, born in Hartford, December 21, 1670, married, April 16, 1699, Prudence Kellogg.
 - 13. Daniel, born in Hartford, June 15, 1673, settled in New Hartford.
 - 14. Wolterton, born in Hartford, June 28, 1675, married, January 1, 1702, Ruth Pratt.
 - 15. Susanna, born in Hartford, May 20, 1677, married John Turner.
 - 16. Abel, born in Hartford, January 25, 1680, married, March 5, 1711, Mabel Easton.
 - 17. Isaac, born in Hartford, March 11, 1682, married May 22, 1706, Sarah Cook.
- 18. Jacob, born in Hartford, March 27, 1686, married, May 10, 1710, Abigail Webster.
- *XI. JOHN, junior, son of John and Sarah Watson Merrill, was born in Hartford, Conn., April 7, 1669, and died there in ——1748. He was known as Lieutenant John Merrill. He bequeathed to his wife one-third of his movable estate and the use of one-half of his housing and lands.

Married, in Hartford, September 29, 1694, Sarah, daughter of John and Sarah Lyman Marsh, baptized in the Second Church of Hartford, February 17, 1673.

Children:

- 19. John, baptized in Hartford, September 29, 1695, married Lydia ——, and died in New Hartford in 1762.
- 20. Sarah, born in Hartford, January 13, 1697, married June 27, 1723, Stephen Olmsted, and died before 1748.
- 21. Ebenezer, born in Hartford, December 18, 1698, married probably (2) wife, April 9, 1730, Mrs. Mary Burnham

- Webster, widow of Captain Stephen of Hartford, and died in New Hartford in 1789.
- 22. Elizabeth, baptized in Hartford, April 27, 1701.
- 23. Nathaniel, born in Hartford, July 15, 1702, married November 16, 1729, Esther, daughter of Doctor Ephraim and Esther Richards Warner of Waterbury, Conn., and died there October 28, 1772.
- 24. Ann, born in Hartford, November 16, 1704, married, Matthew Gillett.
- 25. Caleb, born in Hartford, July 14, 1707, married August 2, 1733, Mercy, daughter of Samuel and Mary Hopkins Sedgwick, born, February 16, 1713. He died in West Hartford, September 24, 1735.
- 26. Lydia, born in Hartford, November 24, 1709, and married in 1748.
- *27. Aaron, baptized in Hartford, May 6, 1711, married April 9, 1740, Esther, daughter of Samuel Richards.
- 28. Benjamin, mentioned only in his father's will.

*XXVII. AARON, son of John and Sarah Marsh Merrill, was baptized in Hartford, Conn., on May 6, 1711, and died in West Hartford, Conn., in —— 1747.

Married in West Hartford, April 9, 1740, Esther, daughter of Samuel Richards, baptized in Hartford, June 21, 1713, and died in West Hartford, November 3, 1798. She was admitted to membership in the Congregational Church of West Hartford in —— 1748

Children:

- 29. Aaron, baptized in West Hartford, September 24, 1743.
- *30. Ebenezer, baptized in West Hartford, July 28, 1745
 - 31. Esther, baptized in West Hartford, December 13, 1747.

His father, "John Merrill of Hartford, in the County of Hartford and Colony of Connecticut," in consideration of Love, good Will and affection, "conveyed to his Loving son Aaron Merrill of Hartford," on March 6, 1738, three acres of land lying in Hartford, bounded "East on Land of James Ensign, west on the highway or common Road, north on Land of Abraham Merrill, jur." "and south on his fathers land," with all the buildings.

On October 1, 1747, an inventory of the estate of Aaron Merrill of Hartford, deceased, taken by David Ensign, Timothy Seymour and Daniel Kellog, was exhibited at a Probate Court, at Hartford, on March 1, 1848, by Esther Merrill, administratrix.

*XXX. EBENEZER, son of Aaron and Esther Richards Merrill, was baptized in West Hartford, Conn., on July 28, 1745, and died in Addison, Vermont, March 4, 1827.

Moved from West Hartford in 1769, to Cannan, Conn., and later to Addison, Vt.

Married in — October 6, 1766, Sarah, the third daughter of James and Thankful North Hart of Northington, Conn., born at Avon, Conn., July 15, 1743, died in Addison, Vt., February 22, 1813.

Children:

- *32. Corel, born in Hartford, Conn., December 14, 1766, died at Addison, Vt., August 26, 1849.
 - 1st wife, Huldah Valance, of Addoison, Vt., born 1771, died December 23, 1797.
 - 2nd wife, Nancy Jones, born December 27, 1784, married at Noblestown, (now Whitehall) N. Y., February 18, 1806, died February 8, 1828
- 33. Rufus, born in Hartford, Conn., February 2, 1769, died June 21, 1787.
- 34. Olive, born in Canaan, Conn., April 2, 1771, died at Shoreham, Vt., May 2, 1831.
- 35. Esther, born in Canaan, Conn., July 14, 1773, died November 10, 1793.
- 36. Sarah, born in Canaan, Conn., —— 1775, died September 22, 1777.
- 37. Aaron, born in Canaan, Conn., December 5, 1778, married Nancy Farrand of Bridport, Vt., February 28, 1811.
- 38. Sarah, born in Canaan, Conn., March 20, 1781, died in Troy, N. Y., May 14, 1811, married Henry Swartwout, December 5, 1802.

*XXXII. COREL, son of Ebenezer and Sarah Hart Merrill, was born in Hartford, Conn., on December 14, 1766, and died in Addison, Vt., on August 26, 1849.

Married 1st wife, Huldah Valance, of Addison, Vt., born 1771 died December 23, 1797.

2nd wife, Nancy Jones, born December 27, 1784, at Nobletown, N. Y., married February 18, 1806, died February 8, 1828. Children:

- 39. John, born April 6, 1794, died August 9, 1794.
- 40. George, born July 6, 1796, married; died February 18, 1849.
- 41. Esther, born December 6, 1806, died August 17, 1824.

- *42. Edward Henry, born October 9, 1808, died August 13, 1897, married September 15, 1840, Sarah Wilson Strong, of Addison, Vt., (daughter of Cyrus Strong and Phebe Walton) who was born October 15, 1816, died October 7, 1892.
 - 43. Sarah, born November 17, 1810, died November 17, 1880.
 - 44. Huldah, born November 5, 1812, married; died January 3, 1884.
 - 45. Corel, born December 18, 1814, died November 30, 1848.
 - 46. Laura, born May 23, 1817, married. Died January 1, 1880.
- 47. Emily, born November 14, 1819, married. Died December 26, 1888.
- 48. Walter, born March 19, 1822, married. Died March 12, 1895.
- 49. Charles, born September 12, 1824, married. Died January 24, 1888.
- 50. Rollin, born February 3, 1828, died March 13, 1832.
- *XLII. EDWARD HENRY, son of Corel and Nancy Jones Merrill, was born in Addison, Vt., October 9, 1808, died, in Middlebury, Vt., August 13, 1897. Married September 15, 1840, Sarah Wilson Strong, of Addison, Vt., (daughter of Cyrus Strong and Phebe Walton) born October 15, 1816, died October 7, 1892.

Children:

- 51. Henry Edward, born in Addison, Vt., January 24, 1844, died at Manchester, Vt., January 23, 1916. Married Anna B. Murdock of Crown Point, N. Y., September 12, 1871. She was born May 7, 1848, died March 2, 1900.
- 52. Cyrus Strong, born in Bridport, Vt., September 21, 1847, married October 12, 1875, Mary E. Griffin of Warrensburgh, N. Y., daughter of Stephen Griffin 2nd and Maria Coman, born March 31, 1846, died September 22, 1905.
- 53. Mary Agnes, born in Bridport, Vt., July 31, 1851.
- LI. HENRY EDWARD, son of Edward H. and Sarah Strong Merrill, born January 24, 1844, died January 23, 1916. Married September 12, 1871, Anna B. Murdock, born May, 7, 1848, died March 2, 1900.

Children:

54. Carl Murdock, born in Crown Point, N. Y., August 10, 1872.

- 55. Laura Mabel, born in Bridport, Vt., August 31, 1880.
- LII. CYRUS STRONG, son of Edward H. and Sarah Strong Merrill, born September 21, 1847, married October 12, 1875, Mary E. Griffin (daughter of Stephen Griffin 2nd and Maria Coman), born March 31, 1846, died September 22, 1905. Children:
 - 56. Stephen Griffin, born in Albany, N. Y., June 23, 1882, died October 10, 1903
 - 57. Grace Coman, born in Albany, N. Y., December 15, 1885.
- LIV. CARL MURDOCK (Merrill), born in Crown Point, N. Y., August 10, 1872, married June 16, 1904, Aimee Howard Riddle of Ravenna, Ohio, daughter of Henry Warren Riddle and Emily Howard Robinson, born December 12, 1875. Children:
 - 58. Henry Riddle Merrill, born November 14, 1906.
 - 59. Emily Robinson Merrill, born August 27, 1911.
- LV. LAURA MABEL (Merrill), born in Bridport, Vt., August 31, 1880. Married September 21, 1910, to Dr. Lewis Edward Hemenway of Manchester, Vt., born June 12, 1877, died March 2, 1915

Child:

60. Merrill Hemenway, b. June 23, 1912.

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44. HULDAH, born November 5, 1812, at Addison, Vt., died January 3, 1884, married at Addison, Vt., January 21, 1838, Hiram Dickenson, born September 5, 1798, died January 15, 1881.

Children:

- 61. Mary Merrill, born February 14, 1846, died December 6, 1902, married October 1, 1885, Dr. A. J. Long, born August 5, 1824, died August 12, 1895.
- 62. Hiram Walter, born October 15, 1851, died July 6, 1907 married October 16,1889, Anna M. Juliand, born February 8, 1860.

Their children:

- 63. Margaret Huldah, born May 19, 1891, died December 18, 1910.
- 64. Dorothy, born December 9, 1892.
- 46. LAURA ANN, born May 23, 1817, died January 1, 1880, married Thomas Walton, February 25, 1845, in Addison, Vt., born March 25, 1810, died September 11, 1893.

Children:

65. (1) Frances Augusta Walton born February 7, 1846. Married January 6, 1873, Edmund T. Gough at Port Henry, born February 3, 1847, died October 11, 1904.

Their children:

- 66. (a) Mabel Augusta, born October 31, 1873, married August 23, 1916, Herbert S. Hogle, born May 4, 1867.
- 67. (b) Frank Walton, born November 16, 1875, married October 19, 1910, Anna L. Poorman, born November 12, 1877.
- 68. (c) Sarah Merrill, born August 11, 1880; married Feb. 21, 1900, Frank C. Baker, born September 23, 1874.

Their children:

- 69. Harold Gough Baker, born July 21, 1891.1901.
- 70, Edmund Gough Baker, born April 25, 1905.
- 71. (d) Thomas Earl, born July 26th, 1883, married November 21, 1907, Gala Edna Yount.

Their children:

- 72. Robert Earl Gough, born October 10, 1910.
- 73. William R. Gough, born February 16, 1920.
- 74. (2) Emma Merrill Walton, born January 12, 1848, married June 9, 1868, Edward Spencer Collins, born August 24, 1845, died March 20, 1915.
- 75. Child: Flora Josephine Collins, born March 25, 1869.
- 76. (3) Josephine Hufty Walton, born May 9, 1851, married first, October 11, 1876, Thomas Cook Ovington, born October 30, 1848, died April 23, 1879; married second, May 22, 1884, Dr. Charles Alfred Hopper, born September 30, 1846, died February 19, 1887.
- 77. Child: Mary Cook Ovington, born August 13, 1877, married November 14, 1905, Dallas Arthur Rich, born May 3, 1875.

Children:

- 78. Thomas Carroll Rich, born April 17, 1911
- 79. Dallas Arthur Rich, born July 27, 1912.
- 80. Walton Ovington Rich, born August 10, 1914.
- 81. (4) Charles Thomas, born March 4, 1859.
- 82. (5) Anna Laura, born January 12, 1861.
- 47. EMILY, born November 14, 1819, died December 26, 1888. Married, October 24, 1849 at Whitehall, N. Y., Samuel Hitt, born 1815, died March 17, 1853. Children:
 - 83. Carro, born September 26, 1850, in Addison, Vt.
 - 84. Carrie, born September 26, 1850, in Addison, Vt., died, August 16, 1915.
- 48. WALTER, born March 19, 1822, died March 12, 1895, married, October 16, 1860, Electa DeLano, born July 22, 1834, died January 12, 1895.
- 49. CHARLES, born September 12, 1824, died January 24, 1888. Married first wife, Emily H. Cook, January 6, 1846, in Addison, born January 11, 1823, died September 12, 1864. Married second wife, Kate S. Sheldon, October 16, 1866, in Salisbury, Vt., born April 1837, died January 9, 1898.

Children:

- 85. Helen Eliza, born in Addison, May 15, 1847, died May 2, 1870.
- 86. Carlton Henry, born in Cornwall, Vt., April 27, 1848, married June 4, 1879, at Port Henry, N. Y., Sarah Taylor Clark, born in England January 8, 1861.

Their children:

- 87. Edith Alice, born in Port Henry, April 14, 1880, died, October 24, 1890.
- 88. Charles Henry, born in Port Henry, N. Y., June 12, 1883.
- 89. Alice Cook, born in Cornwall, Vt., April 16, 1853.
- 37. AARON, born December 5, 1778, married Nancy Farrand of Bridport, Vt., February 28, 1811.

Children:

- 90. Delia, born April 2, 1812.
- 91. Olive, born November 22, 1815.
- 92. Hiram, born September 2, 1817.

Hiram's children:

- 93. ROLLIN, married Susan Sollace of Bridport, Vt., had seven children: Alice, Walter, Kate, Marion, Susan, Ruth and George.
 - 94. Daisy.
 - 95. Frances,
 - 96. James Albee, born April 6, 1868, married September 21, 1892, Anna S. White, born February 15, 1870, died, May 3, 1913; married second wife, Mrs. Anna Johnson March 3, 1917.

Children:

- 97. Elsie, born January 15, 1894, married December 31, 1915, Harold C. Newton.
- 98. Marguerite, born March 3, 1895.
- 99. Helen, born July 5, 1897.

XXXVIII. SARAH, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah Hart Merrill, was born in Addison, Vt., on March 20, 1781, and died in Troy, N. Y., on May 14, 1811, married in Addison, Vt., December 5, 1802, Henry, son of Cornelius and Sarah Bedell Swartwout, born in the town of Fishkill, Dutchess County, N. Y., June 4, 1774, and died in Troy, N. Y., September 23, 1841. Children:

- 100. Ann Eliza, born in Troy, N. Y., January 7, 1804.
- 101. Delia Maria, born in Troy, N. Y., November 18, 1806.
- 102. Henry, born in Troy, N. Y., January 27, 1809, died August 12, 1892, who married in the City of New York N. Y., November 7, 1833, Maria Amelia, daughter of David and Amelia Ketelhuyn, born in Tomhannock, Rensselaer County, N. Y., December 30, 1814.

Children:

- 103. Anna Frances, born in Troy, N. Y., December 6, 1834.
- 104. William Merrill, born in Troy, N. Y., May 1, 1837.
- 105. Sarah Loveland, born in Troy, December 10, 1844.
- 106. Sarah Merrill, born in Troy, N. Y., May 9, 1811.