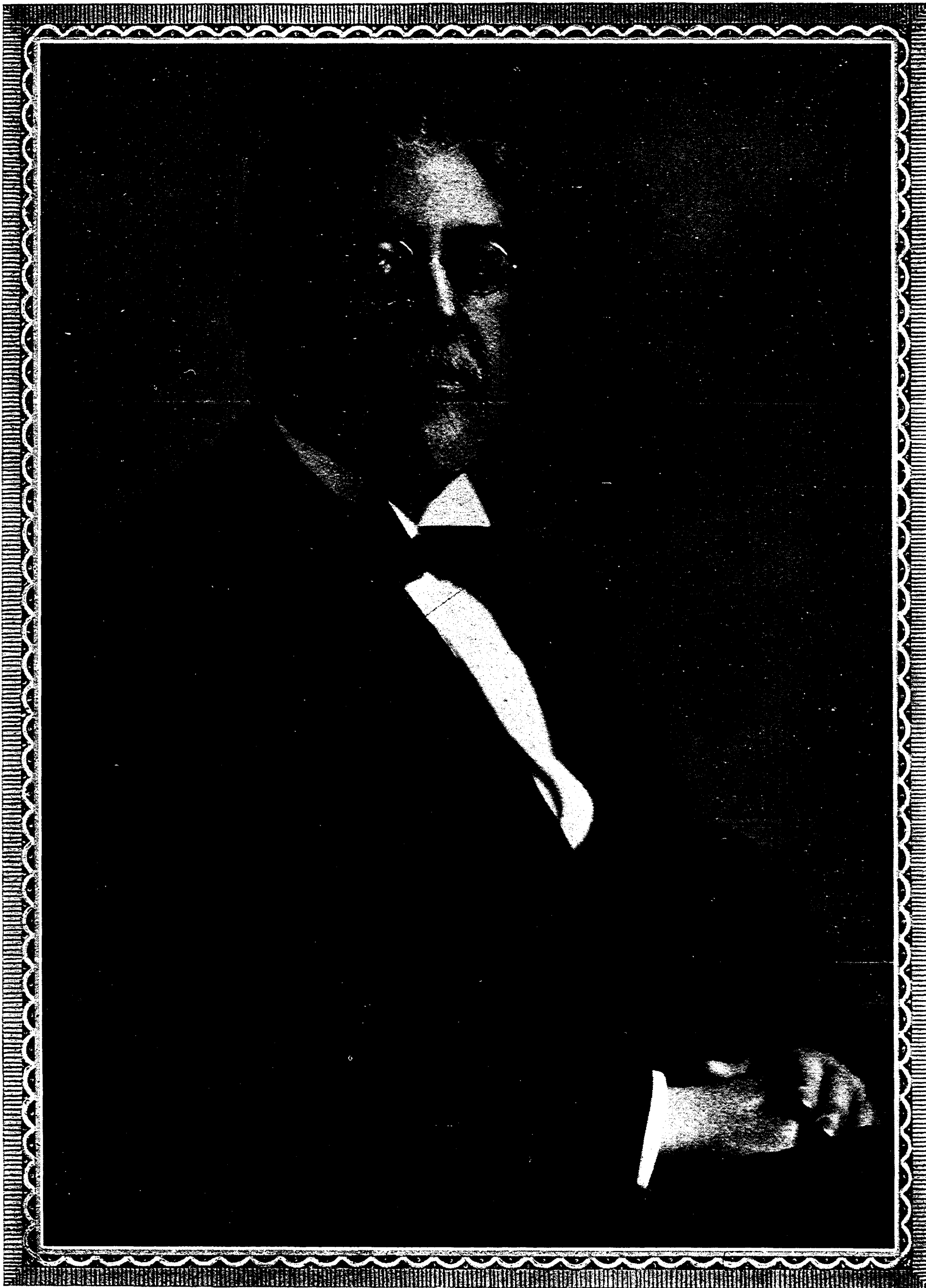


The Serven Family in America

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In the summer of 1905, Mr. Frederick Serven, a mining engineer, of Groningen, Holland, called on me and stated that he had been in this country for some time, during which he had visited more than twenty of our principal cities. In each place he had consulted the city directory to see if there was any one residing there of his family name, as he knew that a member of their family had come to America in the early New Amsterdam days and he thought probably he would find some descendants, but that I was the first one of that name he had found. He was looking for the name spelled S-e-r-v-e-n, the same as the family name has continued to be spelled in Holland. His statement excited by interest and I wondered who this early ancestor was and where his descendants resided. Then I recalled that my father said some members of the family in the United States spelled their names S-a-r-v-e-n and that very frequently other people spelled the family name with a "t" at the end of it. On looking into the matter a little I found that what seemed to be our family name was spelled in a great variety of ways. In fact, I discovered that even the stone-cutter in cutting the inscription on my father's tombstone, had spelled his name S-e-r-v-e-n-c. Dr. David Cole, in his book entitled "Isaac Cole and Catherine Serven," (1876), refers to several different ways of spelling the name which he had found in compiling the information about the Serven family for his book. My brother, George J. Serven, had collected very complete information about the descendants of my grandfather, James H. Serven, who spelled the family name S-e-r-v-e-n, and my father told me that grandfather always said that was the correct way of spelling the family name.

While the records of the old Dutch churches of Tappan, Clarkstown, Hackensack and Kakiat, or West Hempstead, from which most of the family information contained in the lines of descent and relationship included herein was obtained, almost invariably use the given name Abraham, I have understood that in the family the name was intended for Abram, instead of Abraham,

and that the family nick-name for it was invariably "Brom," which I believe means Abram and not Abraham. However, we have usually employed the name Abraha min the following lines where ever that name appeared in the old church records.

My brother died in December, 1926, and as I seemed to be the only remaining male member of my generation of our branch of the family, and as some of my nephews had urged that I undertake the work of compiling a family geneology, during 1928 I decided to attempt it. I soon learned of Dr. Cole's book above referred to and was pleased to see that he also confirmed the proper spelling of the family name as S-e-r-v-e-n. While his book contained considerable information compiled from Reformed Dutch Church records and the family Bible records to which he had access, there were many blanks regarding the family membership. Among others missing from his compilation I found he merely mentioned by great-grandfather's name, but had no other information about him or his descendants. In 1932 I determined as far as I could to make a search of the old church and other records available to work out as complete a family geneology as the information found would permit. Accordingly, after carefully studying the Cole book, mentioned above, which my daughter, Mrs. Ida Serven Barlow, and her daughter, Harriet Barlow, read for me, as I have been practically blind for years, last June I visited Rockland County, New York, with my nephew, William H. Denne, Jr., as my father had said if I at any time wanted to get at the family history Nyack and that county was the place to begin. We visited Nyack, Spring Valley, Pearl River and Piermont, (N. Y.), and some of the old cemeteries in their vicinity and discussed family history with such members of the family as we met at these places, most of whom I found spelled their names S-a-r-v-e-n. We then went to the New York City Library, where we collected much information from the copies of old church records and other sources. Later during the year, by son-in-law, C. E. Vrooman, and I examined everything we could find bearing on the family history at the Congressional Library here at Washington. When we assembled the data collected we found that some information was still lacking, so my nephews, William H. Denne, Jr., and Ralph

S. Marshall, and Earl Vrooman and I visited the New York Library in December, 1932. My associate, Guy Patten, Esquire, and William H. Denne, Sr., and I visited that Library again in Jaanuary, 1933. During these visits we completed the examination of everything which the Chief of the Geneological Section said might possibly give us further information regarding the early history of the family and which he thought also included all of the data of this character in the possession of the Holland Society of New York and the New York Geneological and Biographical Society. Thus we appear to have examined practically all of the accessible information regarding the early family geneology in America, except what may be contained in such old family Bibles as we have not had an opportunity to investigate.

In this conection, I desire to pay the highest possible tribute to the care and devotion exercised by the authorities of the early Reformed Dutch Churches in America in keeping such complete baptismal and marriage records, without which it would have been impossible to compile most of the family information here contained.

Where the family records contained in old Bibles have been available they have greatly assisted in determining the lines of family descent and relationship. The old church records we have examined in connection with such family Bible records as we have been corroborated by the early Serven family information contained in Dr. Cole's "Isaac Cole and Catherine Serven," above referred to, are responsible for the construction of the family lines given in this work, showing names, dates and relationships, in so far as we have been able to determine them.

We appreciate that probably many errors will be found in our connecting various individuals with their ancestors, as more or less mistakes appear to be unavoidable in a work of this character without absolutely complete information. We have exercised the greatest care in this respect consistent with the desire to make this feature of the work as thorough and complete as possible and therefore beg that such errors of this character as may be found will be excused. Let me ask the readers if they

discover any such errors that they will kindly advise me regarding them and point out what corrections should be made in the lines of descent as we have prepared them.

Those who examine the lines of descent herewith will see that there are a number of places where we were unable to give information regarding the descendants of those named because of lack of data. Should this work come to the attention of any who have such additional information about the family, I would greatly appreciate it if they would kindly forward it to me at their early convenience, as I hope if any appreciable amount of such additional information is received to include it in a supplement to what is here given.

It has been possible to trace back the family line to Philip E. Serven and Katrina Stypers, his wife, whose five children were born in the period from 1714 to 1721, inclusive. However, we have been unable to find any satisfactory evidence of the parents of Philip E. Serven. The first record evidence of the name in America which we have found shows that Romeijn Servijn, or Servyn (with two dots above y), and Neeltje Pieters were the parents of a son, Pieter, who was baptized in the Bowery Church of Peter Stuyvesant, the Governor of the Colony, on July 31, 1661. Dr. Cole in "Isaac Cole and Catherine Serven" adopted the spelling S-e-r-v-i-j-n, because that appeared to be the spelling in the contemporaneous church records. However, we found that when Dr. S. S. Purple compiled his translation of the baptismal and marriage records of all Reformed Dutch Churches of New Amsterdam and old New York from 1639 to 1800, inclusive, which he completed in 1890, he spelled the name as R-o-m-e-y-n S-e-r-v-y-n, and I am inclined to think his judgment as to this spelling should be accepted for the reason that he was so familiar with these old records and the spelling of the various Dutch names contained in them that he was in a better position to determine correctly what the original spelling was than any of the others who have examined them. It will be readily seen that the letter "y" with two dots above it might very easily be mistaken for the letters "ij," where the writing was not especially clear, and this probably accounts for the dif-

ference in this spelling of the name as copied from the early records.

Dr. Cole suggests that this Pieter Seryvn may have been the father of Philip E. Serven, but he found no evidence to support that theory. In the New York Genealogical and Biographical record of 1930 of New York marriages to 1784 is found the marriage of Jan (John) Seryon and Susannah Pyne on May 10, 1678. Owing to the many different ways in which the family name was spelled in the old Dutch church records, it has been suggested that this Jan (John) may also have been a member of our family and a son of Romeyn Servyn and that he and Susannah Pyne may have been the parents of Philip E. Serven. This idea has some support from the fact that Philip E. Serven named one of his sons Jan, which may have been for his father, but did not name either of them Pieter, and the further fact is noted that the name Pieter does not appear in the family list until the fourth generation, while John appears in each generation. It also appears Philip E. Serven named one daughter Susan (Susannah) and Susannah also appears as one of Philip E.'s grandchildren. It should also be noted that S-e-r-y-o-n in this early record does not appear to be any greater variation from the proper spelling of the family name than Z-e-r-w-y-n, the spelling of an undoubted member of our family found in one of the old church records.

It has been said that Philip E. Serven was born in 1689, but thus far we have been unable to find any records corroborating that date, although we carefully searched all of the existing records of the Dutch churches established before 1700. We did find among Dr. Purple's transcriptions of the old New Amsterdam and New York Dutch church records that Catharine Stypers, widow of Philip Serven, was married in 1723 to Jan Perrii, which indicates that Philip E. must have died some time between the date his youngest son was baptized, early in 1722, and the date of this marriage. The fact of this marriage indicates the reason why the present Perry family records contain considerable information of the Serven family, as we were informed at Nyack last June, because the Jan Perrii of this mar-

riage would thus become the step-father of Philip E. Serven's children.

We should add here that we searched in vain through the passenger lists of Dutch vessels bringing immigrants from Holland to New Amsterdam for the names of Romeyn Servyn and his wife Neeltje Pieters. This has suggested that possibly they may have been part of the household of Peter Stuyvesant when he was made the Governor of New Netherlands in 1647 and came to New Amsterdam as members of his party, as possibly that might account for our failure to find their names on such lists. While this is pure conjecture, I do not know of any other reason why we should have failed to find them among the passengers coming from Holland to New Amsterdam prior to the baptism of their son Pieter in 1661.

My Brother George told me some fifteen or twenty years ago that while he had been visiting New York City and vicinity some one suggested to him that the Serven family may originally have been French, who fled to Holland in order to escape the persecutions of the Huguenots in the time of the Guises. I have not found anything whatever bearing on such a proposition, but do know that about thirty years ago the Paris papers had con-
been a prominent figure in the French navy and had recently died. A French gentleman of my acquaintance brought his Paris paper to me which contained an extended biography of this Admiral and my friend assured me that he felt certain my ancestry was originally French. However, I have never learned any fact, beyond the bare surname of this Admiral, which seemed to justify such an idea. Curiously enough, I have recently learned that several years ago an attache at the Spanish Embassy here spelled his name Sirvant, which seems to suggest that possibly some of the family may have resided in Spain.

Several members of the family with whom I have discussed what I was attempting to compile about our family history have suggested that it would be exceedingly interesting if I would include any personal information I might have about the indi-

vidual members of the family. I shall, therefore, endeavor to give such facts as I have been able to gather about them.

Our search revealed the fact that Philip E. Serven's name was not contained in the list of white male residents of what is now Rockland County (New York) in 1702 or 1712, but his name was included in the County Militia for the year 1716. We have found no other miscellaneous information regarding him.

The family appears always to have taken a very active interest in religious matters. Cole's History of the Reformed Church of Tappan (N. Y.) shows that Jacob Serven (son of Philip E. Serven) and Catherina Beer, his wife, united with that church on confession of faith April 11, 1745.

At a meeting of the Believers of the Creed of the Dutch Reformed Church at the home of James Christie in Kakiat (N. Y.) on September 28, 1774, a church of that denomination was organized and Jacob Serven elected one of its Deacons. This church was known as the Kakiat Reformed Dutch Church until some time prior to 1824, when the name was changed to West New Hempstead. It was later known as the "Brick Church."

The records of this church show that Hendrick Servan (son of Jacob) and Gertruyt Myers, his wife, joined on confession of faith May 28, 1795. He was ordained an Elder of this church April 30, 1801, and again on June 18, 1809. His son, James H., who was familiarly known as "Cose," moved from Spring Valley (N. Y.) to what is now Junius, Seneca County, New York, in January, 1823, and in 1825 or 1826 contributed his services for a week or longer in the erection of the present Junius Presbyterian Church, where he and all of his family worshipped as long as they lived in that vicinity. His grandson, my Brother George, served for many years, until his removal to Florida, as an Elder of that church.

The writer came to Washington in 1893 and in 1896 assisted in the organization of the Eckington Presbyterian Church of this city, of which he was a charter member and a member of the Board of Trustees as long as he resided in that vicinity. He also served several years as an Elder of that church.

While this statement of church activities is confined to members of my branch of the family, that is because I do not have definite information about the church activities of the other branches of the family, except that I understand only one Sarven has served as a church pastor; this was Isaac Sarven, who served the Seceder's Church, possibly at Passaic, in that capacity from 1828 to 1831. However, it is my impression from what I understand about the other branches of the family that all of them have been equally interested and active in church work.

As a boy I was very much interested in my father's telling that his grandfather voluntarily freed his slaves several years before the New York law was passed requiring their emancipation.

So far as I have been able to learn, there were two striking characteristics of the entire family, in addition to their universally optimistic frame of mind: first, they were all apparently substantial citizens and in fairly comfortable financial circumstances; second, while a number of them as young men lived in New York for a short time, yet with two or three exceptions, by middle life, they had all retired to smaller communities or were living in rural sections. Many of them apparently were the owners of farms near their places of residence. Henry Sarven, who during his last years resided near Spring Valley (N. Y.) was the half owner and operator of the principal sawmill in that section and was a man of considerable wealth for those times. His son, James H. Sarven, operated a woolen mill at Spring Valley until his removal to Seneca County (N. Y.), where he owned a large tract of virgin forest land and also operated the community sawmill until his death, and his son, John, continued to operate it for about fifteen years thereafter. When the Waterloo Woolen Company established its mills at Waterloo (N. Y.) about 1833, grandfather installed their dye house and superintended its operation for several months until he had trained an assistant to take charge of it. He established there the dyeing of fast blue military cloth for which this company had the exclusive contract with the Government for about seventy-five years for the use of the Army and Navy. The formula for this fast blue which he used is in my possession at the present time.

My father's brother, John Serven, was well over six feet in height, as straight as an arrow, and was regarded as one of the strongest men of his section. He told me that my grandfather, James H. Serven, who died about ten years before my birth, was well over six feet and was regarded as the strongest man in Western New York. Grandfather was a fine musician and insisted in all of his children being familiar with music. He served as a Drum Major with the American troops during the War of 1812. He also told me that my great-grandfather, Henry Serven, was very tall and strong and he thought he and grandfather must have inherited their size and strength from great-grandfather. The writer never reached quite six feet in height, but when a young man was reputed to possess unusual strength. As far as I am familiar with them, the Servens of my branch of the family all possessed a strong family resemblance, being almost invariably tall, with large shoulders and well-knit frames and pleasant countenances. Mr. Leonard Merritt, a distant cousin, who as a boy remembered by grandfather when about forty years of age, told me that he was the best storyteller he ever heard. While my father did not often tell stories for entertainment, when he did he always make them highly interesting. I understand some of the other members of the family also apparently inherited the same trait.

Father told me that when strangers were not present my grandfather's family always conversed in what he called "Low Dutch."

Perhaps the most noted member of the entire family was Judge Garret Serven, who in addition to filling several minor judicial positions, also, for several years, served as the Presiding Justice of the New York Supreme Court for his judicial department. I believe there were several other lawyers in our family who also served on the judicial bench. Frederick Serven, referred to above, who visited me in 1905, told me that his father was then presiding in one of the courts of the City of Groningen (Holland) and that some member of the family had served as a judge, either for the city or province of Groningen, for more than a hundred and fifty consecutive years. The record discloses many members of the family have served in various public posi-

tions of responsibility and trust. From all that I have been able to learn, it appears that the representatives of the family have been uniformly quiet, sturdy, vigorous, conscientious, thorough-going citizens, interested in all good works.

In 1774 Jacob, Philip, Henry and John Serven refused to sign the historic Orangetown resolutions against George the Third, supposedly because they were thought to be too radical.

A search of the United States and New York official reports and the information gathered by Dr. Cole from the New Jersey official reports seem to show that at least twelve different members of the family fought in the Revolutionary War; their names were: two Abrahams, two Philips, Adonyon (Aury), Adriaen, Garret, Henry, Jacob and John of Rockland County (N. Y.) and Edward and Jesse of New Jersey.

My father said that during his boyhood and young manhood he heard many anecdotes related about the part his relatives played in the Revolutionary War, and some of these he told the writer with great interest, but practically all of them have been forgotten. Cole and Green in their histories of Rockland County relate some incidents, which are here repeated:

In July, 1777, the British sent a galley ashore to destroy a sloop which was moored to a dock at Abram Servant's place in Upper Nyack. To oppose this endeavor Henry Palmer, Abraham Servant, Cornelius Cuper, Peter Freedland, and Major Smith hastily collected and concealed themselves in a quarry near the dock. When the galley was within safe range they opened fire. The galley put about at once but twice more attempted to land and was repelled each time.

Cole writes that during the struggle for Independence the British fleet was, at one time, anchored in the river directly in front of the Philip Serven farm, and a foraging party which was sent ashore in two row galleys, attempted to land near the house. The movements of the enemy had been observed and Adeian Sarvant, Cornelius Cuyper, Peter Freedland, Henry Palmer, and Major Smith went to the river's edge and poured into them such a deadly volley of musket balls that they were compelled to re-

turn to the vessels. The fleet then opened a retaliating fire and planted a number of six pound balls in the ground around them. At first these old cannon balls were not looked upon as curiosities, and as they were brought to the surface they were sold as old iron. But after a time a greater value began to be attached to them, and they were more carefully preserved. The last one found on the place is in the possession of the present owner and is prized very highly.

In those days there were no burglar and fire proof vaults in which to store valuables, and the settlers were often obliged to bury whatever they wished to keep from the enemy. Philip Serven had a large clock, which he prized highly, and when the British were in this vicinity he placed it in a box, carried it to Esquire Pye's and buried it under one corner of his barn.

My father told me that at one time during the war when all of the men at his grandfather's place were away with the army three Hessians rode up on horseback and asked his grandmother for their horses. She said the men had the horses with them. Just then her personal riding pony neighed. It had been taken from the stable and tied to a tree in the woods a considerable distance away. When they heard it the Hessians laughed and one of them rode down to the woods and soon returned leading the pony. Grandmother seized a musket which was in the house and happened to be loaded and coming out with it told the Hessian if he took her pony she would shoot him. They all laughed and started for the road with it. She repeated her threat again and as he still went on she fired the musket and he fell from his horse. Then the other two Hessians immediately picked him up, put him on his horse, where they held him, and they all skedaddled down the road, leaving the pony safe. This story has been told in the family for each generation since the Revolution and all of us were proud of her intrepidity.

For purposes of convenient comparison and to enable a better understanding of the period in which some of the individuals in the following lines lived, a brief historical statement concerning the Dutch occupation in North America is given as follows:

Hudson River discovered 1609.
 Dutch expedition to Hudson River for furs 1610.
 Two Dutch ships equipped for trade with Indians 1612.
 Two more ships added in 1613.
 One ship burned and replaced in 1614.
 Fort Nassau built on island near Albany to promote trade with Indians in 1614.
 Dutch company chartered to organize trade with Indians 1614.
 Dutch West India Company chartered 1621.
 First Dutch settlers 1622.
 Supply of horses, cattle, sheep and swine and farming implements sent to Colony from Holland in 1625.
 Dutch population of Colony at this time 200.
 Peter Minuet first governor 1626.
 Wouter van Twiller next governor 1633.
 William Kieft next governor 1637.
 Peter Stuyvesant next governor 1647.
 Stuyvesant was compelled to surrender Colony to Colonel Richard Nicholls and an English fleet August 29, 1664.
 After ten years of constant wrangling with the English Holland ceded the Colony to England in 1674.
 At this time Stuyvesant claimed population of 10,000 whites, Colonel Nicholls claimed 6,000 whites; probably about 8,000.
 (American Commonwealths; Planting and Progress of the Empire State).

It has been suggested that as far as I could I should include here the ancestry of the mothers of our family. The information I have secured relates solely to our branch of the family.

I know nothing of Katrina Stypers, the wife of Philip E. Serven, except that she appears to have been born in Holland.

I understand that Catharine De Beer, the wife of Jacob Serven, was the daughter of a prominent family of her day, but know nothing further about her family.

It is my understanding that Gertrude Myer, or Myers, born 1749, the wife of Henry Serven, my great-grandfather, was the daughter of Adolph Myer, born 1718, the son of Adolph, baptized July 24, 1692, who was the son of Adolph who came to America in 1661 from Ulsen, a parish of Bentheim in the Ger-

man Province of Westphalia. This Myer family has always been prominent in New York.

My grandmother, Anna Lawrence, born 1775, the wife of James H. Serven, was the daughter of Thomas Lawrence, an officer during the Revolutionary War, born in 1753, and Sarah Fowler, his wife, born 1757, married 1775. Thomas Lawrence was the son of Jonathan Lawrence, born 1695, died 1775, and Mary Betts. Jonathan Lawrence was the son of Jonathan, who was the fifth son of Thomas, born about 1625. This Thomas and his two brothers, John and William, came to America in 1635. They were the sons of John Lawrence, who was a son of John Lawrence, who died about 1538, and was ninth in lineal descent from Sir Robert Lawrence of Ashton Hall, Lancastershire, England, who was knighted by Richard Cour de Leon for bravery on the field of battle in the Isle of Cypress and before the walls of Jerusalem in 1191.

I have gone into grandmother's ancestry thus carefully, as in my younger days I heard it said many times that she conducted herself with great dignity, because, as she explained, she belonged to the same family as Queen Anne of England. I have no knowledge of her basis for this claim.

Eleanor (Helen) Goodell, born August 23, 1815, died June 30, 1847, was the first wife of my father, Abram Serven, and the mother of my brother, George J. Serven. While I have no knowledge of her beyond the fact that she was the sister of James Goodell, Mrs. Jane Goodell Lawrence and Mrs. Mary Goodell Griggs, I knew each of them in my youth and they were very highly esteemed by all who knew them. I have always supposed that they were also of Holland descent. They were known in our family as Uncle Jimmie, Aunt Jane, and Aunt Mary, and as children my sister and I were always greatly delighted to visit at their homes. I feel certain that the Goodell family must have been very highly regarded by all of its neighbors, although I have no knowledge of their ancestors.

My Mother, Maria Serven, born in 1818, died 1886, was the daughter of Samuel Henry and Harriet Teall. I formerly had considerable information about Grandfather Henry's family, all

of which was destroyed by fire about ten years ago and I have been unable to duplicate it. I believe he was of Scotch-Irish descent and a native of New England, but do not have the date of his birth. He was a carpenter and builder and moved with his family to the Western Reserve in Ohio about 1820 and died there about 1825, when grandmother and her children returned to Western New York. Harriet Teall was a daughter of Nathan Teall and Polly Paine. Their children, in the order of birth, were: Ansel, Harriet, Phoebe, Elmira, Sally, George C. P., Polly and Horace N. Their son, Dr. Horace N. Teall, died in Pen Yan (N. Y.) about 1870; his only child, Elizabeth Brown Teall, died at Rochester (N. Y.) March 16, 1932.

My sister, Ida S. Marshall, in 1919, discovered a Teall genealogy in the Congressional Library, from which she secured the following data:

The medical profession seems to have been a favorite in the early history of the family, as a Teall was for upwards of thirty years Apothecary-in-Chief in his Majesty, William III, and in Queen Anne's army, and served under the Duke of Marlborough. For this service, George I granted the family a coat-of-arms on February 23, 1723. His son, Oliver, came from England about 1723 and settled in New Haven, Conn. His son, Oliver 2nd, was born 1724, and married Ruth Hurd. He was a physician and served as surgeon through the French and Indian War. Remained loyal to England through the Revolutionary War, although five of his sons joined the Revolutionary Army and one, Titus, died at Valley Forge. The father felt disgraced because his sons became rebels and there is no record that they were ever reunited after the war. Nathan, son of Surgeon Oliver Teall, was born in Killingsworth, Connecticut, August 16, 1765. When only sixteen years old he left his father's home and enlisted in the American Army under General Knox and served from 1781 to 1784. He married Polly Paine, daughter of Colonel Brinton Paine, about 1789. Resided for a time in Dutchess County (N. Y.) and afterwards removed to Newtown, now Elmira (N. Y.) He held several public offices in Tioga (now Chemung) County (N. Y.), was a large mill owner and for a time coconducted the principal hotel at Elmira. About 1810 he removed to the foot

of Seneca Lake and died there near Geneva in 1841. This account of the Teall family is very different from that contained in the History of Elmira, or New Town, but is believed to be entirely accurate.

My sister also collected the following information about the family of Colonel Brinton Paine, the father of Polly Paine, from the Paine Shepherd Genealogy in the Congressional Library:

The family is of Norman descent. "Pagan" first meant a countryman or unbeliever (backwoodsy)—Pagan. The family went to England with William the Conqueror. The name was written "Pagan" in the "Domesday Book" 1086. Hugh de Payan was one of the founders of the "Templars of the Cross" during the time of the Crusades. It continued to exist nearly two centuries—1178 to 1312. John Payn, of Frittenden, England, left a will dated April, 1463; his son, Stephen Payn, left a will dated 1505.

His descendant, Stephen Paine, was originally from Hingham, Norfolk County, England. He was a miller by occupation and came to New England in 1638. He came in the ship "Diligent," of Ipswich, bringing his wife, Rose, three sons and four servants. He first settled at Hingham, Massachusetts, but in 1643 he removed to Seacunk and the new settlement was named Rehoboth. On June 6, 1638, he was made a Freeman and was one of the grantees of Governor Bradford in 1641 to the eight square miles named Rehoboth, containing the present towns of Seaconk, Rehoboth, and Attleboro, and parts of Swansea, Massachusetts, and Pawtucket, Rhode Island. In 1645 he was elected representative or deputy to the court at Plymouth and was re-elected continuously until 1660, and at various times afterwards until 1671. He was a miller by occupation, a large land owner, and a leading citizen. He died in August, 1679.

Stephen Paine 2nd was born in Norfolk County, England, in 1629, and came to New England with his father in 1638. By occupation a tanner. He was a sergeant in the "Ancient and Honorable" Artillery Company of Boston, Massachusetts, in 1649. He was a man of wealth and prominence and fought in

King Phillips' War and contributed money to carry it on. He died in 1678, leaving a wife, Anne, and nine children.

Stephen Paine 3rd was born in 1664 and died of smallpox in 1710. A "Devout Christian, a Cunning Artificer, and ingenious to admiration" is his record.

Stephen Paine 4th was born in 1708 and died in 1793. Settled in Connecticut and was the progenitor of the Windsor, Connecticut, family of Paines. He married Deborah Skinner and was widely known and esteemed during the whole of his long and useful life as a public spirited citizen, venerated for his piety and patriotism. He was a soldier in the old French and Indian War. His age prevented his participating in the war of the Revolution, but he urged his sons to enter the army, which they all did—six in number.

Brinton Paine, second son of Stephen Paine 4th, was born at Bolton, Connecticut, 1737; married Hannah Hills and removed to Dutchess County, New York, about 1777. He was a Colonel in the Patriot Army. George Paine, a grandson, said he had seen his commission signed by General Washington. Colonel Brinton Paine was a prisoner of war many months in the "Old Sugar House" prison in New York. A letter written by him at that time is on record. After the war he was a member of the New York State Legislature. About 1790 he removed to Newtown and bought a large tract of land on which the city of Elmira now stands. During his stay there the name of the place was changed to Elmira, in compliment of one of his grand-daughters who bore this name. His picture hangs in the Court House at Elmira, where he was the first judge. He died there in 1820.

I wish to add here that my mother exemplified all of the Christian virtues in her daily life. From my earliest boyhood she insisted that I must have a college education, so as to be prepared to do my full share of a man's work in the world. She had a fine education and was a constant reader of the best literature of her time. Her memory has been a great inspiration to me during my entire life.

Eliza L., daughter of John and Amanda Swartout, wife of my brother, George J. Serven, was a most amiable and devout

Christian woman, for whom I had well-nigh as much affection as for my own mother. While I have no particular knowledge of her ancestry, I am certain from what I knew of her that her family must have been highly regarded by all who knew them. She was actively interested in church and all other good works, a model housewife and mother, and a loyal and devoted friend, of whom I have the most kindly recollection. She and Brother George, although he was my half-brother, were as close to me as is possible for any brothers and sisters. I regret that I am unable to give more information about her family.

My sister, Ida Serven Marshall, was everything an elder sister should be, always gentle, kindly, generous, sympathetic and encouraging to the younger brother. She enjoyed the benefit of a splendid education, which she supplemented during her entire life by wide reading of the best literature. She was an ideal mother, devotedly beloved by her children and intimate friends. She led a worthy Christian life, well lived in the best sense, and full of accomplishment.

Harriet Marguerite Thompson, wife of Abram R. Serven, born in New York City, June 8, 1863, was the daughter of Joseph M. Thompson and Lydia Scott Lyon. Her father was born at Boston, Massachusetts, March 13, 1824, died in New York City March 19, 1892. The family descended from the Russells of Massachusetts, the ancestor of whom came to America about 1636. Mrs. Serven's mother, the daughter of Hiram Lyon and Lydia Scott, born December 11, 1831, died at Ellenville, New York, November 10, 1882, was descended from the Colonial Scott family of Connecticut.

I regret I do not have similar information about the ancestry and lives of the mothers of the other branches of the Serven family.

Before concluding with the family lines we have prepared, I desire to express my profound thanks to those already mentioned who have assisted me in the collection of the family information which is herein contained, and also to my old personal friend, Mr. V. V. Parma, Chief of the Rare Book Section of the Con-

gressional Library, for his thoughtful kindness in searching out and bringing to our attention most of the family records and authorities which we have consulted there. I also desire to express my profound appreciation for the well-nigh invaluable assistance rendered to me by my associate, D. E. Campbell, in connection with the great number of letters that have been written in gathering our family information and also to him and my son-in-law, Earle Vrooman, for their exceedingly helpful assistance in working out the lines of relationship and preparing the family data for the printer. I especially desire to mention the fact that my grand-daughter, Harriet Thompson Barlow, has been very much interested in the preparation of this little history and for some time past has devoted considerable of her time to a study of the Dutch language, in order to be of greater assistance to me in working out the translations of various early church records which were written in that language.

The preparation of this work has been a real labor of love on my part and it is a great joy to me that the results recorded here are so complete and satisfactory about the Serven family in America. Had I been in the full possession of my normal sight, I feel satisfied that the gathering of the information herein contained would not have been performed nearly as well as it has been by those who have so graciously and willingly assisted me in obtaining it.

Blank pages will be found at the end of this pamphlet on which to continue the family information as may be desired.

At the suggestion of several of those interested in this little history of the Serven family and because I am a stranger to practically all of the members of the family, except those of my own immediate branch, after much hesitation, I have taken the liberty of including my picture and a copy of a brief history of me as contained in the last edition of "Who's Who in the Nation's Capital."

Any readers who may desire to communicate with me in regard to the information herein contained, or to furnish additional information, should address such communications to A. R. Serven, 1422 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

FAMILY LINES OF DESCENT AND RELATIONSHIP.

Most of the data included below was secured from original copies of records and generally with the original spelling. Where records differed in dates, etc., we have followed the one which appeared to be most authentic.

Romeyn Servyn and Neeltje Pieters were the parents of Pieter, baptized July 31, 1661. We have no additional information concerning Pieter. The old Dutch church records of New York prior to 1784 show the marriage of Jan Seryon and Susannah Pyne May 10, 1678. It is suggested that notwithstanding the spelling of the surname this Jan might possibly have been a son of Romeyn Servyn and a brother of Pieter, and that one or the other of them may have been the father of Philip E. Serven, no records of whose parents or date or birth have been found. Therefore, in the following lines, we have treated Philip E. Serven as the first generation of the family and have attempted to carry the family name through the eighth generation.

The children of (1) Philip E. Serven and Katrina Stypers, his wife, were: (2) Jacob, baptized January 12, 1714; Susan Mary, b. Feb. 11, 1716; John Yeury, b. Dec. 23, 1717; Abraham, b. Sept. 27, 1719 (Tappan Church Records); Philip, b. 1721 (Nyack Tombstone), baptized Feb. 19, 1722 (Hackensack Church Records), d. August 15, 1786.

The children of (2) Jacob Serven and Catherine De Beer, married June 16, 1744, were: (3) Catrina, b. July 2, 1745; Annetje, b. Sept. 20, 1747; Jacobus (James), b. April 13, 1750; Hendrick, or Henry, b. Nov. 6, 1752; Jan (John), b. Feb. 7, 1755; Grietje, b. Feb. 7, 1758; Abraham, b. Nov. 25, 1760; Jacob, b. April 1, 1764, d. Feb. 26, 1854.

The children of (2) Susan Mary, or Susanna, and Jacob Eckerson, her husband, were: (3) Susanna, b. August 6, 1753; Abraham, b. Jan. 13, 1758; Margritje, b. April 9, 1760. No further information concerning this line.

(2) John Yeury. No record found of marriage or descendants.

The children (2) of Abraham and Breghe Smith, married Jan. 21, 1746, were: (3) Catharine, b. August 28, 1747; Breghe, b. Oct. 17, 1750, d. Oct. 8, 1801; Philip, b. May 13, 1753, d. Sept. 1, 1800, unmarried; Gerret, b. Jan. 10, 1756; Maria (1st), b. Jan. 10, 1757, d. Sept. 30, 1761; Margrietje (1st), b. April 23, 1760, died in infancy; Maria (2nd), b. March 20, 1763, d. March 4, 1832; Margrietje (2nd), b. Sept. 8, 1765, d. Oct. 12, 1817; Abraham, b. April 4, 1768, d. May 21, 1832; Elizabeth, b. June 8, 1770, d. Aug. 22, 1851; Arie (Adrian), b. July 26, 1772, d. Oct. 5, 1837.

The children of (2) Philip and Maria Onderdonck, his wife, were: (3) Philip, b. August 5, 1748; Adrian, b. August 4, 1751; Abraham, b. May 22, 1762; Garret, b. Nov. 13, 1764.

For facility of identification, from this point, the lines of descent from Philip E. Serven's grandchildren are given separately below, according to seniority.

Descendants of children of (2) Jacob Serven and Catrina De Beer: (3) Catrina, married Theunis Krom; Annetje, married Peter Jersey; Jacobus (James), married Mary Conklin and were the parents of Margaretta, b. August 23, 1799; Jacob, b. May 7, 1804.

The children of (3) Henry and Gertrude Meyer, his wife, were (4) James H., b. June 11, 1777, as given by Kakiat, or West New Hempstead, Church Record; his family Bible and tombstone in Tyre (N. Y.) Dutch Reformed Church cemetery show year of birth as 1775; Gritje, b. April 16, 1786; Katrina, b. July 19, 1794. Cole and Griffin's copy of West New Hempstead baptismal records give Katrina's parents as Frederick Serven and Gertrude Meyer. As there was no Frederick in the family and as Gertrude Meyer was Henry's wife, she was undoubtedly the daughter of Henry Serven and Gertrude Meyer.

The children of (4) James H. Serven and Anna Lawrence, his wife, b. Mar. 22, 1775, d. Aug. 14, 1865, were: (5) Henry, b. Sept. 1, 1799, d. May 30, 1879; Mary, b. Jan. 18, 1801, d. 1892; John, b. May 15, 1803, d. Feb. 9, 1883; Charity, b. Feb. 19, 1805, d. Mar. 23, 1844, unmarried; James, b. Aug. 22, 1807, d. Mar.

9, 1890; Sally, b. July 8, 1809, d. 1894; Abram, b. May 10, 1811, d. July 12, 1897; Samuel, b. April 22, 1813, d. Sept. 20, 1839, unmarried; Rachel, b. Sept. 4, 1815, d. about 1885; Richard Lawrence, b. Mar. 22, 1818, d. in 1893; Catherine, b. Feb. 23, 1821, d. Jan. 2, 1908.

No specific information has been found about the marriages of (4) Gritje and Katrina, daughters of Henry and Gertrude Serven, but from statements to their nephew Abram, as remembered by his son, Abram R. Serven, it is thought they married a Mr. Woolsey and Mr. Blauvelt, respectively. This Catherine may have been the Catherine Serven who married John D. Blauvelt April 24, 1813.

The children (5) of Henry Serven and Hannah Myers, married Feb. 20, 1820, were: (6) Anna Marie, b. June 10, 1821, d. Jan. 10, 1909; Catherine Matilda, b. Sept. 13, 1823, d. May 31, 1907; Caroline; Sarah Jane; John J., b. Feb. 9, 1832, d. Sept. 21, 1914; James Henry, b. Mar. 6, 1837, d. May 28, 1923; Juliette; Alvira.

The children of (6) Anna Marie and Enos Cuddeback, b. Nov. 2, 1818, d. Dec. 25, 1883, her husband, were: (7) Sarah; Jane; Elmer, unmarried.

(6) Catherine Matilda married John Snyder, b. Feb. 27, 1819, d. Aug. 22, 1888. They had no children.

(6) Caroline married Mr. Cuddeback.

(6) Sarah Jane married Myers Guerne.

The children of (6) John J. and Nancy Ann Nebergall, b. Aug. 8, 1841, d. Jan. 25, 1917, married April 29, 1860, were: (7) William Henry; Mary Elizabeth; Aron Enos; James Philip; Ephraim Wesley; Thomas Caloway, d. Jan. 26, 1911; Aletha Bell, d. May 28, 1877; Emma May; Hannah Pearl; Perry.

The children of (6) James Henry and Mary Jane Nebergall, married Feb. 23, 1863, were: (7) Delia Etta (Holt), deceased; Lee P.; Lily (Walker); Florence (Hoagland); Lottie (Fitch).

(6) Juliette married Addison Barber.

(6) Alvira married Fred Barber.

The children of (5) Mary and John C. Cooper, b. 1794, d. 1874, married April 6, 1826, were: (6) Maria; Sarah; Helen; Ethelin; James C.; William H.; Harriet; Phoebe; Adaline.

(6) Maria married N. Gillette.

(6) Sarah married Henry Hurd.

The children of (6) Helen and Gain Hart, her husband, were: (7) Frank; Tinnie; Emma; Ernest.

(7) Frank married Mary Serven, daughter of Henry J., son of John, son of James H.

The children of (6) Adaline and Jacob Bedell, her husband, were: (7) Lizzie; Hattie; David.

(7) Lizzie married Edward Lawrence.

The children of (5) John and Anna Thurston, b. June 2, 1801, d. Aug. 21, 1884, married Sept. 24, 1822, were: (6) Henry J.; Catherine; John W.

The children of (6) Henry J., b. 1824, d. 1892, and Lydia Ann Mills, his wife, were: (7) Emily; J. Coryell; Elizabeth; Mary.

The child of (7) Emily and Wesley Bacon, her husband, was (8) Lillian.

The children of (7) J. Coryell and Jessie Haines, his wife, were: (8) Grace; Wray; Gladys; Hugh.

The children of (7) Elizabeth and John Kinne, her husband, were: (8) Seymour; Harry; Mabel.

(7) Mary married Frank Hart as previously stated.

The children of (6) Catherine and Manlius C. Haight, her husband, were: (7) George W.; Clara.

The children of (6) John W., b. March 28, 1839, d. Aug. 31, 1907, and Jane Cuddeback, his wife, b. Aug. 8, 1853, d. Nov. 17, 1909, were: (7) Anna; Inez.

(7) Anna married Julian R. Smith.

(7) Inez married his brother, Wilde Smith, who died in 1930.

The children of (5) James and Rachel Butterfield, d. April 26, 1837, married Aug. 26, 1828, were: (6) Eliza, b. Aug. 26, 1829, d. Mar. 21, 1905; Hannah, b. Nov. 11, 1830, d. June 9, 1889; Mary J., b. Feb. 11, 1834; Julia, b. Sept. 10, 1835; James, b. Aug. 22, 1836, d. Jan. 9, 1911.

The children of (5) James and Deliverance Jayne, b. July 7, 1817, d. Jan. 21, 1901, married 1838, were: (6) Martha, b. Jan. 23, 1840, d. Jan. 28, 1930; Jackson, b. Mar. 28, 1842, d. Dec. 1, 1893; Pembroke, b. Sept. 30, 1844; Deziah, b. Oct. 1, 1846, d. Feb. 2, 1892; George, b. Sept. 10, 1848, d. April 23, 1851; Oscar, b. May 1, 1851, d. Nov. 2, 1927; Wellington, b. April 10, 1856; Alice Floy, b. Aug. 15, 1857, d. 1923.

The children of (6) Eliza and Samuel Wood, d. Nov. 3, 1910, married in 1868, were: (7) Rosabell; Adelbert.

(6) Hannah married S. S. Pratt.

(6) Mary J. married Harvey Newell in 1853, who died June, 1908.

(6) Julia married David Babcock, 1860.

(6) James married Minnie Foong. He married Emily Aretta Reinagle, b. Dec. 14, 1861, on Jan. 17, 1894. Their children were: (7) Mina Marie, b. June 14, 1896, married Edward Ray Owens; Lila Gladys, b. Aug. 14, 1898, married Almond Woolley; Hazel Almeda, b. Sept. 24, 1900, married Frederick George Allai; Grace Mae, b. April 30, 1903, married Louis Smith.

(6) Martha married T. K. Townsend, 1868; after his death she married Mr. McConnell.

The child of (6) Jackson and Elizabeth Dodge, married 1865, was (7) Champion.

The children of (6) Jackson and Etta Smith, his wife, were: (7) Earl; Frank; Bessie; Charles; Floyd.

The children of Pembroke and Eliza Lobdell, his wife, d. May 29, 1922, were: (7) Bert; Myrtle; Ida; Stella; William.

(7) Bert married Emma Farr.

(7) Myrtle married Adolphus Pratt.

(7) Ida married William Morgan.

(7) Stella married Albert Cole.

(7) William married Rae Brown. Their children were:
(8) Rhea; Bernard; Elburn.

The children of (6) Deziah and William Hammer, married 1877, who died July, 1906, were: (7) Carrie; Alfred; Grace; Harry.

The children of (6) Oscar and Carrie Craven, his wife, d. Dec. 21, 1922, were: (7) Lottie, b. Feb. 20, 1878; Maggie, b. Aug. 28, 1879; James O., b. May 12, 1887; Arthur, b. Aug. 24, 1894, d. Dec. 24, 1896; Walter, b. April 4, 1896.

The children of (7) Lottie and George Troop, her husband, were: (8) Ila, b. Sept. 18, 1901, d. Oct. 9, 1901; Wesley, b. Oct. 12, 1907; Dort, b. June 30, 1913.

The children of (7) Maggie and William Dunn, her husband, were: (8) Marie, b. April 11, 1902; Francis, b. April 4, 1904, d. May 10, 1920.

The children of (7) James O. and Flora Merriam, married 1909, were: (8) Gwenola I., b. April 18, 1910; Madolyn A., b. Dec. 29, 1911, d. Sept. 28, 1926; Leone C., b. Feb. 14, 1914; James Tyler, b. July 2, 1917; Aurah H., b. Sept. 29, 1919; Mildred O., b. Mar. 30, 1921; Lynn M., b. May 24, 1923.

The children of (7) Walter and Fern Callahan, his wife, were: (8) Mae, b. Dec. 21, 1917; Richard, b. June 2, 1920.

The children of (6) Wellington and Mary Vance, b. April 15, 1856, married Sept. 30, 1877, are: (7) Fred, b. April 25, 1880; Vern, b. Nov. 7, 1882.

The children of (7) Fred and Emma McGlinchey, married Jan. 1, 1902, are: (8) Leo A., b. Nov. 7, 1903; Richard N., b. Nov. 1, 1905; Viola A., b. Nov. 23, 1908; Mary M. and William (twins), b. Mar. 1, 1915. William died March 15, 1915.

The children of (6) Alice Floy and Franklin Hurd, married 1879, were: (7) Elmer; Edward.

The children of (5) Sally and Andrew I. Green, her husband, were: (6) Caroline; Catherine; John; Samuel; Sarah.

The child of (5) Abram and Eleanor Goodell, b. Aug. 23, 1815, d. June 30, 1847, married Aug. 20, 1835, was: (6) George J., b. Mar. 22, 1836, d. Dec. 19, 1926.

The children of (6) George J. and Eliza L. Swartout, b. 1837, d. 1914, married Oct. 2, 1857, were: (7) Frank Benjamin, b. Mar. 8, 1859; Wilbur Abram, b. Nov. 2, 1861, d. June 14, 1930; Horatio Augustus, b. Oct. 26, 1863; John Henry, b. Feb. 7, 1865; Ellen Maud, b. Feb. 26, 1867; Jesse Earl, b. April 18, 1871.

The child of (7) Frank Benjamin and Nora B. Rogers, b. June 19, 1870, married Sept. 25, 1895, is (8) Harold.

The children of (7) Wilbur Abram and Rosa Ware, married 1884, were: (8) Zada; George A.; Nettie; Ella.

The children of (7) Horatio Augustus and Jennie Olin, married May 3, 1894, were: (8) Ralph, b. July 17, 1902; Paul, b. May 26, 1907.

The child of (7) John Henry and Lottie Clark, d. Feb. 28, 1924, married Mar. 11, 1891, was (8) Daisy. Hemarried Carrie B. Snyder Nov. 24, 1926.

The children of (7) Ellen Maud and William M. Lundy, d. July 31, 1928, married Jan. 16, 1889, were: (8) John Alvin, b. Jan. 18, 1897; Richard Theodore, b. Aug. 12, 1903; Percy, b. May 22, 1908. She married Charles Meatyard Hampton, b. June 6, 1860, on March 17, 1932.

The children of (7) Jesse Earl and Lillie Burgdorf, married April 26, 1894, were: (8) Earl; Emma.

The children of (5) Abram Serven and Maria Henry Mattoon, widow, b. June 6, 1818, d. Sept. 3, 1886, married Jan. 13, 1850, were: (6) Ida Amelia, b. Aug. 29, 1857, d. Aug. 1, 1926; Abram Ralph, b. July 23, 1862, the compiler of this booklet.

The children of (6) Ida Amelia and Horatio Adrian Marshall, b. Aug. 19, 1849, d. June 30, 1930, married June 16, 1880, were: (7) Annace Lee, b. Mar. 1, 1882; Ralph Sterling, b. Sept. 23,

1884; Helen Maria, b. Feb. 9, 1886; Elizabeth, b. Oct. 16, 1888; Richard Horatio, b. Jan. 28, 1896.

The children of (7) Annace Lee and William Henry Denne, married Dec. 25, 1903, are: (8) William Henry, b. Aug. 22, 1907; Richard Marshall, b. Jan. 22, 1909.

The child of (7) Ralph Sterling and Lillian Douglas Smith, married July 9, 1909, is: (8) Douglas Serven, b. June 28, 1910.

The children of (7) Helen Maria and William David Gailey, married June 23, 1915, are: (8) William David, b. April 8, 1916; Elizabeth Marshall, b. July 14, 1920.

The child of (7) Elizabeth and Michael Leonidovich Semenoff, married Aug. 29, 1923, is: (8) Michael, b. Dec. 21, 1924.

(7) Richard Horatio married Muriel Zellner, June 30, 1919. They have no children.

The children of (6) Abram Ralph and Harriet Marguerite Thompson, b. June 8, 1863, married Dec. 26, 1889, are: (7) Ida Thompson, b. Jan. 28, 1891; Lydia Maria, b. July 17, 1898.

The children of (7) Ida Thompson and Burt E. Barlow, b. Feb. 18, 1880, d. Oct. 28, 1922, married June 20, 1916, are: (8) Harriet Thompson, b. Sept. 8, 1918; Abram Serven, b. Nov. 25, 1921.

(7) Lydia married Clarence Earle Vrooman, Sept. 1, 1931.

(5) Abram Serven married Ruth Ann Van Kirk Williams, widow, b. Jan. 8, 1839, d. about August, 1912, on March 10, 1887.

The children of (5) Rachel Serven and Jeremiah Barber, her husband, were: (6) Jane; Peter; Anna Maria; Cornelia; Charles Judson; Frances C.

(6) Jane married Mr. Guerne.

(6) Anne Maria believed to have married Mr. Johnson.

(6) Charles Judson married Charlotte Brignall.

(6) Frances C. married John Bacon.

The children of (5) Richard Lawrence and Mary Snyder, b.

1817, d. 1886, married Sept. 27, 1838, were: (6) John Edward, b. 1843, d. 1924; Sarah Ann, d. Sept. 20, 1913; James Henry.

The child (6) of John Edward and Annette Carwithe, his wife, b. 1847, d. 1915, was: (7) Arthur D., b. 1879, d. 1883.

(6) Sarah Ann married Abram Fitch.

The children of (6) James Henry and his wife, were: (7) Smith; Myrtle.

The children of (5) Catherine and Thomas L. Eckerson, b. Aug. 24, 1811, d. Jan. 27, 1901, married Sept. 13, 1838, were: (6) Thomas Henry, b. Oct. 13, 1841, d. Mar. 1, 1844; Wellington, b. June 24, 1848, d. Mar. 24, 1864; Louise, b. Oct. 20, 1851, d. Mar. 3, 1925.

The children of (6) Louise and Ansel Kessler, married Jan. 11, 1871, were: (7) Anna May, b. Aug. 7, 1872; Adam, b. Sept. 17, 1879.

The children of (7) Anna May and Oliver Bennett, died Mar. 8, 1915, married June 17, 1890, were: (8) Harlow, b. Dec. 13, 1891; Raymond A., b. Mar. 27, 1894; Edna, b. Aug. 6, 1899; Earl, b. May 6, 1901; Ravelle, b. July 12, 1905. After his death she married Worden Ward.

The child of (7) Adam and Jessie Williams, his wife, is: (8) Ada Edwin, b. May 29, 1917.

The children of (3) Jan Serven and Margarietta Yeury, married Jan. 13, 1782, were: (4) Catharina, b. Dec. 31, 1783, d. Dec. 30, 1853; —————; Annatye, b. July 14, 1797, d. Feb. 3, 1883. We have been unable to find any record evidence that this Catharina was the daughter of Jan (John) Serven. However, by elimination, in connection with certain circumstantial evidence, it seems most probable that she was his daughter.

The children of (4) Catharina and Luke Eckerson, b. Aug. 8, 1774, d. Sept. 6, 1862, married Aug. 17, 1799, were: (5) Margary, b. Nov. 18, 1800; John L., b. July 1, 1803; Abraham L., b. Oct. 17, 1805; Margaret, b. Aug. 1, 1809; Hannah; Thomas L.,

b. Aug. 24, 1811; Catharine, b. Oct. 21, 1816; Elizabeth, b. June 1, 1819, d. March 22, 1893.

(5) Margary married Jacob Van Houten.

(5) John L. married Rachel Cole; their daughter, (6) Catharine, married Alfred F. Dowd, Aug. 15, 1861; their daughter is (7) Eleanor M.

(5) Adam L. married Sarah Smith.

(5) Margaret married Sylvanus Smith.

(5) Hannah married John Van Houten.

(5) Thomas L. married Catharine Serven, Sept. 13, 1838, who was the daughter of James H. Serven, whose descendants are given above.

(5) Catharine married Richard Ver Valen.

(5) Elizabeth married Henry Remsen and after his death John T. Demerest.

The children of (5) Elizabeth and Henry Remsen, b. Dec. 23, 1807, d. Oct. 28, 1844, married Dec. 9, 1837, were: (6) John, b. Dec. 2, 1838, killed in Civil War; Catherine Melvina, b. June 14, 1842, d. Feb. 27, 1915; Henry, b. June 13, 1844, d. Sept. 6, 1848.

The children of (6) Catherine Melvina and Charles Straughan, b. Aug. 5, 1843, d. May 29, 1913, married April 1, 1875, were: (7) John Demerest, b. Feb. 14, 1876, d. Feb. 4, 1882; Henry Remsen, b. Feb. 8, 1878, d. August 24, 1978; Elizabeth May, b. May 9, 1880; Jane Luell, b. Jan 8, 1884.

The children of (5) Elizabeth Eckerson Remsen, widow, and John T. Demarest, married Jan. 1, 1859, were: (6) William Remsen, b. Mar. 17, 1861, died about 1930 without descendants; Charles Dewey, b. July 22, 1863.

The children of (6) Charles Dewey and Henrietta Louise Bauer, b. Feb. 22, 1862, married Dec. 17, 1884, were: (7) John Remsen; Charles D.

(4) Annatye married a Mr. Demarest.

(3) Grietje married Cornelius Holdrum.

(3) Abraham adhered to the British cause in the American Revolution, and went to Nova Scotia, where he had descendants living in 1876. He was the only member of the Serven family who adhered to the British cause. It is thought he married Elinor Uriue on April 12, 1783.

The children of (3) Jacob Serven and Hannah Estes, his wife, were: (4) Catharine; David, b. 1784.

The children of (4) Catharine and Daniel Felter, her husband, were: (5) Sarah, b. June 1, 1819; Sarah, b. Oct. 1, 1821; Jane, b. Nov. 10, 1823.

The descendants of the children of (2) Abraham Serven and Breghe Smith were:

(3) Catharine married Isaac Cole Oct. 15, 1764. Their children, as shown by Dr. Cole's "Isaac Cole and Catharine Serven," were: (4) Abraham, b. July 6, 1765, d. Sept. 19, 1835, married Rebecca Wood, Dec. 1, 1785; Bridget (Breghe), b. Oct. 19, 1766, d. Aug. 13, 1858, married Benjamin Willis, April 28, 1786; Rachel, b. Sept. 3, 1768, d. May 20, 1848, married Daniel Harmanus Blauvelt, Dec. 12, 1785; John (Johannes), b. Aug. 27, 1770, d. June 25, 1860, married Elizabeth Van Houten, May 11, 1793; Jacob, b. Aug. 13, 1772, d. May 18, 1853, married Ellender Benson, April 15, 1797, and, after her death, Magdalena Carencross, Feb. 29, 1820; Anna (Annetje), b. April 6, 1774, d. Oct. 6, 1855, married Barent (Barnard) Forshee, June 22, 1791; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 12, 1775, family record (Nov. 15, 1775, church record), d. Mar. 19, 1820, married Cornelius Forshee, May 28, 1795 (brother of Barnard); David, b. Sept. 26, 1777, d. July 3, 1856, married Elizabeth Meyer, Jan. 11, 1798; Isaac, b. Nov. 3, 1779, d. July 16, 1855, married Anner Vickery, Nov. 20, 1800, and after her death, Betsey Damon Safford, Feb. 23, 1826; Mary (Maria), b. Jan. 27, 1783, d. Aug. 22, 1819, married William Smith 1805; Margaret (Margrietje), b. Nov. 26, 1784, family record (Nov. 6, 1784, church record), married Jonathan Palmer, Dec. 21, 1804; Philip (Philippus), b. Oct. 17, 1786, d. Aug. 26, 1825, married Electa Manning; Cath-

arine, b. Feb. 26, 1788, d. Dec. 26, 1850, married Benjamin Wood, Oct. 18, 1806 (half brother of Rebecca, who married Abraham); Andrew (Andreas), b. Dec. 18, 1789, d. July 23, 1804; Sarah, b. July 23, 1793, d. April 24, 1863, married Henry G. Bogart, Sept. 23, 1826.

(3) Breghje married Isaac Blauvelt Nov. 13, 1770; after his death she married John Stagg, Feb. 20, 1787, and after his death she married Klass Van Houten, July 6, 1788. She had five children by her first husband: (4) Isaac, b. Mar. 28, 1774; Breghje, b. Sept. 22, 1775; Abraham, b. April 15, 1778; Elizabeth, b. April 19, 1780; Annetje, b. Aug. 5, 1782. There were no children by the second marriage. She had one child by her third marriage: (4) Garret Van Houten, b. April 5, 1789.

(3) Gerret (known as Judge) Serven married Elizabeth Van Houten, b. Mar. 7, 1757, on Dec. 12, 1780. Their children were: (4) Abraham A., b. Sept. 9, 1781, d. 1866; Maria, b. Dec. 19, 1783, d. Jan. 27, 1838; Peter G., b. Aug. 19, 1786, d. Oct. 4, 1853; Philip, b. Mar. 27, 1790, d. Aug. 9, 1792; John G., b. Sept. 13, 1793; Isaac, b. Aug. 3, 1797, d. Dec. 24, 1871. After his first wife's death, he married Elizabeth Eckerson, b. April 8, 1756, d. June 26, 1833, on Feb. 24, 1826. They had no children.

The children of (4) Abraham A. Serven, son of Judge Gerret Serven, and Breghje Blauvelt, b. Mar. 16, 1780, d. May 10, 1857, married 1805, were (5) Elizabeth, b. April 12, 1807; Rachel, b. July 21, 1808; Leah, b. Oct. 24, 1811; Gerret, b. July 12, 1814, died young; Isaac, b. Mar. 9, 1816; Ann M.; Margaret, b. Jan. 7, 1810; Charity.

The children of (4) Abraham A. Serven and Breghje Blauvelt were married as follows: (5) Elizabeth married David A. Cole; Rachel married James Sears; Leah married Henry Hawkey; Isaac married Sarah Goodhart; Ann M. married Edward B. Parks; Margaret married James English.

(4) Maria married James Taylor. Their children were: (5) Elizabeth; Hannah.

The children of (4) Peter G. and Charity Felter, his wife, b. Sept. 8, 1791, d. Dec. 1867, were: (5) John P., b. April 7, 1819,

d. Aug. 21, 1882; Mary Ann, b. July 11, 1822; Sarah (Sally); Jane; Demerest.

The children of (5) John P. and Ester Maria Springstien, b. Oct. 10, 1817, d. Jan. 5, 1905, married Mar. 22, 1845, were: (6) James Henry, b. Sept. 27, 1845, d. April 27, 1927; Elizabeth Coe, b. Sept. 4, 1856.

The children of (6) James Henry and Catherine Blanchard, b. May 20, 1850, married Sept. 24, 1872, were: (7) Oliver James, b. Nov. 22, 1876; Mary Grace, b. April 23, 1882.

The children of (7) Oliver James and Mary Concklin, b. July 22, 1877, married Oct. 18, 1900, are: (8) James Kenneth, b. Dec. 14, 1909; Margaret, b. Nov. 12, 1912.

The children of (7) Mary Grace and Frederick W. Brown, b. Jan. 29, 1874, married Nov. 4, 1903, are: (8) Katherine, b. Mar. 21, 1905; Norma, b. Feb. 5, 1908; Helen, b. Oct. 6, 1911.

The children of (6) Elizabeth Coe and Abram Henry Wilson, b. Nov. 4, 1851, d. Oct. 31, 1916, married Dec. 27, 1876, were: (7) Martha A., b. Dec. 21, 1878; Laura M., b. Jan. 25, 1882, d. May 11, 1914.

The children of (7) Martha A. and John Rustin, b. Oct. 10, 1875, married June 3, 1903, are: (8) Harold Wilson, b. June 24, 1904; Howard Vernon, b. Dec. 28, 1909.

The children of (7) Laura M. and Edward Kreger, b. July, 1881, married June 3, 1903, were: (8) Elizabeth Mary, b. Oct. 1, 1904, d. May 11, 1914; Clifford, b. July 25, 1909, d. May 11, 1914.

(5) Mary Ann married Cornelius Blauvelt.

(5) Sarah married Louis Dusenberry.

(5) Jane married John Stokerm.

(5) Demarest married Sophia Smith.

(4) John G. married Jemima Valentine, b. May 19, 1804, d. Aug. 6, 1870, on April 23, 1823. Their children were: (5) William, b. Aug. 10, 1824 David Valentine, b. Mar. 3, 1826;

Peter, b. Aug. 9, 1827; Jacob, b. Feb. 22, 1831; Eliza Ann, b. April 26, 1835; Rachel, b. Dec. 13, 1836.

The children of (4) John G. and Jemima Valentine were married as follows: (5) William married Deborah Banta, April 4, 1845; David Valentine married Caroline Amelia Van Houten, May 3, 1849; Eliza Ann married John Iserman, Dec. 24, 1853; Rachel married John W. Christie, Jan. 1, 1853.

(4) Isaac married Nancy Scudder. Their children were: (5) Benjamin; Oliver.

(3) Maria (2nd) married Johannes House, b. July 14, 1761, d. Jan. 1, 1846, on Mar. 25, 1784. Their children were: (4) John, b. July 19, 1785, d. Dec. 28, 1851; Abram, b. Mar. 3, 1788, d. Dec. 13, 1849; Margaret, b. Sept. 12, 1790, d. May 20, 1868.

(3) Margritje (2nd) married Daniel Burgess June 15, 1787. Their children were: (4) Petrus, b. Feb. 29, 1788; Garret, b. Feb. 18, 1792; Johannes, b. April 24, 1795.

(3) Abraham A. married Margrietje Van Houten, d. 1825. Their children were: (4) Abraham, b. May 7, 1791; Peter, b. Aug. 14, 1798; John, b. June 15, 1814; Kitty, b. Nov. 14, 1815; Margaret, b. April 22, 1817. After the death of his first wife, Abraham A. married the widow Van Orden. No children.

(3) Elizabeth married Cornelius Demarest. Their children were: (4) Nicholas, b. Jan. 27, 1790; Bridget, b. May 9, 1793; Abraham C., b. Aug. 7, 1795; John C., b. April 28, 1797; Elsje (1st), b. Feb. 1, 1799; Garret C., b. July 13, 1800; David C., b. Feb. 23, 1802; Elsje (2nd), b. Aug. 5, 1803; Maria, b. May 2, 1805; Hannah, b. Dec. 16, 1807; Margrietje, b. Aug. 1, 1809; Catharina, b. Oct. 12, ———.

(3) Arie, or Adrian, married Margrietje Vanderbilt, b. Sept. 27, 1774, on June 12, 1795. They had one child: (4) John A., b. Dec. 26, 1800, d. Mar. 28, 1836. After his first wife's death, Arie married Gertrude, or Charity, Remsen, b. Nov. 23, 1779, in 1801. The children of the second marriage were: (4) Abram A., b. Sept. 30, 1804, d. Oct. 4, 1844; Arthur, b. Feb. 22, 1808, d. Nov. 13, 1847.

The children of (4) John A. and Rachel Demarest, b. Feb. 11, 1805, d. Sept. 19, 1827, married Dec. 10, 1825, and Sarah Tinkey, married Oct. 28, 1830, were: (5) Rachel, b. Sept. 19, 1827; Andrew Tinkey, b. Mar. 28, 1833; John Lansing, b. Sept. 6, 1835, d. about 1884.

The children of (4) John A. and Rachel Demarest and Sarah Tinkey were married as follows: (5) Rachel married William Hutton, Dec. 24, 1850; Andrew Tinkey married Harriet Phelps, Mar. 5, 1857; John Lansing married Sallie Ann Forshee, Feb. 7, 1864.

The children of (5) John Lansing and Sallie Ann Forshee were: (6) Abram Forshee, b. Jan. 8, 1865; Sarah (now Mrs. Perry), b. Nov. 13, 1869; John Magie, b. May 16, 1873.

The children of (4) Abraham A. and Martha Blauvelt, married Oct. 22, 1805, were: (5) John Lansing, b. Aug. 3, 1826, d. Oct. 6, 1828; Catharine Ann, b. Jan. 22, 1829; Sarah Amanda, b. Mar. 28, 1831, d. July 14, 1837; Sarah Amanda (2nd), b. Aug. 14, 1838, d. June 3, 1854; James, b. May 14, 1843.

(5) Catharine Ann married Sylvester Dow, April 22, 1846; James married Sarah O'Sumarton, May 14, 1866.

The children of (5) James and Sarah O'Sumarton were: (6) William Augustus, b. May 17, 1868; Margaret.

The children of (6) William Augustus and Lulu Edsall, his wife, were: (7) Woolsey Austin, b. May 8, 1892; Reginald Grant, b. Sept. 17, 1897, d. Sept. 17, 1898; James Edsall, b. Dec. 20, 1899.

(6) Margaret married Frederick Hollman.

The children of (4) Arthur and Christina Slingerland, married April 20, 1834, were: (5) Abram Remsen, b. Nov. 17, 1835, d. April 30, 1856; Margaret Amelia, b. Nov. 5, 1837.

(5) Margaret Amelia married Theodore Spinning, June 30, 1867.

Descendants of children of (2) Philip Serven and Maria Onderdonk.

The children of (3) Philip Serven and Sara Onderdonk, his wife, were: (4) Maria (1st), b. Mar. 4, 1774, died in infancy; Sarah, b. Jan. 1, 1776; Abraham, b. Feb. 15, 1778; Maria (2nd), b. April 11, 1780; Margrietje (1st), b. Aug. 17, 1782, died in infancy; Margrietje (2nd), b. June 9, 1784; Eliza, or Elsy, b. April 25, 1786; Catharine, b. Oct. 8, 1789.

(4) Sarah and James Graham, married Feb. 18, 1799, were parents of (5) William, b. June 18, 1801.

(4) Abram married Hannah Mabie, Jan. 9, 1798; their son, Thomas Jefferson, b. 1804, and Margaret Post, his wife, b. 1810, d. Oct. 13, 1883, were the parents of: (6) Abram T., b. 1832, d. May 22, 1890.

The children of (6) Abram T. and Mary Eliza Eckerson, b. May 22, 1834, d. Oct. 24, 1874, married Dec. 17, 1853, were: (7) Thomas Jefferson, b. Sept. 8, 1854; Eliza, b. Sept. 15, 1856; Baby, b. Sept. 25, 1858, d. Sept. 27, 1858; Sarah S., b. Sept. 1861; James Eckerson, b. Sept. 1863; Harry L., b. April 30, 1865; Charles V., b. June 21, 1871, d. Aug. 25, 1871.

(6) Abraham T. married Sally Christie, June 10, 1876.

(7) Thomas Jefferson married Olive S. Blish, Nov. 26, 1874; their child was (8) Carley, b. June 11, 1876, d. Nov. 3, 1879.

(7) Eliza married E. C. Ebersole, Aug. 1, 1875.

(7) Sarah S. married Will Blauvelt, Sept. 15, 1895.

(7) James Eckerson married Ella T. Donovan, Nov. 7, 1882.

(7) Harry L. and Helen Handy, d. May 27, 1923, married Jan. 29, 1883, were the parents of (8) Harry A., b. Feb. 15, 1884.

(4) Margrietje (2nd) and Dirick De Clark, married Aug. 5, 1802, were the parents of (5) Maria S., b. Nov. 21, 1807.

(4) Eliza, or Elsy, and Geritt Tolman, married June 18, 1806, were the parents of (5) John, b. Aug. 2, 1807.

The children of (3) Adrian Serven and Maria Simmens, his wife, were: (4) Maria, b. Jan. 20, 1782; Thrynte, b. May 4, 1783.

The children of (3) Abraham Serven and Annatje Mabie, his wife, were: (4) Philip, b. Dec. 18, 1798; Wyntje, b. Oct. 15, 1800.

(3) Garret was the father of (4) Garret, the father of (5) Garret, the father of (6) Garret G., Erastus, and Charles A. The latter was the father of (7) James Gordon Sarvent.

MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONAL DATA.

Volume 30 of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, containing Reformed Dutch Church records of New York, gives Abraham and Nelly Servant, parents of Catharina, baptized Sept. 9, 1783.

The Tappan and Clarkstown combined church records show the following:

Marriage of Catherine Servant and Coenraad Spier, Feb. 18, 1804.

Marriage of Mattie Servant and Cornelius C. Blauvelt May 21, 1803. Their children were: Cornelius, b. Sept. 7, 1804; Jacobus, b. Aug. 27, 1805; John, b. June 19, 1806; Rebecca, b. April 12, 1807.

Marriage of Maria Servant and James Briggs, Feb. 13, 1800.

Marriage of Ruth Serven and Abraham Cole, Aug. 1, 1805; their children were: Abraham C., b. Oct. 16, 1808; Maria, b. Mar. 10, 1811; John, b. Oct. 30, 1814.

Marriage of Catherine Servent and John D. Blauvelt, April 24, 1813; their child, Cathrina, was born Sept. 3, 1814.

Marriage of Daniel Sarva and Elizabeth Van Order, July 4, 1877.

Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of West New Hempstead show the following:

Thomas Sarve and Polly Concklin parents of John, b. Nov. 11, 1801.

Maria Sarve and John Eckerson parents of: James, b. Feb. 14, 1815; John, b. Sept. 1, 1816.

David Sarve and Maria Straat parents of Jacob, b. Jan. 16, 1810; James, b. Nov. 1, 1816.

Margaret Sarven and John Tinkie were the parents of Hendrick, b. Oct. 8, 1806.

Morris County, New Jersey, records give marriages of Lois Serven to Joseph Williams, Aug. 16, 1795, and Sarah Servin to William Harriman, June, 1795.

Dr. Cole says the New Jersey Adjutant General's Report shows that Edward and Jesse Servin were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

A Nanuet (N. Y.) churchyard tombstone shows that Aury Serven died Oct. 5, 1882, aged 65 years, 2 months and 9 days.

Biographical Sketch of A. R. SERVEN from

"Who's Who in the Nation's Capital."

Serven, Abram Ralph, lawyer; b. July 23, 1862, Waterloo, Seneca County, N. Y.; s. Abram and Maria (Henry) Serven. Educated Waterloo graded and high schools. Graduated from Hamilton College, 1887. Degrees B. A. and M. A., Hamilton College. D. C. resident since May 18, 1893. Married Harriet M. Thompson, Dec. 26, 1889; 2 children, Ida Thompson (1891), Lydia Maria (1898). Hon. mem. Washington Board of Trade. Mem. Psi Epsilon Alumni Association and Hamilton College Alumni Association (past President of each); Eckington Citizens Association (past President); sometime member of Columbia Heights Citizens Association; Federal Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M. (past Master); Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T. (past Commander); Mt. Horeb Chapter and Almas Temple; Masonic Temple Association (Trustee); Mystic Lodge No. 135, K. P. (past Officer). Eckington Presbyterian Church. Director of Washington Storage Company and Paramount Drug Company. Editor Digest National Bank cases. Legal counsel to Comptroller of Currency, 1893-96; Chief Examiner U. S. Civil Service Commission, 1896-1903; private practice of law since then.

