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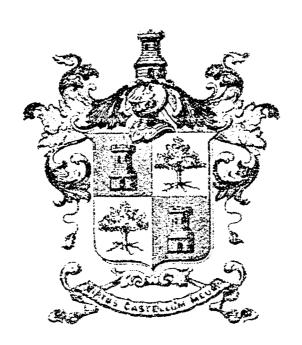
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Foreword

It is quite surprising so few people are able to trace their family further back than their immediate grandparents and many are unable to do even that. The young are not interested—the daily tasks, the toll of labor or business, the many attractions or duties of the present existence engage the time and attention to such an extent that the question of ancestors is seldom thought of. It is only as one becomes older that thoughts dwell upon those subjects.

During the life time of my father I might have learned much about his early life and something about his parents, but those events were not recorded. Aunt Eliza, even in her one hundredth year, kept close contact with all the relatives and could trace the line for generations—but there is no Aunt Eliza now.

In the following pages are recorded what I have learned of the lives of my father's brothers and sister. My grandfather and grandmother died many years before I was born.

In my younger days I knew two of father's brothers, and met another as he visited us many, many years ago.

Amos Earle Voorhies.

Acknowledgment

This genealogy is published with the intent of providing a record of the descendants of my Grandfather, John⁶ C. Voorheis, and of his forbears from the landing in America of Steven Coerten or Koreten, founder of the Van Voorhees family. The progenitor genealogy depends entirely upon the work of others, so far as tracing back is concerned, and in this, the massive volume, "The Van Voorhees Family", published in 1888 by Elias William Van Voorhis, is relied upon, together with the "Historical Handbook of the Van Voorhees Family in the Netherlands and America," published by the Van Voorbees Association in 1935. The handbook, of more than 100 pages, traces the early history of the family and recounts many interesting tales respecting the lives and activities of prominent members of the family.

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The Van Voorhees Association

The Van Voorhees Association was organized January 16, 1932, to commemorate, in 1935, the 275th anniversary of the coming to America of our common ancestor, Steven Coerten (Van Voorhees).

This anniversary was celebrated June 1 and 2, 1935, in the Brueklen room, Towers Hotel, Brooklyn, New York, and an afternoon session in the Reformed Church of Flatlands, Kings Highway and 40th street.

There were present at the anniversary celebration approximately one hundred and sixty direct descendants of Steven Coerten or those bearing the Voorhees family name. Proceedings of the celebration comprising a pamphlet of 52 pages, was published by the Van Voorhees Association. Among those present was the author of this booklet and his wife.

The Saturday morning session held in the Towers hotel, was presided over by Dr. Oscar M. Voorhees, president of the Van Voorhees Association, and was devoted to registration, introductions, reports of officers and committees, greetings from members. There were addresses by Charles Andrew Ditmas, president of the Kings County Historical Society, Willis A. Voorhees of the Holland Society of New York, the Rev. Henry D. Frost, of the Huguenot Society of America, Edmond W. Voorhies, of the St. Nicholas Society of Nassau Island, and at the afternoon session, by Victor Hugo Paltsits, of the New York Public Library, and Dr. Harold O. Voorhis, secretary of the New York University. Preceding this address a service of worship was held, conducted by Rev. Charles W. Roeder, D. D., minister of the church at Flatlands.

The afternoon session was a memorial service held in the Dutch Reformed Church of Flatlands, organized in 1663, with Steven Coerten as one of its members, and during all the succeeding years having one or more bearing the Van Voorhees name on its official board. The service was in charge of Rev. Charles W. Roeder, the minister. Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees introduced the speakers and gave a comprehensive history of the events and the associations of the Van Voorhees and the early church.

Near the close of the service a bronze memorial tablet to the memory of Steven Coerten was unveiled by James Voorhees, a member of the church, and who resides near the church house on a portion of the original tract of land purchased by Steven Coerten.

Tablet in the Dutch Reformed Church, Brooklyn, New York, unveiled June 2, 1935, at the 275th anniversary of the landing in America of Steven Coerten and his family.

Memorial to

STEVEN COERTEN

Founder of

THE VAN VOORHEES FAMILY IN AMERICA

Steven Coerten, born in 1600, migrated with his family in 1660 from the Manor of Voor-Hees province of Drenthe The Netherlands to the Village of Amersfoort, now Flatlands, Long Island, and settled near this site. He served this church as deacon and elder, and the community as magistrate, patentee in the Nicolls Charter of 1667, and as foremost citizen. He died in 1684 in fullness of years and honor.

Dedicated June, 1935
The Two Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the arrival of the family in the New World

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THE VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION.

The Family Coat of Arms



Van Voorhees

The Van Voorhees coat of arms was first published in America in 1880 by Elias W. Van Voorhis, the compiler of the "Family Genealogy." While in England in 1872, he caused search to be made in the St. James College of Heraldry for arms, if any, belonging to the Holland family, and he received the following description of the arms with a herald's certificate under the seal of the college. The translation in English terms is:

Quarterly, 1st and 4th gules (red)—a tower d'or (of gold) opened of the field; 2d and 3d argent (of silver)—a tree eradicated vert (uprooted green trees).

CREST—A tower d'or.

MOTTO-Virtus Castellum Meum. In English-Virtue My Castle.

No record has been found indicating by what authority Coert Alberts, or an ancestor, was accorded the arms attested by the St. James College of Heraldry. A tradition persists in the family of one of the name who visited Drenthe some decades ago, that they were given because of heroic deeds in warfare.

The castle was evidently the insignia of the male line. What family, allied by marriage, is indicated by the oak tree, has not been learned. The helmet above the shield is that of an esquire, a title that in England ranks below that of knight.

The existence of the family in the province of Drenthe for more than a hundred years previous to 1600 is shown by recent studies by Louis P. De Boer, A.M., L.L.B., formerly of The Netherlands. On a map of that province dated 1638, the village of Hees is shown with a castle before (voor) it. Hence the name Van Voorhees.

The Journey to America

In the early spring of 1660 a little group, Steven Coerten, his wife, seven children and a married daughter, Hendrickje, and her husband, left the ancestral home in Hees to seek a new home with other Dutch families in New Netherlands, where there was room in abundance, and where fertile lands were easily acquired.

For more than thirty years Dutch families had been removing to New Netherlands, attracted there, no doubt, by glowing tales of the fertility of the land, the beauty of the rivers, the agreeable fruits in the woods, the game and the fish.

The journey from Drenthe to Amsterdam for the emigrant family was taken overland to the Zuider Zee, thence by boat to the mouth of the harbor Ij, and up to the docks of the West India Company, on which were located its warehouses and offices. At the office occurred the inspection and the payment of passage. Then "aboard ship," the De Bonte Kou (Spotted Cow), a sturdy vessel of that day, probably about 170 feet long, 49 or 50 feet beam, and about 20 feet depth of hold, which was to be their home for the next six, or perhaps eight weeks.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1660, the little Bonte Kou, with its crew and passengers sailed from Amsterdam into the Zuider Zee and to the North Sea. Later they sailed through the Strait of Dover, past Plymouth, where forty years earlier the Mayflower had tarried a few days before proceeding on its eventful voyage.

Aboard was a company of eighteen soldiers, one with a wife and three children. The ship's passenger list reveals the presence of five families, in four of which there were twenty-three children, though Steven Coerten's son, Coert, may be counted as an adult. There were nine single men, if Coert be counted, three of them in the employ of Roeloff Swartwout, a farmer from Gelderland who was returning after a visit to the home land. One other man is listed as a servant, one as a tailor, and one with a family as a shoemaker. There were also three maidens. Four of the families were from Drenthe, the fifth from Gelderland. There were, therefore, in addition to the soldiers and sailors, twenty-one men, five wives with twenty-three children, and the three maidens. Twenty-nine were from Drenthe.

Six weeks, or perhaps eight weeks of ocean voyage brings the staunch little vessel within sight of Sandy Hoek and Coney Eylandt, then through the Narrows and the inner harbor to come to rest at the southern tip of

Manhattan in sight of the fort, over which floated the ensign of the Dutch West India Company, and behind which was the bustling city of New Amsterdam, under the guardianship of Director General Peter Stuyversant.

The family of Van Voorhees had planned to settle in New Amersfoort, across the East River on Long Island. The trip to their new home took them through the hamlet of Breukelen (Brooklyn) and on through Midwout (Flatbush) to the plains of New Amersfoort (Flatlands), where they were welcomed by former citizens of Drenthe.

The family group consisted of father Steven Coerten, a patriarch of sixty years, the head of a large and interesting family, then came his daughter Hendrickje and her husband Jan Kiers, then the oldest son, Coert. The name of the mother of these older children has not been learned. Then came Willempie Roeloffse Suebering or Sebring, Steven's second wife, who shared the fortunes of her husband in the new world. Her children were: Lucas, who was 10; Jan, Albert, Altje, Jannetje, and Hendrickje. (Steven Coerten seems to have had two daughters named Hendrickje, one by his first wife and the other by his second, which the custom of that time did not oppose. The first Hendrickje had married Jan Kiers and both came to America with the family in 1660. They had no children. The youngest daughter, Hendrickje, married in 1675, Terhune. (See chart page 22.)

On the De Bonte Kou, passenger list ages only are given—22, 10, 8, 6, 4, and 2, accounting for only six when there were seven. The suggestion that two, Aeltje and Jannetje, were twins, has been made.

Before winter set in Steven Coerten made a purchase, November 19, 1660, for 3400 guilders (\$2,000) several scattered parcels of land, some 31 morgens, or 62 acres; also a house and lot on which was a brew house. The deed of conveyance was written in Dutch and accompanied by an English translation. The down payment on these lands was exactly nothing, payments to be made in four yearly installments, the first sum of 400 guilders to be paid in Holland money and 3000 guilders in good strung negotiable sewan. The first payment was to be made the following summer, and the final payment in May, 1664.

The affairs of Steven Coerten seem to have prospered. In 1664 he became magistrate, a post of dignity and influence. Early in that year Charles II ceded the territory of New Netherlands to his brother, the Duke of York, who sent Sir Robert Nichols with an expedition. A British man-of-war came to anchor off the tip of Manhattan facing the guns of the Dutch fort and demanded the surrender of the colony from Peter Stuyvesant. The guns of the man-of-war made surrender inevitable, and the Dutch beheld their flag replaced by the British ensign.

The Dutch had one triumph with which to console themselves. The far-seeing pastor of the church of Manhattan, Rev. John Megapolensis, secured the inclusion in the articles of capitulation of a clause insuring the independence of the Dutch Reformed Church, and though the burghers of New Amsterdam and New Amersfoort had to accept a new government and avow a new allegiance, the ancient church order coming out of the reformation through the independence of the United Provinces under William of Orange was still to prevail, and a strong bond of union with the Fatherland was to hold, though former political ties must thereafter be relinquished.

The change of sovereignity from Dutch to English caused considerable uncertainty as to the validity of land titles. In 1665 the inhabitants of New Amersfoort applied to the English governor at Albany for a patent of confirmation. Under date of October 4, 1667, Governor Nicolls issued a patent known as the Nicolls Charter, to eight named inhabitants of "Amersfoort als Flatlands." Steven Coerten and Coert Stephens, his eldest son, were two of the eight patentees named in the charter, which confirmed to the town and the inhabitants thereof title to their respective land holdings.

During his lifetime Steven Coerten acquired several other tracts of land in and about Flatlands. His sons and daughters married into the "best families" of the settlement and appear also to have prospered.

Long after the English occupation in 1664 the Dutch inhabitants clung tenaciously to their native customs and language. The descendants of Steven Coerten in the third generation following his death, conforming to the English custom and to the requirements of English law, gradually adopted "Van Voorhees" as the family name. This is revealed in the family letters and in deeds to land recorded in the early part of the 18th century.

Steven Coerten died on February 16, 1684, at the ripe age of 84. There were then 30 living grand children in America, nine in Coert's family, five in Lucas's, two in Jan's, four in Aeltje's, five in Jannetje's, four in Hendrickje's, and one in Albert's.

When past middle life Steven Coerten left the home of his ancestors in Drenthe, founded a home and made an enviable name for himself in the New World, had seen his children grow to maturity and settled in homes of their own, and rejoiced in a growing group of thirty grand children, all inheriting something of his Dutch sturdiness, and destined to perpetuate his blood through many generations.

EARLY FAMILY RECORDS

The earliest of the family of which there is information is Coert Alberts of Voorhees, father of the emigrant ancestor, Steven Coerten, and from the fact of his second name being Albert with the terminal letter "s", meaning "son of", we know that his father's first name must have been Albert.

ALBERT ... OF VOORHEES—

His children:

- 1 Coert Alberts of Voorhees.
- 2 Steven Alberts of Voorhees.
- 3 Hendrick Alberts of Tweel, had five children living in 1684.
- 4 Luytgen Alberts of Haecwolt, living in 1684; had one child living in 1684.
- 5 Jan Alberts of Heffelying, died prior to 1684, left one daughter who married in 1684.
- 6 Hilbert Alberts of Voorhees, died prior to 1684; left two sons and one daughter.
- 7 Wesvel Alberts of Voorhees, died prior to 1684; left one son. Jan Wesvels, and one daughter, who in 1684 was married and resided in Amsterdam.
- 8 Gertien Alberts, of Oshaer by Veghten; living in 1684, left children.
- 9 Merghin Alberts of Voorhees; married Mewus of the Hught, who died prior to 1684.

COERT ALBERTS of Voorhees—Son of Albert, lived near Hees; the father of Steven Coerte (Van Voorhees), who emigrated to America.

His Children:

- 1 Steven Coert Van Voorhees.
- 2 Hilbert Coert of Voorhees, born 1634; had two sons and one daughter by first wife, and five sons by second wife.
- 3 Jan Coerte of Voorhees, occupied the homestead of his father in 1684.
- 4 Jan Coerte of Bethuyn, died prior to 1699; married Aeltyn . . had twins, Swanteyn and Elizabeth, born 1683.
- 5 Wesvel Coerte of Veeninge, died prior to 1699. Also two daughters, names unknown.

CHART

ILLUSTRATING THE GROWTH OF THE FAMILY OF STEVEN COERTEN

The following Chart is reproduced from the "Historical Handbook of the Van Voorhees Family," published in 1935 by the Van Voorhees Association.

Sons of Steven Coerten are designated: A, Coert; B, Lucas; C, Jan; D, Albert; and E, Abraham; and the grand sons by numerals 1 to 26. If all their birth dates had been known they might have been numbered chronologically. This chart illustrates the remarkable growth of Steven Coerten's family of grand children. It will be noted that during the year 1683 a child was born in five of the seven families, and that in two other families a child was born in 1682 and also during 1683.

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Illustrating the Growth of the Family of STEVEN COERTEN, 1600-1684

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A. COERT STEVENSEN, 1637-1702
1664 m. MARRETJE GERRITSE VAN COUWENHOVEN, bap. Apr. 10, 1644; d. 1708. 1665 STEPHEN 1 m. Agatha Janse; m. 2d. Eva.
    1667 Marretje m. December 11, 1861, Jacob Remsen.

1669 Albert 2 m. Sarah W. Cornell; m. 2d. March 15, 1743, Willemtje Suydam.

1672 Garrit 3 m. Mensie Janse; m. 2d. April 26, 1683, Willemtje Pieters.

1674 Altje m. Johannis Willemse; m. 2d. April 16, 1687, Joost R. Van Brunt.

1676 Neelttje b. June 30; m. Garret R. Schenck of Monmouth Co., N. J.
                              1678 CORNELIS 4 bap. June 23; m. Antie Remsen.
1680 Annetie bap. Dec. 5; m. Jan Rapalje of Brooklyn.
1683 Johannes 5 b. April 20, m. Barbara Van Dyke; m. 2d. May 2, 1744, Sarah Van Vliet.
                                                                                                         B. LUCAS STEVENSEN, 1650-1713
                      1671 m. CATHERINE H. VAN NOORSTRANT.
1673 Eldert 6 m. May 5, 1704, Styntje Hermanse. Lived in Jamaica. Descendants named Elderts.
1675 Jan 7 bap, Feb. 19; m. Oct. 10, 1697, Ann Vanduykhuysen; m. 2d. Mar. 5, 1704, Mayke R. Schenck.
                                    1677 STEPHEN bap. Sept. 16./
                                         1679 HANS 8 bap. Sept. 7; m. May 17, 1715, Neeltje Nevius. Lived at New Brunswick.
                                             1681 JANNETJE bap. Sept. 25; m. June 24, 1704, Martin R. Schenck.

1683 WILLEMTJE bap. Nov. 19,/

1686 Anna b. April 26; m. June 5, 1709, William Couwenhoven.

1687 CATRYNTJE m. May 3, 1712, Roelof Nevius, Lived near New Brunswick.

1689 m. 2d. JANNETJE MINNES, bans January 26.
                                                                  1691 REINSCHE; m. May 22, 1714, Johannes Van Noorstrand.
1693 ROELOF 10 m. April 26, 1715, Helena Stoothoff. Lived near New Brunswick.
1694 WILLEMTJE bap. Nov. 16; m. Martin Nevius, bans Aug. 27, 1715.
1696 MINNE 11 m. April 25, 1717, Antie Wyckoff,
1698 ALBERT 9 b. May 10; m. May 10, 1720, Arriante Ditmars; m. 2d, 1722, Catryntje Cornell.
1703 m. 3d. CATHERINE VAN DYKE.
                                                                                                  1705 ABRAHAM 12 m. Neeltje Cortelyou.
1707 Teuntje, bap. June 26,/
                                                                                                            C. JAN STEVENSEN, 1652-1735
                                  1678 bans, March 17, CORNELIA R. WIZZELPENNING, d. Jan. 7, 1680.
                                   1679 STEPHEN 13 bap. Dec. 20, m. Catrina, m. 2d. Sarah. 1680 m. 2d. Oct. 6. FEMMETJE A. VAN NUYSE.
                                         680 m. 2d. Oct. 6. FEMMETJE A. VAN NUYSE.

1682 AUKE 14 bap. May 21, m. - two sons.

1684 WILEMTJE bap. Feb. 24, living in 1723.

1686 JAN 15 bap. May 2; Neeltje Nevius; m. 2d. Marya.

1687 Roeloff 15<sup>1</sup> (d. 1772) m. Antie.

1688 Magdalena, living in 1723.

1690 Lucas 16 m. ? living in 1723: one son Simon.

1691 Albert 17 m. ? living in 1723.

1693 Abraham 18 m. Styntje 1723.
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1695 FEMMETJE, living in 1723.
1696 JACOBUS 19 bap, Mar. 24, m. Maria, m. 2d. Nelly.

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D. ALBERT STEVENSEN
            1679 m. BARRENTJE WILLIAMSE.
                1681 Cornelia, bap. Oct. 14; m. April 17, 1703, Juriaen L. Westervelt.
1681 m. 2d., April 24, TILLETJE WIZZELPENNING.
1683 STEPHEN bap. Oct. 28,/
1685 STEPHEN 191 bap. April 12; m. Oct. 10, 1707, Jannetje Alyea.
1687 JANNETJE, m. Oct. 4, 1712, Gerret A. Ackerman.
1693 m. 3d. HELENA VANDER SCHURE.
                                           1693 m. 3d. HELENA VANDER SCHURE.

1694 WILLIAM 20 m. Apr. 19, 1718, Susanna Laroe; m. 2d. Jan. 26, 1728, Marie Van Gelden.

1695 MARGRIETJE, m. April 1716, Peter Alyea.

1699 Lucas, 21 bap. Feb. 26; m. July 30, 1726, Annatie Kip.

1700 Jacobus, 21 m. Aug. 5, 1732, Jannetje Ackerman.

1702 Rachel, bap. Oct. 6; m. Julian Ackerman.

1704 Albert, 22 bap. July 27; m. May 24, 1735, Cornelia Van Giesen.

1706 Petrus, 23 bap. Nov. 3; m. May 25, 1734, Geesjean Romeyn.

1708 Isaac, 24 bap. Aug. 1; m. Oct. 6, 1730, Urseltje Romeyn.

1710 Femmetje, m. Jacob Vanderbeek.

1713 Willemtje, m. Cornelis Bougaert.

1714 Jan. 25 m. May 18, 1725 Elizabeth Van Orden.
                                                                                        1714 JAN 25 m. May 18, 1725, Elizabeth Van Orden.
                                                                                              AELTIE STEVENSE
   1673 m. BARRENT JURIANZ RYDER.
      1674 STEPHEN RYPER (d. Dec. 3, 1753); m. Elizabeth Bloodgood.
          1676 JURIAN RYDER; m. Elizabeth.
             1678 ALBERT RYDER; m. Margrietic.
1680 JAN RYDER; bap. Nov. 14,/
1683 Cornelius; m. Marytic.
                             1685 JAN RYDER bap. Aug. 16; m. Altie.
1687 Bernardus Ryder, b. Feb. 29; m. Arriantie Suydam.
                                                                                         JANNETJE STEVENSE
1672 m. JAN M. SCHENCK.

1673 JANNETJE SCHENCK; m. May 20, 1692, Gerret J. Dorlant.

1675 MARTEN SCHENCK; m. Dec. 2, 1703, Mrs. Cornelia Van Wessell Lupardus.

1677 WILLEMTJE SCHENCK; m. Peter Wyckoff.

1681 STEPHEN SCHENCK, bap. Oct. 2,/

1682 JOHANNES SCHENCK, bap. Nov. 5,/

1683 NEELTJE SCHENCK, bap. Nov. 23; m. Oct. 5, 1712, John Wyckoff of Raritan, N. J.

1686 STEPHEN SCHENCK, b. Jan. 20; m. Sept. 26, 1713, Antie Wyckoff.
                                    1688 ALTJE SCHENCK.
                                        1690 Antie Schenck.
                                                                                      HENDRICKJE STEVENSE
        1675 m. ALBERT ALBERTSE TERHUNE, bap. 1651, d. at Hackensack, N. J., 1709. 1676 Jan Terhune, m. Sept. 1699, Elizabeth Bartholt.
              1678 WILLEMTJE TERHUNE, bap. April 2.
                 1679 ANNETTE, /
                 1680 Stephen, b. April 4; m. Oct. 8, 1707, Lydia DeMarie.
1681 Antje; m. April 22, 1699, Jacob Zabriskie.
1682 Gerebrecht, b. Aug. 13; m. Nov. 29, 1701, Abram Hauseman.
1684 Willemtje, b. Aug. 7; m. Oct. 7, 1704, Jacobus Boughart.
1686 Maritie, b. Aug. 31; m. Mar. 29, 1707, Hendrick Bartholet.
                                        1690 RACHEL, b. Aug. 20; m. July 1770, Jan H. Hoppe.
                                                                                    E. ABRAHAM STEVENSEN
                              1685? m. ALTIE STRYKER.
                                  1687? John; m. 26 Jannetje Kershow. Lived near Blawenburgh, N. J.
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A "/" after a name indicates that the child died in infancy.

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THE VAN VOORHEES FAMILY IN AMERICA

The Name is Variously Spelled

as:

Van Voorhees, Van Voorhis, Voorhees, Voorhies, Voorheis, Voorhis, Voris, Vories, Vores, Vores, Vorys and Voorus.

The common ancestor of the Van Voorhees Family in America was Steven Coerten, or Koerte, who migrated from The Netherlands in 1660, with his second wife, Willempie R. Seubering, four sons, and three daughters—the eldest being a son by a former marriage. They settled at New Amersfoort, later known as Flatlands, on Long Island, now a part of Brooklyn in Greater New York.

After the final British occupation of New Netherland, when family names after the English style became necessary, Van Voorhees was generally adopted since the family had come from the Manor of Voorhees in the Province of Drente, The Netherlands. All the grandchildren used the new name with two exceptions, one family adopting the name Eldert, the other Stevens.

Any one who now bears the name, however spelled, is descended from one of the five sons of Steven Coerten, four of whom came with their father; the fifth born at New Amersfoort. They were as follows:

- 1. COERT, twenty-two on arrival, married and had five sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and married.
- 2. LUCAS, ten years old on arrival, married three times, and had eight sons and seven daughters.
- 3. JAN, eight years old on arrival, married twice, had eight sons and three daughters.
- 4. ALBERT, aged two on arrival, married three times and had nine sons and six daughters who grew to maturity and married.
- 5. ABRAHAM, born after the family's arrival, evidently died in early maturity; he left but one child, John.

The three daughters were:

- 1. ALTJE, who married Barrent Jurianz van Ryder.
- 2. JANNETJE, who married Jan Martense Schenck.
- 3. HENDRICKJE, who married Albert Terhune.

Line of Descent From Steven Coerten

Who emigrated to America in 1660

Born 1600, at Hees, Holland, died February 16, 1684, at Flatlands, Long Island. Married first in Holland, wife's name unknown. Three children known. Married second, Willempie Roeloffe Seubering, daughter of Roelfe Seubering, born 1619, died 1690.

He emigrated from the village of Hees, province of Drenthe, Holland, in April, 1660, with his wife and all his children except one daughter, Mergin Sevense, in the ship "De Bonte Kou" (Spotted Cow), Captain Peter Lucassen, registered as "Steven Koerts (Van Voorhees) from Drenthe, wife and seven children.

On November 29, 1660, Steven Coerten purchased from Cornelis Dircksen Hoogland, 9 morgens of corn land, 7 morgens of wood land, 10 morgens of plainland, and 5 morgens of salt meadow in Flatlands, L. I., for 3400 guilders, also the house and houseplot lying in the village of "Amesfoort en Bergen" (Flatlands). He and his wife, Willempie Roelofse Seubering, were members of the Dutch Reformed church of Flatlands. His name appears on the assessment rolls of Flatlands in 1675 and 1683; as a magistrate in 1664, and on a patent of 1667. His will was dated August 25, 1677.

Children of Steven Coerte¹:

Mergin Stevense, died Oct. 27, 1702. (Remained in Holland).

- 1 Coert Stevense, born 1637, died 1702.
- 2 Lucas Stevense, born 1650, died 1713.
- *3 Jan Stevense, born 1652, died 1735.
- 4 Albert Coerte Stevense, born 1654, died prior to 1699, married Aeltyn.
- 5 Abraham Stevense.
- 6 Altje Stevense, born 1656.
- 7 Jannetje Stevense.
- 8 Hendrickje Stevense.
- *Ancestors of John C. Voorheis in direct line are indicated in Italics.

JAN STEVENSE²

Born in Holland in 1652; married first, March 17, 1678, Cornelia Reiniers Wizzel-penning, daughter of Reinier Wizzel-penning and Jannetje Snediker; married second, October 8, 1680, Femmitje Aukes Van Nuyse, daughter of Auke Janse Van Nuyse and Magdelena Pieterse; baptized March 12, 1662.

He was possessed of considerable property, the assessment roll and records of Flatlands revealing the purchase of no less than six parcels of land. He took the oath of allegiance in 1687. His will was dated January 3, 1723, and proved November 20, 1735. By the terms of the will "I give and bequeath to Femmetje, my loving wife, all my estate of houses, lands, meadows, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in the town of Flatlands, or elsewhere, for and during her natural life, to the sole and proper use, benefit and behoof of my said loving wife, for and during her natural life." After her death the property was to be sold and divided equally between his eleven children, except that the eldest son, Stephen "shall have twenty shillings over and above his equal share with the rest of my above named children, for his birthright."

Jan Stevense died 1735.

Children of Jan Stevense²: (all but Stephen, children of 2d wife)

- 1 Stephen Janse, of Flatlands, baptized Dec. 20, 1679.
- 2 Aucke Janse, of Flatlands, baptized May 21, 1682.
- 3 Wilemtje Janse, baptized February 24, 1684.
- 4 Jan Janse, of Staten Island, baptized May 2, 1686.
- 5 Roeloff Janse, of Flatlands, died December 1, 1772.
- 6 Magdelena Janse, born 1688, living in 1723.
- 7 Lucas Janse, of Flatbush, born 1690.
- 8 Albert Janse, of Flatlands, born 1691.
- 9 Abraham Janse, of Flatlands, born 1693.
- 10 Femmetje, born 1695, living 1723.
- 11 Jacobus Janse, of Flatlands, baptized March 26, 1696.

ALBERT JANSE³ VAN VOORHEES.

Son of Jan Stevense and Cornelia Wizzel-penning, and grandson Steven Coerte, who emigrated from Holland in April, 1660, and settled at Flatlands, L. I. He was born in 1691. His name appears on a list of officers and soldiers belonging to the regiment of militia in Kings county, Long Island, 1715.

Children of Albert Janse:

- Aaron resided in vicinity of Harlingen, Somerset county, N. J.; married first Maria . . .; second, Alche . . . Children of Aaron—Aaron-Lammetje, bap. July 8, 1753; John, bap. June 20, 1754; Auke (or Oakley), bap. Nov. 17, 1775, was an officer in the War of the Revolution, being ensign in the 3rd regiment of Hunterdon county, N. J. Militia; Anne, bap. Mar. 21, 1761; Coert, bap. Aug. 4, 1765; George, bap. Aug. 9, 1767; Nelly, bap. Oct. 14, 1770, died in infancy; Nelly, bap. Mar. 24, 1771; Jacob, bap. Mar. 17, 1776.
- Albert, married Nelly . . .; resided in the vicinity of Six Mile Run Somerset county, N. J.; and afterward near Leamington, Somerset county, N. J. Children of Albert—Albert, b. Dec. 1757, d. Dec. 25, 1834; m. Margaret Workman. Was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and served with the New Jersey Militia throughout the entire war; Jermias, bap. Sep. 10, 1758, m. Rebecca Trackler, John; Cornelius, Leamington, N. J.; Garrett, Leamington, N. J.; Ellen, m. Philip Backer; Kate, unmarried; Aaron, m. Hannah Morris, resided at Peapack, Somerset county, N. J.
- 3 Cornelius, married Lena . . . of Harlingen, N. J.

CORNELIUS4 VAN VOORHEES.

Son of Albert Janse Van Voorhees and Femmetje Aukes Van Nuyse, married Lena . . . of Harlingen, N. J., resided in Somerset county, N. J.; four of his children were baptized at Six Mile Run, and three at Harlingen

Children of Cornelius4—

- 1 Catherine, baptized March 18, 1752.
- 2 Albert, baptized April 8, 1753.
- 3 Maria, baptized March 15, 1755.
- 4 Isaac, baptized April 8, 1759.
- 5 John, baptized March 1, 1761; left New Jersey and settled in Cayuga county, N. Y.
- 6 Lucas, baptized July 10, 1763; married September 14, 1819, Marie Cornell. Children of Lucas and Maria were: Cornelius, b. July 20, 1820, d. April 17, 1838; Joseph Cornell, b. Oct. 7, 1822, d. July 29, 1824; Edward Van Harlingen, b. Aug. 29, 1824, m. Sep. 7, 1860, Greetie Vroom, had seven children, Ella, Edward, Lillian, Maria, John Howard, Annie and John Atwood. John, b. Sep. 1, 1826, d. Sep. 2, 1826; Jane E., b. Nov. 14, 1828, d. June 18, 1856; Marinda, b. Feb. 5, 1831, d. Oct. 8, 1832; Anna M., b. Jan. 5, 1835.
- 7 Cornelius baptized April 21, 1765, married Mary Gulic.

CORNELIUS⁵ VAN VOORHEES.

Son of Cornelius⁴ and Lena Van Voorhees, baptized April 21, 1765; married Mary Gulic, of Rockford, Ill. He removed from Somerset county, N. J., in 1822, to Genessee county, N. Y., afterward to Seneca county, N. Y., and finally to the vicinity of Rockford, Ill.

Children of Cornelius⁵:

- 1 Lucas, baptized February 5, 1797.
- 2 Mary, baptized June 22, 1800.
- 3 John C., born May 6, 1804.
- 4 Catherine Ann, born November 5, 1806.
- 5 Samuel, baptized March 1, 1812, m. . . . Wagner.
- 6 Abram, born May 7, 1814.
- 7 Isaac, married Sarah Covert—celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

JOHN⁶ C. VOORHEIS

Son of Cornelius and Mary Gulic Voorhees, born in Somerset, county, New Jersey, May 6, 1804, died in 1850.

The parents of John C. Voorheis moved with their family in 1822 to Seneca county, New York. Here John C. married January 25, 1826, Jane Prall Huff, (born March 3, 1806, died January 18, 1845), daughter of Isaac and Maria Van Nostrand Huff.

Nine children were born, two of them dying in infancy. In 1844 the parents and their seven children moved to Oakland county, Michigan, where Maria Voorheis died in 1845, and John C. died in 1850. His occupation had always been that of farming.

It is not definitely known what the initial "C" stands for but it is generally supposed to stand for "Cornelius."

With John C. Voorheis apparently began the change in spelling the name, some of the brothers spelling the name Voorheis, while others spell it Voorhies.

Children of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorheis were:

- 1 Isaac Huff Voorhies, born November 14, 1826, died September 26, 1894.
- 2 Cornelius Voorheis, born December 2, 1828, died August 16, 1829.
- 3 Samuel Niles Voorheis, born July 29, 1830.
- 4 George Washington Voorheis, born April 30, 1833, died March 22, 1923.
- 5 John Nelson Voorhies, born August 18, 1835, died September 2, 1928.
- 6 Joseph Huff Voorheis, born April 9, 1838, died April 23, 1918.
- 7 Cornelius Ludlow Voorheis, born June 1, 1840, died September 9, 1862.
- 8 Mary Jane Voorheis, born August 7, 1842, died March 3, 1861.
- 9 Horace Hall Voorheis, born October 12, 1844.

(NOTE)—From this point the genealogy is carried down by families, each of the children of John C. and Jane P. Voorheis being carried down to the present time, (1939).



Maria Van Nostrand Huff, mother of Jane Prall Huff Voorheis, lived to the ripe old age of 101 years, 7 months, 30 days.

Elizabeth Scudder Huff Voorheis, lovingly known as Aunt Eliza, sister of Jane Prall Huff Voorheis, married Jacob Voorheis, descendant of Lucas, lived to the age of 103 years, 10 months, 21 days, and died in Greenville, Michigan, January 21, 1904.



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DESCENDANTS OF STEVEN COERT VAN VOORHEES FROM 1660

1st	2d	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Generation	Generation	Generation	Generation	Generation	Generation	Generation
STEVEN COERT	(Coert, (Lucas, (JAN (Albert, (Aeltje, (Jannetje, (Abraham,	(Stephen, (Auke, (Wilemtje (Jan Janse, (Roeloff, (Magdelena, (Lucas, (ALBERT (Femmetje, (Jacobus.	(Aaron, (Albert, (CORNELIUS	(Catherine, (Albert, (Maria, (Isaac, (John, (Lucas, (CORNELIUS)	(Lucas, (Mary, (JOHN C. (Catherine Ann, (Samuel, (Abraham, (Isaac.	Children of John C. Voorheis (Isaac Huff, (Cornelius, (Samuel Niles, (Geo. Washington, (John Nelson, (Joseph Huff, (Cornelius Ludlow (Mary Jane, (Horace Hall.

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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN AND JANE PRALL (HUFF) VOORHEIS
 7th Generation
                   8th Generation
                                    9th Generation
                                                      10th Generation
                                                     (Romig Canfield
    Isaac Huff
                   (Sarah Elizabeth
                                    (Charles Eugene
                                                     (Thomas Dudley
                     married
        and
                   (Clayton C. Fuller(Leslie Canfield
    Eliza Flagg
     Voorhies
                   (Eugene Flagg VanVoorhies—no offspring
Cornelius Voorhies—died in infancy.
Samuel Niles Voorhies—disappeared in middle age.
George Washington Voorhies-no offspring.
                                    (Richard LeRoy
                   (Chester Richard (Thomas S. ....(Lewis Lyle
                                                     (Robert Van
    John Nelson
        and
 Hannah M. Earle
                                    (Chester Ross
      Voorhies
                   (Amos Earle .......(Earle Elliott ......(John Earle
    Joseph Huff
                   (George Laverne, died in infancy,
        and
                   (Zaide Isabelle, died in infancy,
  Esther Peacock
                   (Alfred L., died in infancy.
      Voorheis
                   (Zaide Isabelle, unmarried.
                                    (Edward Donovan (Carley Ellen
                                                     (Burke Allen
                                                     (James Graves
                                                     (Richard Vernor (Edward John
                                    (Howard Vernor
                   (Florida Musette,
                                                     (Eileen Lenore
                                    (Fred'k Emerson (F. Emerson, Jr.
                     married
                  (Edw. J. Draheim (
                                                     (Ronald Edward
                                    (Florida Eleanor, died Nov. 23, 1933
                                    (Lenora Adele
                                                     (Nancy Adele
                                    (married
                                                     (George Robert
                                    (Geo. R. Rea
   Joseph Huff
                                    (Charles Spencer (Ellen Grace
       and
                   (Amy Grace
                                    (Howard Nelson, died Dec. 25, 1919)
  Sarah Donovan
                    married Dr.
                                    (Sherman Voorheis
                   (Reu S. Taylor
     Voorheis
                                    (Norman Henry,
                                    (Wendell Holmes,
                                    (Robert Ellsworth, died in infancy,
                                    (Gladys Ermina
                                    (married
                                                     (Bruce Raymond
                                    (C. R. Wickstrom (
                                                     (Louis Donald
                                    (Ruth Ellen
                                                     (Karen Mina
                                    (married Louis
                                                     (Zaide Belle
                                    (Anton Larson
                                                     (Beverly Ann
                   (Joseph Vernor
                                                     (Yvonne
                                    (Jos. Vernor, Jr. (Charmaine
                                    (Helen Corinne
                                    (married Lau-
                                                     (Laurence Robert
                                    (rence J. Kaiser
                                                     (Ralph Warner Jr.
                                    (Ralph Warner
                                                     (Barbara Joanne,
                                                     (Joyce Nadine
                                    (Edward Harlan
                  (Howard Nelson, born June 8, 1880; died June 1, 1907.
Cornelius Ludlow Voorheis, died Sep. 8, 1862,
Mary Jane Voorheis, died Mar. 31, 1861,
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Horace Hall Voorheis, died in infancy.

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC AND MARIA HUFF, PARENTS OF JANE PRALL HUFF VOORHEIS

5th Generation	6th Generation	7th Generation
	(Elizabeth Scudder Huff born Mar. 2, 1800 died Jan. 21, 1904 Married Feb. 19, 1848 Jacob Voorheis Descendant of Lucas died 1870	
Isaac Huff Son of Isaac and Ann Huff Born May 25, 1777 Died Oct. 1, 1850 married July 26, 1799 Maria Daughter of John and Mary Van Nostrand Born Aug. 9, 1781 Died Mar. 29, 1883	(Maria Brokaw Huff born Dec. 18, 1801 died Apr. 9, 1870 (Married Mar. 17, 1824 (Abraham Covert Married again Sept. 1, 1831 (Gideon Smith	(Martha Covert (Mary Covert (Covert (Covert (Covert (Cover) (Elizabeth Smith (Catherine Smith (Cover)
	(Isaac Huff (Born Jan. 4, 1804 (died Sept. 3, 1875 (Married Feb. 12, 1824 (Maria Doty	((Elizabeth Huff (Doty Huff (Sarah Ann Huff (
	(Jane Prall Huff (Jane Prall Huff (born Mar. 3, 1806 (died Jan. 18, 1845 (Married Jan. 25, 1826 (John C. Voorheis (Descendant of Jan (born May 11, 1804 ((Isaac Huff Voorheis (Cornelius Voorheis (Niles Voorheis (George Washington Voorheis (John Nelson Voorhies (Joseph H Voorheis (Mary Jane Voorheis (Horace Hall Voorheis (Cornelius Ludlow Voorheis
	(Catherine Brokaw Huff	(Mary Catherine Covert (Isaac Newton Covert (Rynear Covert (Ann Elizabeth Covert
	(Married July 22, 1836 (Lydia Fuller ((Sarah Elizabeth Huff, b. (G abriel Ludlow Huff, b.	(David Ira Huff (Abram Covert Huff (Sarah Ann Huff (Hannah Maria Huff (Katherine C. Huff (Sarah Elizabeth Huff (John J. Huff Feb. 16, 1816; d. Nov. 1, 1820 Mar. 12, 1818; married Oct. 30, arlotte Fenner



ISAAC HUFF⁷ VOORHIES 1826-1894

ISAAC HUFFT VOORHIES

(1) Isaac Huff Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorhies, was born November 14, 1826, at Sparta, New York. On October 18, 1848, he was married to Eliza Etta Flagg, (Born at Ithaca, N. Y., June 7, 1830) at Trumansburg, New York, where their first child, Sarah Elizabeth, who later married Judge Clayton Canfield Fuller, was born. In 1853, Mr. and Mrs. Voorhies and daughter removed to Howell, Michigan, where they remained until 1860. They moved to Big Rapids, Michigan, then a little hamlet in the almost unbroken wilderness, and remained until the fall of 1862, going to Ypsilanti in order to give their daughter facilities for obtaining an education, which were denied her in the little town of Big Rapids. In 1861, at Big Rapids, Mich., a son, Eugene Flagg, was born.

After some other changes of residence the Voorhies family returned to Big Rapids, Mr. Voorhies having become afflicted with a disease which prevented him from performing any labor, and which, growing more severe from month to month, obliged him to take to his bed. As a last resort he submitted to a surgical operation which revealed the existence of a great internal cancer. Owing to his weakened condition death ensued a few hours later, September 19, 1894.

The following excerpt is taken from an obituary published in a Big Rapids newspaper: "Isaac Huff Voorhies, who was a skilled cabinet maker, was one of those quiet men who never interfered with the rights of others, but pursued the even tenor of his way, and was respected by all who knew him as an upright man and a Christian, who died at peace with all mankind, and with perfect assurance that he was exchanging this life for a better and happier one in the great hereafter."

In 1895 Eliza Flagg Voorhies was married to her late husband's brother, George Washington Voorhies, and lived with him at Grand Junction, Colorado, until her death, March 21, 1913.

- * The children of Isaac Huff and Eliza Flagg Voorhies were:
 - 1 Sarah Elizabeth⁸, born August 2, 1849, died April 18, 1937.
 - 2 Eugene Flagg⁸, born July 13, 1861.
 - * See Page 47.

CORNELIUS⁷ VOORHIES.

(2) Cornelius Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorhies was born December 2, 1828, at Sparta, New York, and died August 16, 1829, aged 8 months and 14 days.

SAMUEL NILES⁷ VOORHIES

(3) Samuel Niles Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane P. (Huff) Voorhies, was born July 29, 1830, at Greece, New York. He was of a roving disposition and after the family scattered following the death of his mother he was not heard of for many years. Some time in the early 80's he appeared at Stanton, Michigan, and spent some days visiting his brother, John Nelson, this being his first appearance in seventeen years. He visited other members of the family at that time, and suddenly again disappeared. Nothing was heard of him afterward.

GEORGE WASHINGTON7 VOORHIES.

(4) George Washington Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorhies, was born April 30, 1833, at Chili, Monroe county, New York. On February 11, 1862, he enlisted at Fort Scott, Kansas, with Company K, 3d Kansas Cavalry, which subsequently was known as Company I, 6th Kansas Cavalry. He was mustered out at the end of his enlistment.

In 1895 he married Eliza E. (Flagg) Voorhies, the widow of his brother Isaac Huff Voorhies, and lived at Grand Junction, Colorado. After the death of his wife, March 21, 1913, he entered the National Military Home at Sawtelle, California. During the time he was registered at the Soldiers' Home he went to Portland, Oregon, and lived for some months with his brother, John Nelson Voorhies.

George Washington Voorhies entered the National Military Home, Sawtelle, California, Febuary 10, 1915, and died at the home, March 22, 1923, at the age of nearly 90, and was buried in the Home cemetery, Section 44, Row B, Grave No. 16.



JOHN NELSON⁷ VOORHIES 1835-1928

JOHN NELSON7 VOORHIES.

(5) John Nelson Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorhies, was born August 18, 1835, in the town of Chili, Monroe county, New York. While a young lad he went with his parents to Michigan, living at Waterford, Pontiac, and various other places. His mother died in 1844, when John was nine years old. John and his younger brother, Joseph, accompanied their father to Trumansburg, New York. They lived in Trumansburg, Lodi, Ovid and other places until 1848, when they returned to Michigan, driving a team of horses, and settled in Pontiac, Oakland county. The opportunity for schooling was very limited and the struggle for existence made a laboring man of John Nelson at an early age, and he worked at many occupations, finally learning the carpenter's trade.

Early in September, 1861, he moved to Greenville, Montcalm county, Michigan, and on the 19th of September, 1861, he enlisted at Ionia, Mich., as a volunteer in the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, then being recruited by Col. William P. Innes, and was assigned to Co. E. He was mustered into the service October 29, 1861.

The duty of engineers and mechanics included the building of stockades, repairing roads and railroads, building magazines, building and repairing bridges, etc. The heavy work of carrying timbers during the service caused a very serious case of varicose veins, which enlarged the calf of one leg to double the ordinary size, and required care and attention until his death.

Although the regiment of Engineers and Mechanics was not a fighting unit, they nevertheless found themselves in battle on January 1, 1863, while stationed at LaVergne on the road between Nashville and Murfreesboro, during the battle of Stone River. Col. Innes, the previous day, had received orders from Gen. Rosecrans to take position in the rear to protect the main army. Early in the morning the wagon train with which they traveled, was formed in a half circle and breastworks of logs, brush and other loose materials were hastily thrown up. According to an account published in the official records of "Michigan in the War," (page 497) the regiment did not number more than 315 officers and men, but they fought and repulsed the greatly superior force of three to four thousand cavalry under General Wheeler, and a section of light artillery until dark, with the loss of only one man killed and six wounded. General Wheeler three times sent a flag of truce demanding surrender, but Colonel Innes invariably replied, "I can't see it so long as my ammunition holds out." By this gallant fight the entire rear of the army and nearly all of its baggage train was saved. One correspondent writes: "Horses and riders

recoiled again and again, until they despaired and swept away through the dense forest, leaving over fifty of their dead upon the field. The ground all around that small circle of brush was strewn with dead horses and rebel troopers, and with their clothing, guns, etc. The engagement lasted five hours."

John Nelson Voorhies was honorably discharged at Atlanta, Ga., October 31, 1864, as first class private.

Returning to Greenville, Mr. Voorhies was married January 8, 1865, to Hannah Maria Earle (descendant of Ralph Earle who arrived in Boston, Mass., in 1634), daughter of Amos S. and Hannah Carpenter Earle. In April the same year they purchased a tract of land in Fairplains township, six miles from Greenville, in the Michigan forest. After working ten years in clearing the tract and farming, they moved to Stanton, Mich., to conduct a retail furniture and undertaking business for another ten years. The business was moved to Greenville and lasted two years. After this business was closed out Mr. Voorhies left for Oregon, where he preempted a timber claim in Tillamook county. A year later he was joined by his eldest son Chester, who preempted a timber claim in Clatsop county. In another year he was joined by his wife and his other son, Amos. Before the arrival of his wife, John Voorhies worked as a carpenter in various Oregon towns: Tillamook, Bay City, Nehalem, and on Grays Harbor, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Voorhies spent some years in Grants Pass, Oregon, with their son Amos, finally returning to Portland where they spent the remainder of their lives.

During many of the years spent in Portland, Mr. Voorhies worked as a wood turner, until age demanded his retirement. After the death of his wife he lived alone in the family home on 62d avenue most of the time until he became too infirm to longer care for himself. He then lived at the Carolina home for the aged on Sellwood boulevard until his death, which occurred September 2, 1928. Although Mr. Voorhies was more than 93 years of age, he retained all his faculties and was in fair health, having been up and around the day previous to his death, which occurred Sunday morning while he was preparing to attend church. The day previous to his death he was visited by his son, grandson, and great grandson, and a photograph of the four generations was taken.

Hannah M. Voorhies, born Feb. 5, 1841, Leicester, Mass., died in Portland, January 23, 1912, aged 71 years. She was for more than fifty years frail and in delicate health, but by constant care she prolonged her life beyond the three score years and ten.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Voorhies were buried in Lincoln Memorial cemetery, Mount Scott, a suburb of Portland, Oregon.

- * The children of John Nelson and Maria Earle Voorhies were:
 - 1 Chester Richard⁸, born October 26, 1866, died January 5, 1932.
 - 2 Amos Earle⁸, born June 6, 1869.
 - * See Page 51



JOSEPH HUFF⁷ VOORHEIS 1838-1918

JOSEPH HUFF⁷ VOORHEIS.

(6) Joseph Huff Voorheis son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorheis, was born in Seneca County, New York, April 9, 1838. Moved to Oakland County, Michigan in 1844. On December 26, 1860, he was married to Esther Peacock of Pontiac, Michigan, to whom were born three children, all of them dying in infancy, the mother and two of the children dying within the short period of nine months, and all being buried in the family plot at Pontiac.

Esther Peacock was born April 8, 1839, and died March 16, 1865. The children were:

- 1. George Lavern, born August 10, 1861; died in infancy.
- 2. Zaide Isabelle, born July 27, 1863; died December 3, 1865.
- 3. Alfred L., born March 13, 1865; died March 20, 1865.

After the death of his wife in Pontiac, Joseph Voorheis went to Ionia, Michigan, where he conducted a furniture store, and it was there he met and married on December 10, 1866, Sarah Ellen Donovan, a teacher in the Ionia public schools. She was born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, April 10, 1843.

After the death of his wife in Pontiac, Joseph Voorheis went to Ionia, worked for a time as a cabinet maker for a Mr. Cromble. Later on Mr. Voorheis went into the furniture business with a Mr. Tompkins under the firm name of Voorheis and Tompkins.. They also conducted an undertaking business in connection with the furniture store.

In 1884 the family moved to Detroit, where the children grew to maturity, and where Sarah Ellen died April 13, 1918, and Joseph Huff Voorheis followed her in death ten days later, April 23, 1918.

Joseph Huff Voorheis was for sixty years or more intimately connected with the furniture business, having stores of his own, being employed by others or working as a cabinet maker. He was a most kindly man and well beloved by a host of friends

The mortal remains of both Joseph and Sarah Voorheis rest in the family plot in the Pontiac cemetery.

- * The children of Joseph Huff and Sarah Donovan Voorheis were:
 - 1 Zaide Isabelle⁸, born July 18, 1871.
 - 2 Florida Mussette⁸, born February 3, 1874.
 - 3 Amy Grace⁸, born January 6, 1876.
 - 4 Joseph Vernor⁸, born June 27, 1878.
 - 5 Howard Nelson⁸, born June 8, 1880, died June 1, 1907.
- * See Page 61



CORNELIUS LUDLOW⁷ VOORHIES 1840-1862

CORNELIUS LUDLOW7 VOORHIES.

(7) Cornelius Ludlow Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorheis, was born June 1, 1840, at Bloomfield, Michigan. On August 9, 1862, he enlisted at Pontiac, Oakland county, Michigan, and on August 14, 1862, he was mustered into the United States service and assigned to Company A, Captain Ezra C. Hatten of Farmington, 22d Michigan Infantry, Colonel Moses Wisner of Pontiac, former governor of the state. His career as a soldier was short, for on September 9, 1862, he was drowned in the Ohio river at Covington, Kentucky, while bathing with other soldiers.

Cornelius Ludlow Voorhies was buried in the National Cemetery at Covington, Kentucky, Grave No. 1890.

MARY JANE⁷ VOORHIES.

(8) Mary Jane Voorhies, daughter of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorheis, was born August 7, 1842, at Independence, Michigan. When about eighteen years of age she went to Big Rapids, Michigan, to visit her brother Isaac and family. She was spoken of as a lovable, happy dispositioned girl with many friends. She became acquainted with a group of Big Rapids young people and attended parties with them. At a dancing party she contracted a severe cold which led to pneumonia and caused her death in her 19th year, March 31, 1861, at the home of her brother. She was buried at Big Rapids, Michigan.

HORACE HALL⁷ VOORHIES.

(9) Horace Hall Voorhies, son of John C. and Jane Prall (Huff) Voorhies, was born October 12, 1844, at Independence, Michigan, only three months before the death of his mother. Nothing is known of him in after years.

John Nelson Voorhies, when about 90 years of age, in commenting on his early life, stated that his mother died when he was nine years old and that she left seven children. These would be accounted for in six sons, Isaac, Samuel, George, John, Joseph and Cornelius, and the daughter, Mary Jane. This points to the probability that Horace died in infancy.

Isaac Huff Voorhies Family

7th	8th	9th	10th
Generation	Generation	Generation	Generation
Isaac Huff and Eliza Flagg Voorhies	(married (Clayton C.Fuller ((Charles Eugene (Charles Eugene (Leslie Canfield, an Voorhees—no o	(Thomas Dudley died Oct. 28, 1905

The children of Isaac Huff and Eliza (Flagg) Voorhies were:

- 1 Sarah Elizabeth⁸, born August 2, 1849, died April 18, 1937.
- 2 Eugene Flagg⁸, born July 13, 1861.

SARAH ELIZABETH⁸ VOORHIES, daughter of Isaac H. and Eliza (Flagg) Voorhies, was born August 2, 1849, in Trumansburg, New York. On January 5, 1876, she married at Ypsilanti, Michigan, Judge Ceylon Canfield Fuller (born June 25, 1832, at Chardon, Geauga county, Ohio; died December 23, 1906, at Big Rapids, Michigan).

Sarah Elizabeth Voorhies came west to Oregon in 1907 and lived with her son, Chas. E. Fuller and family, in Portland, until her death, April 18, 1937.

The children of Sarah Elizabeth and Ceylon Canfield Fuller were:

- 1 Charles Eugene⁹, born April 26, 1877.
- 2 Leslie Canfield⁹, born April 14, 1879; died in Cleveland, Ohio, October 28, 1905.

CHARLES EUGENE⁹ FULLER, son of Sarah Elizabeth (Voorhies) and Ceylon Canfield Fuller, was born April 26, 1877, married at Big Rapids, Michigan, April 6, 1904 to Ethel Romig (born February 26, 1883) daughter of Dr. Edward A. (born Sept. 23, 1852, died January 25, 1939) and Mary (Wycoff) Romig. (Died 1910). Educated in Big Rapids Public

Schools, Ferris Institute (Business College), Nine years Citizens Bank. Moved to Portland, Oregon, May 1906. Engaged in banking and manufacturing business until 1915 when he entered the Insurance business.

Ethel Romig Fuller, born Feb. 26, 1883, at Big Rapids, Michigan. Graduated from High School, matriculated at State Normal School at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Author of two volumes of poetry, "White Peaks and Green" and "Kitchen Sonnets," both in second edition. For a number of years has been verse editor of the Oregonian, Portland, Oregon. Contributes original verse to leading publications in the United States and England.

The children of Ethel Romig and Charles Eugene Fuller were:

- 1 Romig Canfield¹⁰, born April 28, 1907.
- 2 Thomas Dudley¹⁰, born January 16, 1917.

ROMIG CANFIELD¹⁰ FULLER, son of Charles Eugene and Ethel (Romig) Fuller, was born in Portland, Oregon, April 28, 1907, married in Carmel, California, June 22, 1935, to Velva Dickenson. Graduate of Jefferson High School, Portland, matriculated at University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. Entered Radio Advertising business in Seattle in 1930.

THOMAS DUDLEY¹⁰ FULLER, son of Charles Eugene and Ethel Romig Fuller, was born in Portland, Oregon, January 16, 1917. Educated in Portland schools, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, January 16, 1936 for a four years term. At present is a Private First Class, Expert Rifleman and Orderly to the Captain of the Submarine Base, at New London, Connecticut.

LESLIE CANFIELD⁹ FULLER, son of Sarah Elizabeth (Voorhies) and Ceylon Canfield Fuller, was born April 14, 1879, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, October 28, 1905. Graduated from Big Rapids High School and Ferris Institute, matriculated at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, went to Washington, D. C. July 1901, entered and graduated from Columbia University. In August, 1903, was made Assistant Attorney, Department of Justice, admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia in December, 1903, with degree of L. L. B. Won "the Parker prize" of \$100 awarded each year for the highest general average in examinations during the full years course for the degree of bachelor of laws, with an average of 93.29.

EUGENE FLAGG⁸ VAN VOORHIES, son of Isaac H. and Eliza (Flagg) Voorhies, born July 13, 1861, in Big Rapids, Michigan, married May 28, 1905, Olive Hanna (born January 18, 1856, at New Lebanon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Mary (Wolford) Hanna of Cleveland, Ohio). Present address Portland, Oregon.

John Nelson Voorhies Family

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John Nelson and	(Chester Richard	(Thomas S.	(Robert Van (Lewis Lyle
Hannah M. Earle Voorhies	((Chester Ross	
VOOLLING	(Amos Earle	(Earle Elliott	(John Earle

The children of John Nelson and Maria Earle Voorhies were:

- 1 Chester Richard⁸, born October 26, 1866, died January 5, 1932.
- 2 Amos Earle⁸, born June 6, 1869.

CHESTER RICHARD⁸ VOORHIES, son of John Nelson and Hannah Maria (Earle) Voorhies, was born October 26, 1866, at the family farm in Fairplains township, Montcalm county, Michigan. He attended school in Stanton, Mich., and two years at the Michigan Agricultural college, at Lansing. He spent a year or more in Worcester and Boston, Massachusetts, studying architecture with his uncle, Stephen C. Earle. About 1890, he returned to Michigan and soon after left for Oregon to join his father, settling on a preemption claim near Nehalem, Clatsop, county. While living on his claim as a homesteader he married Ada Jane Duck (born July 24, 1872; died January 5, 1913) formerly of Greenville, Mich., and daughter of J. K. and Mary Duck, adjoining homesteaders. After proving up on his homestead Chester moved to Portland, Ore., where he worked in various architects offices. During the hard times of the 90's building was nearly at a standstill and he secured employment in a mill where he operated a turning lathe and scroll saw, turning out work for some of Portland's finest homes and stores. With the proceeds from the sale of the homestead he built a modern home at Mount Tabor, a suburb of Portland. This was later exchanged for farm property near Stella, Washington, a settlement on the lower Columbia river. It was on the farm that his wife died, leaving him with three sons. It was there also that he suffered a fall while assisting a neighbor in some building operations. This fall caused some years of suffering and doctoring and finally left him helpless with palsy. During several years before his death, which occurred on January 5, 1932, he lived with his son Thomas S. and family in Portland.

The children of Chester Richard and Ada Jane Voorhies were:

- 1 Richard LeRoy⁹, born February 16, 1896.
- 2 Thomas Southwick⁹, born August 15, 1900.
- 3 Chester Ross⁹, born April 6, 1902.

RICHARD LeROY⁹ VOORHIES, son of Chester R. and Ada Jane Voorhies, was born February 16, 1896, in Portland, Oregon, where he attended public schools. He enlisted April 24, 1917, at Vancouver, Washington, and served in the World War with Supply company 78th F. A., 6th Division in France. Sailed for France July 18, 1918, and returning arrived in New York, June 19,1919; discharged at Fort Lewis, Washington, July 1, 1919. Married June 26, 1918, at Lawton, Oklahoma, while stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Alliene Carrigan (born October 22, 1902), daughter of James (died May 2, 1905) and Vibella Carrigan of Louisville, Kentucky. No children were born to Richard LeRoy and Allienne Voorhies. Occupation trimmerman; present address, Prescott, Oregon.

THOMAS SOUTHWICK⁹ VOORHIES, son of Chester Richard and Ada Jane Voorhies, born August 15, 1900, in Portland, Oregon, attended public schools in that city. Spent some years on the farm near Stella, Washington, with his father, later returning to Portland. Married at Vancouver, Washington, December 27, 1926, Wylma Kittie Nesbitt, (born Feb. 7, 1900), daughter of Willam T. and Artincie Darnell Nesbit. Wilma Kittie Nesbit first married Rolf Dunham Williams, (born May 21, 1894; died Oct. 4, 1924), to whom was born September 3, 1918, one son, William Kent Williams. Present address Aloha, Oregon.

The children of Thomas Southwick and Wilma Kittie Voorhies were:

- 1 Robert Van¹⁰, born June 16, 1929.
- 2 Louis Lyle¹⁰, born December 13, 1931.

CHESTER ROSS⁹ VOORHIES, son of Chester Richard and Ada Jane Voorhies, born April 6, 1902, at Portland, Oregon, attended public schools at Portland and Stella, Wash. Assisted his father in farm work, worked as automobile mechanic, chauffeur, driver Liberty Fuel & Ice Co., Portland. Unmarried. Address Aloha, Oregon.

AMOS EARLE VOORHIES

AMOS EARLE⁸ VOORHIES, son of John Neison and Hannah Maria (Earle) Voorhies, was born June 6, 1869, at the family home on a farm in Fairplains township, six miles east of Greenville, Michigan. The early childhood was spent on the farm, and the next ten years at Stanton, Mich. The family moved to Greenville, Mich., where he attended high school, graduating with the class of 1888. After graduation Amos Earle worked at the A. Massie grocery for two years or more, then encered apprenticeship in printing at the office of the Greenville Independent, a weekly newpaper, published for 47 years by Elliott Finley Grabill. In September, 1891, Mr. Voorhies, accompanied by his mother, left for Oregon to join the other members of the family, and resided in Portland until the fall of 1895. The years spent in Portland during the "hard times" of the early 90's were years of uncertain employment, working at various printing houses wherever a day's employment could be secured, which was not often. Odd jobs of all kinds helped to provide food and rent. For the last half year in Portland, he secured a position as compositor on the Portland Daily Sun, a cooperative morning newspaper, started by employes thrown out of work when the Morning Oregonian installed Linotype machines. There was a very small amount of cash and a large amount of stock issued, but the paper went on the rocks, and A. E. Voorhies, one of the very few employes who did not indulge in periodical sprees, was selected as manager to wind up the affairs.

In August, 1895, through friends, he secured a position as foreman on the Oregon Observer, weekly newspaper published at Grants Pass. The following July, 23, 1896. Mr. Voorhies was married at Greenvlle, Michigan, to Clara Emma Grabill, born November 23, 1868, died October 23, 1910, daughter of Major Elliott Finley and Anna Sutton (Jenny) Grabill. Early in 1906 business at the Observer office slackened and Mr. Voorhies found himself without employment. He prepared to leave Grants Pass for Portland in search of work, without funds and with only an old bicycle for transportation. The day previous to the time set for leaving, a Grants Pass business man suggested purchasing the Rogue River Courier, a weekly newpaper that was being offered for sale, stating that if he could induce Champ S. Price, who during the previous year had been superintendent of the Grants Pass schools, a group of men would endorse a note for a sufficient amount to make the first payment on the paper. Mr. Price at that tme was caring for his peach orchard in Ashland. A bicycle ride to Ashland, 45 miles, and an interview secured for Mr. Voorhies a business partner and life-long friend. On July 1, 1897, the first issue of the 12-year-old newspaper appeared under the firm name of Price & Voorhies. Grants Pass was a

pioneer mining and lumber town, wide open and somewhat primitive. Mr. Price, staunch Presbyterian, steered the difficult course of the newspaper in the paths of right thinking.

In the earlier years of Grants Pass money was scarce and barter was a main means of carrying on business. After nearly two years of editing the newspaper Mr. Price announced that it required money to feed and clothe his family of wife and three children and that he was going to California to seek a teaching position. He turned the business over to Mr. Voorhies, who was to assume all the paper's obligations, pay the note Mr. Price gave as his share of the first payment on the paper, and care for some few current obligations. After several years of frugality and long hours of hard work Mr. Voorhies was able to pay off the obligations and finally to pay the entire purchase price of the paper. Then came years of close attention to business, through recurrent years of depression and prosperity, constantly improving the plant and adding machinery. The first typesetting machine, installed in an Oregon weekly paper, a Simplex was in the Courier office; the first linotype machine in an Oregon weekly paper also appeared in the Courier office, and the Courier has always been outstanding in the newspaper offices of the state for its up-to-date equipment, leading papers in cities even much larger than Grants Pass.

In 1909 a business lot, at that time far from the main business section, was purchased and the shell of a building 50x60, was erected to house the plant. This was later added to and in the following years interior changes and refinements were made.

The Daily Courier was started September 18, 1910, with leased wire service. "The smallest city in the world with a leased wire" was the slogan carried at the masthead for some years. Years of effort followed showing gradual improvement in the newspaper plant always keeping in the forefront of newspapers in cities of the same size and larger than the city of Grants Pass.

In 1935, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Courier a special historical anniversary number of 105 pages was issued, which was awarded second position in the Outstanding Special-Edition contest sponsored by the National Editorial Association.



John Nelson⁷ Voorhies Amos Earle⁸ Voorhies Earle Elliott⁹ Voorhies John Earle¹⁰ Voorhies

Photograph taken September 1, 1928, the afternoon previous to the death of John Nelson Voorhies.

During the fall of that year an engraving department was added, the first in the state in a non-metropolitan daily field. The excellence of the work produced has attracted more than statewide attention.

The Courier was also awarded the West Coast Engraving Company's "Community Service" plaque in 1936 and the Botsford, Constantine and Gardner plaque for outstanding advertising cooperation in 1938. In 1937 the board of directors of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association voted the name of A. E. Voorhies to be placed on the Amos E. Voorhies "Roll of Honor" plaque (plaque presented the association by employes of the Courier in honor of their "Boss"), along with the names of Harvey W. Scott, early editor of the Oregonian; C. S. Jackson, founder of the Oregon Journal, and Asahel Bush, founder of the Oregon Statesman, all deceased, in appreciation of service to Oregon newspaperdom. On June 30, 1939, A. E. Voorhies completed 42 years as publisher of the Grants Pass Courier.

Mr. Voorhies never held political office, but has been identified with every public enterprise launched in the home city. He was an organizer of the old Company H, 4th Regiment, Oregon National Guard and held the non-commissioned offices of quartermaster and first sergeant, and was commissioned first Lieutenant and later Captain, holding that office until the disbanding of the company in 1903. He is a member of the Masonic bodies of Grants Pass, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons, past Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar, Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Grants Pass Lodge No. 1584, charter member and past president of the Grants Pass Rotary club, charter member James Holman Camp Sons of Union Veterans, charter member Southern Oregon Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, tracing lineage from Joseph Carpenter, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, born 1751 (Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution, Vol. III, Page 122), member of Bethany Presbyterian Church, sung bass in the church choir for nearly 30 years, has held the office of clerk of the Church and congregation since 1899, was one of the early members of the Oregon Press Association and held the office of president 1917, and was president of the Oregon conference 1937, member of both the California Press Association, and the California Newspaper Publishers Association, member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional newspaper fraternity, and dean of the Oregon newspaper men, having been publisher of the same newspaper for longer period than any other publisher in the state, and was a founder of the Van Voorhees Association.

While being publisher of the Rogue River Courier, weekly, and the Grants Pass Daily Courier, he was also at various times owner of the

Oregon Observer, the Crescent City, Calif., Courier, and co-partner in the Canyonville, Ore. Echo.

Aside from the publishing business Mr. Voorhies has been secretary-treasurer and director and holds one-eighth interest in the Oregon Caves Resort since the company was formed in 1923. President of the Southern Oregon Broadcasting company, formed in 1938, and operating in the fall of 1939, owning a fifty percent interest; also owning several valuable pieces of Grants Pass city property.

Since 1899, No. 201 B street, Grants Pass, Oregon, has been the home of Mr. Voorhies, except for a year while the present residence was being constructed in 1929. That year was spent at the Voorhies cottage on Rogue River at 1225 M street, Grants Pass. The Courier office building is located at 305-307 South Sixth street, Grants Pass.

Clara Emma Grabill, born November 23, 1868, died October 23, 1910, and on July 8, 1926, Amos Earle Voorhies married Lulu Benedict, born July 18, 1875, near Pontiac, Michigan, daughter of Charles Edgar and Lucy Ann (Earle) Benedict. Lulu Benedict for some years worked as dress maker, and was employed by many prominent Michigan families. In 1910, after the death of Clara Grabill Voorhies she came west to keep house for Mr. Voorhies and his 11-year-old son, Earle.

Lulu Benedict Voorhies has been a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church and various organizations of the Church since 1911, member of the Grants Pass Womens Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Rogue River Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (tracing lineage from Joseph Carpenter, of Uxbridge, Mass., born 1751) and Zuleima Temple Daughters of the Nile.

In the summer of 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Voorhies attended the International Rotary convention in Nice, France, sailing on the Italian S. S. Roma via the Mediterranean Sea and returning home by the northern lanes, visiting in all thirteen countries in Northern Africa and Europe. Many other lesser trips have been enjoyed, including two trips to Mexico City, and in 1939 to Gautemala and Honduras, and numerous trips to the Atlantic coast.

The only child of Amos Earle and Clara Grabill Voorhies was: Earle Elliott⁹ Voorhies, born October 19, 1899. EARLE ELLIOTT⁹ VOORHIES, son of Amos Earle and Clara Emma (Grabill) Voorhies, born in Grants Pass, Oregon, October 19, 1899; graduated from the Grants Pass High School in 1917, attended University of Oregon School of Journalism. Enlisted in the University Reserve Officers Training Corps and was ordered into camp just previous to the signing of the Armistice in 1918.

After a year of newspaper work in Boston where he edited a group of neighborhood weekly newspapers he attended with his father a meeting of the National Editorial Association at St. Augustine, Florida, and joined him on a trip to Cuba. He returned to Oregon, re-entered the University of Oregon and graduated from the School of Journalism in 1923. Worked on various newspapers in Oregon and on the San Francisco Chronicle, joined the staff of the Grants Pass Daily Courier in 1925, and has since that date served as managing editor.

Member of the American Legion, Grants Pass Rotary club, Grants Pass Lodge No. 84, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, served several years as president of the Grants Pass Country club, and is an ardent golfer.

Earle Elliott Voorhies was married May 26, 1923, to Ruth Helene, daughter of William Otto and Clara (Harter) Giesler. She was born August 22, 1900, at Davenport, Iowa. Graduated from the Grants Pass High School in 1918. Attended University of Oregon. Taught school at Almeda and in Grants Pass public schools; member Bethany Presbyterian Church, member Pi Beta Phi sorority, P. E. O., Order of the Eastern Star, College Club, Grants Pass Women's Club, has been active in Red Cross and Girl Scout work. Address 215 B street, Grants Pass, Oregon.

The child of Earle Elliott and Ruth Giesler Voorhies was: John Earle¹⁰, Voorhies, born October 16, 1926. JOHN EARLE¹⁰ VOORHIES, was born in Grants Pass, Oregon, October 16, 1926. In 1938 John Earle started to follow in the footsteps of his father, his grandfather, and his great grandfather, Major Elliott Finley Grabill, publisher of the Greenville, Michigan, Independent for 47 years, by entering newspaper work as route carrier for the Daily Courier, being of the fourth generation in newspaper work.

The Joseph Huff Voorheis Family

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                   married
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                 (Edw. J. Draheim (
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                                  (Florida Eleanor, died Nov. 23, 1933
                                  (Lenora Adele
                                                    (Nancy Adele
                                  (married
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                                  (Geo. R. Rea
  Joseph Huff
                                  (Charles Spencer (Ellen Grace
                 (Amy Grace
                                   (Howard Nelson, died Dec. 25, 1919
      and
Sarah Donovan
                   married Dr.
                                   (Sherman Voorheis
                 (Reu S. Taylor
    Voorheis
                                   (Norman Henry,
                                   (Wendell Holmes
                                   (Robert Ellsworth, died in infancy,
                                   (Gladys Ermina
                                                    (Bruce Raymond
                                   (married
                                   (C. R. Wickstrom (
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                                   (Ruth Ellen
                                                    (Karen Mina
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                                   (Edward Harlan
                 (Howard Nelson, born June 8, 1880; died June 1, 1907.
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The children of Joseph Huff and Sarah Donovan Voorheis were:

- 1 Zaide Isabelle⁸, born July 18, 1871.
- 2 Florida Mussette⁸, born February 3, 1874.
- 3 Amy Grace⁸, born January 6, 1876.
- 4 Joseph Vernor⁸, born June 27, 1878.
- 5 Howard Nelson⁸, born June 8, 1880, died June 1, 1907.

ZAIDE ISABELLE⁸ VOORHEIS, daughter of Joseph Huff and Sarah Ellen (Donovan) Voorheis, was born July 18, 1871, at Pontiac, Michigan. She attended the Pontiac public schools until the family moved to Detroit, where she graduated from the Detroit Capital High School and later graduated from the Detroit Normal Training School. After graduation she taught at the Pitcher and Pingree schools, during this time taking for credits many extension courses given by University of Michigan professors. Her vacations were spent in travel in eastern and western United States. Later many summer courses were taken at Columbia University, New York City.

In September, 1919 she took a leave of absence from her teaching work and enrolled at Teachers' College, Columbia University, from which she received a B. S. degree and a diploma as teacher of English. Returning to Detroit she was first appointed as teacher of English in Southeastern High School, but was soon transferred to the Northern High School where she still teaches.

In April, 1918, ten days apart, her aged parents died. She maintained the home for a time with the aid of a housekeeper, then established a new home with her friend, Miss Florence M. Smith, also a teacher in English in the Northern High School, with whom she still lives.

By attending summer sessions at Columbia University both Miss Voorheis and Miss Smith earned their Master's degrees, which were awarded in February, 1928. Extensive travel has been the enjoyable informative recreation of recent years during summer vacations. Eight times Miss Voorheis and Miss Smith have journeyed to Europe. Three times they have attended the special American Women's Summer Schools for high school teachers at Oxford, England, under the auspices of the American and British Association of University Women. A regular summer course was once taken at Cambridge, England.

In 1930 the passion play at Oberammergau was attended. A cruise trip around the Baltic sea included brief but comprehensive stops at Gotenborg, Stockholm, Helsingford, Copenhagen and Leningrad.

Active interest in the Detroit English club, the English Speaking Union, The Women's City Club, the American Association of University Women, as well as participation in Sunday School work at Central Methodist Church, Detroit, furnish helpful contacts and broad avenues of expression.

Miss Voorheis and Miss Smith have maintained apartments at 3201 Gladstone street, Detroit for many years.

FLORIDA MUSETTE⁸ VOORHEIS, daughter of Joseph Huff and Sarah Ellen (Donovan) Voorhies, born February 3, 1874, married November 9, 1898; Edward John Draheim, born September 5, 1874, son of William and Laura (Eising) Draheim.

Florida Musette was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and at the age of ten moved to Detroit, where she attended public school, graduating from the High School. Edward John Draheim was born in Detroit, where he received his education, and where for many years he has been engaged in the retail furniture business. Present address 1685 Highland, Detroit, Mich.

The children of Edward D. and Florida Musette Draheim were:

- 1 Edward Donovan⁹, born January 16, 1901.
- 2 Howard Vernor⁹, born October 23, 1902.
- 3 Frederick Emerson⁹, born February 1, 1905.
- 4 Florida Eleanor⁹, born June 15, 1908, died November 23, 1933.
- 5 Lenora Adele⁹, born March 8, 1910.

EDWARD DONOVAN⁹ DRAHEIM, born January 16, 1901, married June 6, 1923, Lena Gertrude, daughter of H. Ernest and Lillian Lane Warner, born March 8, 1908. Both born in Detroit. Present address, 255 Newport, Long Beach, California.

The children of Edward D. and Lillian Lane Drahem were:

- 1 Carley Ellen¹⁰, born August 31, 1924.
- 2 Burke Allen¹⁰, born November 29, 1925.

HOWARD VERNOR⁹ DRAHEIM, born October 23, 1902, married September 4, 1926, Ruth Graves, daughter of J. Fred and Mary Melchoir Graves. Occupation, salesman and member of firm of Draheim Furniture company, Present address, 14802 Coyle Ave., Detroit, Mich.

The children of Howard Vernor and Ruth Graves Draheim were:

- 1 James Graves¹⁰, born June 25, 1927.
- 2 Richard Vernor¹⁰, born December 15, 1928.
- 3 Edward John¹⁰, born April 15, 1934.

FREDERICK EMERSON⁹ DRAHEIM, born February 1, 1905, married June 1, 1926, Opal Mae, daughter of Charles Leland and Lulu Miller Stafford. Occupation, service station operator. Present address, West Acres, Rt. 1, Walled Lake, Mich.

The children of Frederick Emerson and Opal Mae Draheim were:

- 1 Eileen Lenore¹⁰, born January 9, 1928.
- 2 Frederick Emerson¹⁰, Jr., born August 7, 1930.
- 3 Ronald Edward¹⁰, born December 8, 1933.

FLORIDA ELEANOR⁹ DRAHEIM, born June 15, 1908, died November 25, 1933.

LENORA ADELE⁹ DRAHEIM, born March 8, 1910, married September 24, 1932, George Robert, son of Fred C. and Elizabeth Robb Rea, born February 28,, 1907; both graduates of Detroit High School. Occupation of George Robert, bank teller.

Present address, West Acres, Rt. 1, Walled Lake, Mich.

The children of Lenora Adele and George Robert Rea were:

- 1 Nancy Adele¹⁰, born October 31. 1934.
- 2 George Robert¹⁰, born February 2, 1938.

AMY GRACE⁸ VOORHEIS, daughter of Joseph Huff and Sarah Ellen (Donovan) Voorheis, was born January 6, 1876, at Pontiac, Michigan. She was graduated from the Detroit Central High School, has been active in Parent Teacher Association work and was president of the McKinstry elementary School P. T. A.; active in church work, taught in Sunday School and was pianist at the old Tillman Mission in Detroit; as a member of the Preston Methodist Church she held the office of secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and also the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

On June 27, 1906, Amy Grace Voorheis was married to Dr. Reu Spencer Taylor, born December 1, 1875, son of Charles Henry and Lucy Ann (Spencer) Taylor. Dr. Taylor graduated May 17, 1906, from the Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, later known as Wayne University College of Medicine, and has been a practicing physician and surgeon in Detroit, Michigan, since 1906.

Dr. and Mrs. Reu Taylor have done considerable traveling, attending several conventions of the American Medical Association in various cities throughout the nation, including Minneapolis, New Orleans, Atlantic City, Dallas, New York, and Washington, D. C. They visited Europe in 1930, visiting Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France.

Present address 1942 Clarkdale Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

The children of Dr. Reu and Amy Grace Taylor were:

- 1 Charles Spencer⁹, born June 12, 1907.
- 2 Howard Nelson⁹, born June 6, 1909; died December 25, 1919.
- 3 Sherman Voorhei39, born June 24, 1911.
- 4 Norman Henry⁹, born June 24, 1911.
- 5 Wendell Holmes⁹, born January 27, 1914.
- 6 Robert Ellsworth⁹, born December 23, 1917; died Jan. 10, 1918.

CHARLES SPENCER⁹ TAYLOR, born June 12, 1907, graduated in 1932 from Wayne University College of Liberal Arts, A. B. degree; married November 14, 1931, Marian Elizabeth, born Cleveland, Ohio, May 19, 1905, daughter of George (poet laureate 1926 of Hungary) and Frances Kemeny. Marian Elizabeth graduated from Wayne University Teachers' Col-

lege in 1924. Charles Spencer is with the United States Rubber Products Corporation in personnel work as employment manager.

The child of Charles Spencer and Marian Elizabeth Taylor was: Ellen Grace¹⁰, born February 6, 1939.

SHERMAN VOORHEIS⁹ TAYLOR, born June 24, 1911, received A. B. degree 1935, from Wayne University College of Liberal Arts. Has also attended Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., University of Michigan, and Michigan State Not mal College.

NORMAN HENRY⁹ TAYLOR, born June 24, 1911, received D. D. S. degree 1937, from University of Michigan, School of Dentistry; was engaged in school clinic sponsored by the "Children's Fund of Michigan." Preparing to enter dental work with United States Navy.

WENDELL HOLMES⁹ TAYLOR, born January 27, 1914, received A. B. degree 1936 from Wayne University now a student in Wayne University College of Medicine. Married June 30, 1939, Gwendolyn Sarah, born March 29, 1918, daughter of Orville and Hazel Fiser.

JOSEPH VERNOR⁸ VOORHEES, son of Joseph Huff and Sarah Ellen (Donovan) Voorheis was born at Pontiac, Michigan, June 27, 1878, married June 15, 1904, Ermina Belle Briggs Warner, born September 2, 1882, daughter of Harlan and Ermina Belle Briggs. The mother died when Ermina was one week old and the father died two years later. Ermina Belle was then legally adopted by a great-uncle and aunt named Calvin C. and Ermina S. Warner, at Saline, Mich., and was thereafter called Ermina Belle Warner.

Joseph Vernor Voorhees received the degrees of A. B. at the University of Michigan, in 1903, and A. M. at Columbia University in 1927. He has been for some years professor of Education at State Teachers' College, Duluth, Minn., and previously held teaching and administrative positions in public schools in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota; past president Minnesota Education Association; life member National Education Association. Home address 2124 East Fifth street, Duluth, Minn.

The children of Joseph Vernor and Ermina Belle Voorhees were:

- 1 Gladys Ermina⁹, born March 25, 1905.
- 2 Ruth Ellen⁹, born May 4, 1906.
- 3 Joseph Vernor⁹, Jr., born July 8, 1907.
- 4 Helen Corinne⁹, born September 18, 1910.
- 5 Ralph Warner⁹, born April 27, 1912.
- 6 Edward Harlan⁹, born October 23, 1918.

GLADYS ERMINA⁹ VOORHEES, daughter of Joseph and Ermina Belle (Warner) Voorhees, was born March 25, 1905, received A. B. degree at Macalester College 1928, married December 27, 1934, Carl Raymond Wickstrom (born Nov. 10, 1910) son of Charles and Alice (Johnson) Wickstrom. Occupation of Carl Raymond Wickstrom, machinist. Present address 2124 East Fifth street, Duluth, Minn.

The child of Gladys Ermina and Carl Raymond Wickstrom was: Bruce Raymond ¹⁰, born January 12, 1937. RUTH ELLEN⁹ VOORHEES, daughter of Joseph Vernor and Ermina Belle Voorhees, born May 4, 1906, died March 26, 1939; received B. A. degree, DePauw University 1928; membership Phi Omega Pi; married January 17, 1930, Louis Anton Larson son of Anton and Catherine (Morgan) Larson. Occupation of Louis Anton Larson, balancing engineer in crankshaft department, Ford Automobile plant, Dearborn, Michigan.

The children of Ruth Ellen and Louis Anton Larson were:

- 1 Louis Donald¹⁰, born December 10, 1930.
- 2 Karen Mina¹⁰, born February 10, 1932.
- 3 Zaide Belle¹⁰, born July 18, 1935.

JOSEPH VERNOR⁹ VOORHEES, Jr., born July 8, 1907, received B. Ed. degree 1932, Winona State Teachers' College, married August 2, 1930, Ruth Gwendolyn (born Jan. 15, 1912), daughter of Roy and Ruth (Sleeper) Bailey. Occupation, shipping department Hormel Packing Co., Austin, Minn., present address, Brownsdale, Minn.

The children of Joseph Vernor, Jr. and Ruth Gwendolyn Voorhees were:

- 1 Beverly Ann¹⁰, born November 8, 1932.
- 2 Yvonne¹⁰, born July 8, 1935.

HELEN CORINNE⁹ VOORHEES, born September 18, 1910, attended Lawrence College, married August 4, 1934, Laurence Joseph Kaiser, (born July 15, 1910), son of William and Eva Villeneuve Kaiser. Occupation of Laurence J. Kaiser, accountant, Oliver Mining Co., at Hibbing, Minn.; present address, 127 Kerr Location, Hibbing, Minn.

The children of Helen Corinne and Laurence Kaiser were:

- 1 Charmaine¹⁰, born November 17, 1935.
- 2 Laurence Robert¹⁰, born February 20, 1937.

RALPH WARNER⁹ VOORHEES, born April 27, 1912, attended Duluth Teachers' College, married September 12, 1931, Lois Virginia (born Aug. 15, 1914), daughter of Thomas and Rhea (Rittman) Johnson. Occupation, machinist, Coolerator Refrigerator Co., Duluth, Minn., present address 1524 East Fourth street, Duluth, Minn.

The children of Ralph Warner and Lois Virginia Voorhees were:

- 1 Ralph Warner¹⁰, Jr., born August 28, 1932.
- 2 Barbara Joanne¹⁰, born December 1, 1934.
- 3 Joyce Nadine¹⁰, born October 23, 1937.

EDWARD HARLAN⁹ VOORHEES, born October 23, 1918, now attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

HOWARD NELSON⁸ VOORHEIS, born June 8, 1880, 5th child of Joseph Huff Voorheis, died June, 1907.

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