

A
Complete Genealogy
of the
Van Hoosear Family

Embracing All Descendants
of
Rinear Van Hoosear

An Officer in the Revolutionary Army,

And a Resident of

Norwalk, Weston, Conn.; Ballston, N. Y.; and
Wilton, Conn.

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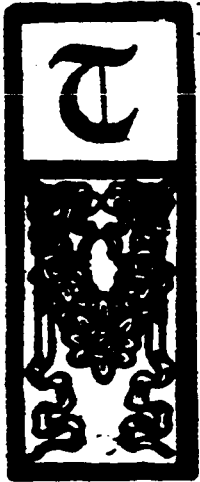
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David M. Van Hoosear,
Paternal Ancestor of the Author,
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INTRODUCTION.



THE author sincerely regrets the inability to trace our earliest ancestor in America from his home in Holland, where he was reared, and where, without doubt, he was born. Regarding the time and circumstances of his emigration, we also lack data; but the tradition is that he came from Holland in one of three ships, and settled not far from where his male line descendant lived and died, leaving a long list to follow. All Van Hoosears in America are traceable to him.* The traditional "Three Brothers" story never cast its anchor upon this family.

There are many names resembling this surname, Van Hoosear, which are not related so far as is known. For six generations, there has been no change in spelling. Some of the second and third have written it "Vanhoo-sear," but in the following generations it has been uniformly written with a capital "H."

Our authors of the "Origin of Surnames" have been silent as to this name's derivation. "Van" in the Dutch language (Holland or Netherlands) is the same as "Von" in German, meaning "of," as Rinear of Hoosear, or "Huissen," a place on the river Rhine in the Province of Gilderland. This is but a short distance from Arnhem, the capitol. The family may have originally lived at "Huissen," being called Huissens with the Christian name added to distinguish the individuals. The tradition is that the "Van" in this case was given as a title of rank, being "the 4th." It is possible that such was the case, for men of high standing and merit were granted the right to use "Van" as a prefix to their surname to distinguish them from the ordinary men. The name of Hoosier as used in the State of Indiana is purely American, and has no refer-

*The Hollanders formed the first settlements along the Hudson river and upon the Island of Manhattan (N. Y. city). The west end of L. I. and Conn. were first permanently settled in 1623 and 1635 respectively by emigrants from Mass.

ence to this surname, although somewhat resembling it in appearance. The version is that its origin is from husher, because, men of strength, they were considered bullies, or from their rough exclamation when one knocks at a door "Who's yere." In 1555 Emperor Charles V. gave his son, Phillip II., of Spain, the Netherlands, which embraced Gilderland, etc. In 1668, France seized on Spanish Netherlands. In 1674 England had captured her. In 1795 Holland was conquered by France, but since 1839 there has been general peace there.


The male inhabitants of the Netherlands are of medium stature, stout form, and fair complexion. The women, tall and handsome, are very domestic in their habits and pay most scrupulous attention to the cleanliness of their houses. Perseverance and industry are striking features of the national character. The male line of the Van Hoosear descendants bear out noticeably the above characteristics, as do also the women, excepting in stature, they being a little under that of the average female Hollander.

The author has never seen the name "Van Hoosear," either in scrip or print, spelled identically as above, except it referred directly to some of the descendants of our early ancestor from Holland. Very many similar names, however, have appeared. In 1874 an association was organized at Hudson, N. Y., called "Van Hoesen Association," whose purpose was to investigate a certain estate left in Holland for the Van Hoesen heirs, as held by tradition. In November, 1876, another meeting was held at Hudson, at which a report was given by Mr. E. B. Humphreys, who had been appointed the Holland agent. An intermediate meeting was held at Catskill, N. Y., in 1875, and another at Gent, N. Y., in February, 1876. At the third meeting Mr. Humphreys reported that his research in Holland had developed that Maretje Jacobs "huisvrouw," or wife of Jacob Arends den Hensden, North Holland, had left several thousand pounds, which had been deposited in the "Weeskamer" (or Orphan Chamber), in 1686, for her children. He also mentioned other estates left for unknown heirs. The next meeting was held at Hudson, in February, 1877, when it was voted to call for the quarterly dues of 50 cents each. [Extracted from circular sent out by this association]. The members are said to have

numbered over 300. In "American Ancestry," vol. IV, pg. 30, appears the ancestry of Wm. S. Van Hoesen, of the above society, whose ancestor was Jan Franse Van Hoesen, ancestor of all the Van Hoesens in America, whose early residence was Fort Orange, which is now Albany, N. Y. He came from a town in Holland, called Huisen, near the Zuyder Zee. His eight children were Jurian, Jacob, Volkert,* Anna md., Luykas Gerretsen, Styntje md., Jan Tys Goes, Maria md., Hendrick Coenraetse, Catherine md., Frank Hardingh, and Johannes. Jurian's son Jan Jurianse, *his* son Cornelius, *his* son Casper, *his* son Wm. C., *his* son Wm. S., of Saugerties, N. Y., b. 1839.

The following is a copy of a sketch and record of the "Van Hoesen Family," prepared for one of the within Van Hoosears, by Wm. S. Van Hoesen, Prest. of the above association.

It is printed at the request of some of the family, which think that the Reynier mentioned is the same person known to us as the ancestor who has been given the number 2.:

"Jan Franse Van Hussum was the first Van Hoesen that came to America. Documents represent him, his son Jurrian and wife, Volkie Jurriaanse, to have settled at Fort Orange and Beverwick (now Albany) as early as 1645, where he also made several purchases. His principal purchase was that of the Claverack land, made June 5th, 1662, amounting to several hundred acres, lying along the Hudson River, above and including the site on which the City of Hudson now stands, owned by two Indians, one named Pametepiet, (his signature thus, X —), the other Tantankenaut, (his mark ) both being owners and commissioned by another Indian, and owner, named Sickaneeck, (alias Tunis), Jan Franse Van Hussum's signature was †. He does not seem to write. He died about 1667, and letters of administration were issued to his son Juerian, August 2d, 1703. (Book of Deeds VI, page 199, in Albany County Clerk's Office, State of New York, U. S. A.) At this time the following heirs were living, namely:

*Folkert Van Hoesen and wife, Teuntie, sells dwelling house, mill, mill dam, &c. to low water mark as far as a place called Kortees Kill being upon the Island "Nassaw" (formerly called Long Island) known by name of Red Hook, 1749. [Lib. 5, pg. 176, Kings Co. L. Rec'ds.] Johannes Bergen and wf, Rachel of "Brookland," Kings Co., on Nassau Island, sells to Cornelis Van der Hoeven, of same place, 1721. [Vol. 4, pg. 287, Kings Co. L. R.]

Jurrian, the oldest son, Jacob, Volkert, Anna, wife of Lay Kas Gerrites, Styntie, wife of Jan Tys Goes, Maria, wife of Hendrick Coenraetse, Catherine, wife of Frank Harding, and Johannes, who was an old man, living at Claverack in the year 1724. Jurrian, the oldest son of Jan Franse, by the laws of premageniture, became seized of the land, but amiable petition was made by which he conveyed the lands adjoining the Hudson River, southerly of the ferry, to his brother Johannes, and northerly to his brother-in-law, Francis Harding, and wife Catherine, and brother, Jacob Jans Van Hoesen. The deed was executed 7th of January, 1704, and recorded in Deed Book D, pages 282; 3, 4 and 5, at the Albany County Clerk's Office, State of New York."

Generation 1st. Jan Franse Van Hussum, came to Albany in 1645, married, in Holland, Volkie Jurriaanse, both of Holland. He died about 1667, she, about 1703. Their children were Jurrian, Jacob, Volkert, Anna, Styntie, Maria, Catherine, Johannes.

Generation 2d. Johannes Van Hoesen born in Albany, N. Y., md., 1st, Jannetje Jans. Derike, md., 2d, Willimpie Vill, June 19, 1709. Children, Jan, Johannes, *Harmon, Garret, Jacob b. Aug. 18, 1699, Franciscus b. June 13, 1703, Maria b. June 7, 1706, Gerritje b. Aug. 20, 1710.

Generation 3d. *Harmon Van Hoesen born in Albany, md., Goessia —. b. in Albany, N. Y. She d. April 11, 1746. Children born in Albany, Jan, Volkert, Rinder, **Hendrick, Luchs, bap. April 17, 1725, "R. 6." (Record).

Generation 4th. **Hendrick Van Hoesen b. Albany, N. Y., md., in Albany, Cathalina Vandenburg, b. Albany, July 2, 1744. Children, Geesje, b. Albany, Aug. 10, 1746, Hendrick, bap. Nov. 6, 1748, was called Van Houser in N. Y. State early marriages. Reynier, b. about 1753. In Rev. service was called Rynier Van Hoser, and afterwards Rinear Van Hosean, Van Hosen and Van Usen. He died April, 1820, and his wife, Marsey, in the fall of 1827. [Then follows his children as we know them, which he secured from the descendants of the Conn. Rinear).

The reader will see there is no proof that the Albany Reynier Van Hoesen and the Conn. Rinear Vanhosear is the same person, or that he did not spell his name as it should be. The above Van Hoesen also states Maria, Reynier's daughter, was bap. July 27, 1789. See record of her

[No. 5] tombstone. Her grandson also says, I have heard "her say she was 15 years, 2 months and 15 days older than Antionette. Bible record of Antionette says she was born Aug. 20, 1806."

In a volume compiled by L. Van Alstyne, of Sharon, Ct., a descendant of Lambert Janse Van Alstyne, pg. 23, he states Hilletje Van Alstyne, b. Jan. 5, 1752, m. May 25, 1776. Abraham, 1st Van Hosen of Stuyvesant Falls, N. Y., son of Jurger Van Hoesen and Marritje Burgert. Their children were: William, b. 1777, Maria, b. 1779, Jurian, 1782, Christyntje, bap. 1786, Johannes, 1789, Abraham, 1791. He quotes Munsell's, that the above Abraham 1st descended from Jan Franse Van Hoesen, the Holland settler at Beverwyck (Albany), who soon after bought of the Indians, land at Claverack, Columbia Co., N. Y., and that direct descendants reside at Stuyvesant Falls now.

A few names are given below which the author has found most resembling the Van Hoosear surname:

Lydia Vanhooser, minor, [U. S. Gen. Stat., 1877-8, pg. 67].

Frank Van Hooser, was P. M., 1881, Mechanicsville, O. [Vol. 11, Official Register of U. S.]

Ga'l Van Hoozer, Rev. War [Archives of Library, Albany, vol. 1, pg. 226].

Van Housen, lot 24656; Van Hosen, lot 39877, and several by name of Van Dusen, etc., appear on the Register of Greenwood cemetery, N. Y.

Garret Van Hooser, Fishkill, N. Y., 5th Reg., 1780 [N. E. Hist. M. S. Rev. papers, vol. 2, pg. 352].

In the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., the records of 1899 mention John N. Vanhooser, Res. Dadeville, Mo. In Robert's "N. Y. in the Revolution," (which copy contains the Wilton "Rinear," with Van attached), there appears three of the name Hoosen, 36 Hoesen, Husen, Hasen, Hensin, Hoesin, Hosen, Hozen, Huesen, Huson, Huysen, Housen, etc.

EXPLANATION OF ARRANGEMENT.

Each person descending from the settler has a number near the left hand margin, and if their children are represented, a number opposite near the right hand margin refers to their eldest child, and carried forward to the left hand margin in the next generation.

FIRST GENERATION.

1. ——— **VAN HOOSEAR** was probably born in Holland before 1736, and married before 1856-7. Tradition firmly asserts that this was his home, and that his marriage also was consummated while in his native country, or in England, before he came to America. He, with his wife and probably children, it is stated, emigrated to America in one of three ships, eventually settling with his family somewhere on the south side of Long Island; and that he followed the occupation of tanner and currier. The same traditionary evidence asserts that he had at least two daughters, one marrying a Van Rensselaer*, who settled on the Hudson River, below Albany, "on the flats," and the other being unmarried when the only son, Rinear, left home at the early commencement of the Revolution.

The "Van Rensselaer Family," by May King Van Rensselaer, N. Y., 1888, states Kilian Van Rensselaerswyck in America "was a man of character and substance," a merchant of Amsterdam, was wealthy, etc. Early in 1630 he was sent as agent from Holland to make purchases from Indian owners, etc. Other purchases were made in 1637, when his tract of land covered 24 miles in breadth, by 48 miles long, containing over 700,000 acres, comprising the present counties of Albany, Rensselaer, and part of Columbia. He then came to America to care for the colony. The Bouton Genealogist remarks that he was a rich jeweller, of Dorp, Holland, and that his purchases included land on the east and west sides of Hudson River, where now is Troy, Lansingburgh, etc. He says that he and son

*A family of Van Rensselaers are said to have come to America in the vessel with this family.

Jeremiah bought of the Dutch West India Co. 6 miles square, but they afterward claimed differently.

How interesting it would be to know more of the early ancestor's history, their traits of character, early life, etc., even if only in America. They probably lived through the Revolution on Long Island (if this was their traditional home), which was controlled by the British government. Even had they a desire to do otherwise, it was policy for them to be loyal subjects. To live during those times anywhere in the colonies was enough, but especially being near the coast made it even tumultuous. The reason these families emigrated to New England may have been to be relieved from the continual wars that the Netherlands were having. Their history shows that in the early centuries they were continually fighting Spain, France, and England, who, being strong enough to do so, seized their possessions.

The indexes of the records of neither of the following offices mention the "Van Hoosear" name:

County Clerk's office, at Riverhead, Suffolk Co., N. Y.

County Clerk's, or Surrogate's offices, at Jamaica, Queens Co., N. Y.

County Clerk's, Surrogate's offices, of Kings Co., N. Y.

It is not known that any of the following names have any relation to this family.

The extended research by the author has developed transactions by several whose names resemble our Wilton ancestor. In the early part of the 18th century, "Reienior Van Hoesen," of N. Y., sole owner of a good sloop or vessel, "the Greenwich," 15 tons, for 33 pounds, sells Jacob Cowenhoven, "in the outward of the City of N. Y.," and "assigns all the Hull of the good sloop or vessel," "with the Mast, 'Beem,' Bow sprit, sail Rigging, Anchor Cable," etc. "the said Roignior Van Hoosen," warrants and defends the sloop "for the full term of one year and a Day," &c. ("fire, enemies, Restraint of Princes, Perils and Dangers of the seas only excepted)." Signed, "Ryneir Van Hoesen." On May 6, 1722, the witness declares he saw "Ryneir Van Hoese" seal, sign, etc. above bill of sale. [Recorder's office, N. Y. city, Lib. 30, pg. 278].

The records of the Superior Court for Fairfield Co. show Justus Bush, of Greenwich, vs. "Rinen Van Housen,

of Greenwich, defendant, in an action of debt upon book as per writ, dated Jan. 25, 1738-9." An execution is granted on a judgment of not sufficient declaration to pay defendant's costs, 2£s., 5 s., April 22, 1738. [Vol. 1735-41, pg. 250]. Jacob Cadwell vs. Rhinor Van Hose, of Fairfield, book acct. Defendant beaten—ordered to pay 2£., 4s., 6d., April 9, 1741.

Jarvis Rhods, of Norwalk, vs. "Reneir Vanhose," of Fairfield, book acct. again Rineir proves he "oweth nothing" and recovers cost, 1£, 1s. Plaintiff appeals. Jan. 5, 1740-1, Justus Bush again sues "Rineir Van hosen" of "Fairfield" on bond, and writ of Jan. 22, 1744-5, for 108£. 8s. Justus recovers 80£. [Vol. 1735-41, pg. 262]. He sues him again in Nov. 22, 1745, for 160£, and recovers 82£. [Pg. 275].

"Renear Van hoose" set his hand to a paper to be represented in the Provincial Convention to be held in N. Y., May 22, 1775. Signed at Brookhaven, L. I., May 17, 1775. The province of N. Y. contained many warm advocates of freedom, but its capital had so long been the headquarters of the British army in America, that many of the principal inhabitants had contracted intimate relations with British officers and had become devoted to the royal cause. They declined to choose delegates to the Continental Congress, but instead elected a Provincial Congress* for which their delegates were chosen. George Washington was soon afterward appointed General of the continental army.

Of the 2nd Co., of Brookhaven, L. I. [Pg. 45, vol. 1, N. Y. Historical Provincial Papers], "Renear or Rynier Vanhoose or hoosen" is next found "confined in New York State goal [jail] for being a good Pilot since Feb. 14th, 1776. Congress met, pursuant to an adjournment, March 1, 1776. The Town Mayor informs Congress that Rynier Van Hoosen was taken into custody on March 1st, 1776." It was ordered that he be reported to General Lee** [Vol.

*Upon the news of Lexington, circulars were sent to the committees to elect delegates to this convention, which was to meet May 22nd, 1775. It adjourned from July 8th to the 26th, then assembled Sept. 2nd, where it again adjourned to Oct. 2nd, assembled Oct. 4th, adjourned to Nov. 4th. The 2nd and 3rd congress met also in N. Y., but the 4th was held at White Plains, and while there (July 10, 1776), the name was changed to "Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York." The History of Brookhaven gives no clue or information of the name "Vanhoosear."

**General Lee was taken prisoner shortly after this date and, as supposed, most willingly, as he was found lodging with a tory some 3 or 4 miles away from his troops.

V, American Archives]. April 20th, he petitioned Congress for a release from the "New York Jail" and said he had "a wife and six small children" [N. Y. Provincial Papers, vol. 1, pg. 285]. April 26, 1776, "Rynear Van Hoese" again petitioned and still asserted as above, and "would be willing to do anything to maintain the Glorious Cause of America" [pg. 293]. May 6, 1776, he complains of confinement and styles himself in his petition, "Pilot Ryner Vanhousen." May 14, 1776, in his second petition, he says, "he has a large family and none to assist him but poor wife, and has been nearly three months in Goal at the New Cittv Hall." He is mentioned as an "officer and one who with many others threatened the Goaler" [pg. 299]. On September 13th, he "petitions for parole," says he is in White Plains Goal, having been confined there and in New York for six months. Two days afterward the British enter New York city, and on October 28th followed Gen. Washington to White Plains, where a battle was fought. The prisoner was removed to Albany. He was entered in the Navy Books and was "seventeen months passing examination as King's Pilot in the King's fleet," "being confined in jail for nearly eight months, continually praying and begging for a trial, or to be released," he then gets a hearing. Report concerning "Ryner Van Hoesen" reads, "Whereas, Ryner Van Hoesen hath been confined in Goal in the state from the 14th of February, [1776] last because of his being a good Pilot who might, by falling into the hands of the enemy, afford aid to their designs, and it hath been since determined by the convention that the said Ryner Van Hoesen ought not to be trusted at large, but should be confined within the limits of the City of Albany; and whereas, it is highly unjust that any man should be deprived of the means of laboring for the support of himself and family when no crime hath by him been committed, resolved that the said Ryner Van Hoesen shall receive the sum of 7 shillings per day from the day of his confinement to the time of his arrival at Albany, and the sum of 8 shillings per day from, and after, his said arrival until he shall be discharged by this Convention or until some further Legislation of this State." [Calender of N. Y. Historical MSS. Rev. Papers, vol. I, pg. 498]. July 18, 1776 Ryner Van Housen was confined in Albany. [Sabine vol. II, pg. 370.]

SECOND GENERATION.

2.-**RINEAR**, son of the above Van Hoosear was possibly born in Holland about 1756-7 as he was about 19 years of age at the time of his enlistment, 1776. Those who knew him stated at his death that he was about 62 or 3 years old. The first trace we have of him was when he came to Norwalk, Ct. (now Westport) while a lad of 16 to 18 years of age. The story of his arrival here in Conn. as related to the author by Mrs. Joseph Rockwell, who knew him well was told to her by him as follows: "The British were in possession of L. I. and as they were taking all who would be of any service to them, he feared he would be called into service. He said, 'I concluded to leave home and walked some distance when I secreted myself in some bushes or small wood, being fed for several days by a woman sympathizer. I soon got aboard a boat and went to N. Y. city, and from there walked to Westport, sleeping in barns as night overtook me.' "On his early arrival he stayed one night at the house of 'Old Capt. Burrell'* which was situated on the 1st cor. N. East of the new cemetery, N. West of Westport village." She thought he was about 17 or 18 years of age. He told several that the reason of his leaving his home on L. I. was that he had become alarmed at the proximity of war, and thought it best to seek a more inland location. From this fact (his running away), by severa. he was called a refugee. It is said he first hired as a farmer to Mr. Chapman, who lived north of the Popple Plain Cemetery and brook, where can now be seen the foundation, chimney, and some of his favorite lilacs. It was said he continued to work there for a considerable length of time, which he may have done after his return from the army. He enlisted in the latter part of 1776, representing his residence to be Weston, Ct. Soon after his marriage, he went to N. Y. state, where he lived for years. In his application for a pension, Apr. 4, 1818, he states that "he enlisted" from Weston "in the fall of

*He was father of William and grandfather of William, both of whom died there.

1776.” [He probably entered service Nov. 21, 1776]. “In the New York line on the Continental Establishment.” “That he served as Corporal part of the time, and as Sergeant for three years, of which part of the time, he served in Capt. Nathaniel Horton’s Co., in Col. Henry B. Livingston’s Reg. [U. S. Pension Recds.] “Rinier Van Hoesen” was a private in Capt. Bries’s Company, Col. Van Rensselaer’s Reg. [Col. Kilian Van Rensselaer commanded the fourth Reg., Albany Co. Militia, (2nd Rensselaerwyck Battalion) Capt. Anthony Bries or Brease was in this Reg.] The appointments made Oct. 20, 1775, in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Albany County Regiments were considered as irregular, and at the request of the County Committee a new arrangement was made Feb. 20, 1776, and commissions issued accordingly. Under the new arrangement, Lieutenant Anthony Brease was appointed captain, in place of Cole, resigned. [Archives of the state of N. Y., The Revolution, vol. I, pg 499]. “His pension was allowed for three years actual service as a sergeant in the New York troops, Revolutionary war.” [Bureau of pensions, Wash., D. C., H. Clay Evans, Com’r., 1898.] There had been a call for 75,000 men for three years, or to end of the war. To all who fulfilled this agreement was offered (besides wages and rations) a bounty of \$20. and 100 acres of land. The officers were to receive 200 to 500 acres. On the last day of Nov. 1776, many of Washington’s troops time of service expired, and not one could be induced to re-enlist. This was the darkest day in the history of the Revolution, only a little over four months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In about three weeks after he enlisted, Congress recommended a day of fasting and humiliation, to be used in imploring God to show favor in this time of affliction. “Rynier,” “Munchert,” and “Harmen Van Hoosen” are mentioned as enlisted men serving under the above commanders, [pg. 106 “New York in the Revolution,” 2nd edition]. Rynear also appears in the Levees of enlisted men [pg. 92 same vol.] He was appointed Corporal May 24, 1777, and appears to Jan. 1778 as such. He probably held that position until Mar. 1, 1779, when he was promoted to Sergeant. [Pension Records Wash., D. C.] He was in the Fourth Reg. “The Line” as “Rinier” also “Rynier” [N. Y. in Rev.] Albany Co. Militia, Col. Kilian Van Rensselaer—enlisted man—“Rynier Van Hoesen” [pg. 106]. Rynier Van Hoesen—private, Van Rens-

selaer's Reg. in Co. of Bries—found in Roster of State Troops [pg. 499] Col. Kilian Van Rensselaer—the 6th Co. newly organized in Feb. 1776, Capt. Jacobus Cole, 1st Lieut. Anthony Bries [pg. 264]. In the Comptrollers office, Albany, are original MSS. and Rev. papers. The Receipt Roll of Col. K. Van Rensselaers Reg. Albany Co. shows £2, 5s. 11d. due Rynier Van Hoosear for services, was transferred to Bill Smith, and by him signed over to John Folsom. The date is absent. The act relating to these dues was passed Apr. 27, 1784. [Vol. V, pg. 179.] Due for services in Henry D. Livingston's Reg. Dec. 27, 1791 signed by "Rinear Vanhoosear" £5, 5s., 1d., rec'd. by Jelles A. Fonda Apr. 11, 1792. "Rynier Van Hoesen" "of Ballston" Sa., Co. gives Jelles A. Fonda, of Schenectady, power of att'y. to demand of Gerard Banker, Treas., of N. Y. state, all pay, subsistence and clothing money. [Vol. I, pg. 105]. "R. Van Hosse" Sergt. amt. of depreciations charged by N. Y. state as having paid the 4th line Reg. Discharged Nov. 21, 1779, amt. £18, 2s., 8d., [Vol. XIV, pg. 10.] and her deduction £5, 6s., 1d., [Vol. XIV, folio 8, pg. 10, 13.] Jelles A. Fonda gives receipt to Treas. for £26, 1s., 2d., which includes Rinear Van Hoose and others, Apr. 10th, 1792. Certificate for military service of above. [Vol. IV, pg. 86.]

He appears on the muster roll of "Capt. Samuel Sacket's company, 4th Reg. N. Y. Battallions."* His appointment to corporal was about a month after the burning of Danbury. At the time of his promotion to Sergeant, he was on the muster rolls dated at Pompton, [Passaic Co., N. J.] and his appearance on the muster rolls of Mar. and April, 1777, appear to be dated May 6, 1779, at "Stone Arabia."** This was the year Putnam's celebrated feat was performed. The records speak of his discharge but failed to disclose where or when, but it was probably about Nov. 30, 1779, as this would be the termination of his three years, and in N. J., as he often told of his trouble in getting home from there, he walking all the way. In 1779 Washington's headquarters were at Middlebrook, N. J. While in the army, like the rest, he suffered severely, and never recovered from the hardships he endured. He said

*The Van Hoesen record states he entered the Co. May 24, 1777, for 3 years. Made Sergeant May 1, 1778, and discharged Nov. 21, 1779.

**Probably Montgomery Co., N. Y.

the best dinner he ever had consisted of his allotment of a piece of steer's hide about the size of his hand, from which, after he had removed the hair, he made a soup. About two years after his probable discharge (latter part of 1779, and about eight months before the war ended) he married. "Ryner Vanhoosen" married at Norfield, [Weston, Ct.] by Rev. Samuel Sherwood, "Mercy or Marcy" Taylor, [daughter of Jonathan Senr. and Lois (Coley) Taylor, of Poplar Plain, Westport, Ct.,] Jan. 31, 1782. [Weston Parish Recd., pg. 131.] "Rhyoneer Vanhooser" and wife renewed their covenant.*

July 28, 1782, at Norfield (Weston Ct.) "and the same day baptized their son, David. [Weston P. Recd., pg. 14] About three and half years later their next child was born at Ballston, Sa. Co., N. Y., where they resided. His wife used to tell of the many good times he had with his companions and brothers in Masonry while there; and Alfred Taylor, his wife's cousin, related to the author his appearance as he drove into Poplar Plains from Ballston, with a beautiful pair of horses hitched to a wagon, something he had never seen before.

"On May 16, 1794, a number of Masons met in the town of Ballston" to whom, the same year, a charter was granted. This was called Franklyn Lodge, No. 37. "For a long time the meetings were held at the residence of one of the members, on the south-west corner opposite the present church at Ballston Center, and after the death of this brother, they were held at the residences of the different members until 1834, when the warrant was forfeited and declared to be not revisable." Mar. 22, 1805, another Lodge was chartered at Milton Hill, "with the title

*A person of good moral character might receive, or renew the covenant of baptism, confessing the same creed as members of churches in full communion, and affirming intention of becoming truly pious in heart, and in life, and would have the privilege of presenting himself and children for baptism, also grandchildren, apprentices, even slaves, by giving pledge for their religious education. Those owning covenant were considered church members, except not permitted to come to the communion table, and were punished the same as whole covenanters. The baptism was usually soon after the birth of the child, especially with the children of ministers, deacons and other prominent men, generally before they were a week old. Young persons seldom owned covenant until they had become parents and had their children baptized. Previous to 1650 great watchfulness was exercised to admit only such as gave visible signs and evidence. [Hist. of Fld. Co., pg. 752]. The owning and renewing, together with the "Halfway covenant" was abandoned in New England just before 1800.

of Friendship Lodge, No. 118." In 1821, this was removed to Ballston Spa., but in 1835 this charter was surrendered. On June 3rd, 1842 the Grand Lodge granted the present Franklyn Lodge, No. 90, its charter and reported in favor of returning to this Lodge the property of the late Franklyn Lodge, No. 37. From these old records we find that "Rinear Vanhooear" was Tiler of this Lodge from Jan. 1795, (apparently the first one) continuously to Feb. 4th, 1800. The fees for this door guard-duty, and for the loads of wood he furnished (probably as fuel for the Lodge meetings) were mentioned, and the accounts kept in pounds, shillings and pence. Feb., 1800, his duty stopped and also mention of him, which was probably when he returned to Conn.

" 'If in thy bosom dwells the sign,
Of charity and love divine',
Give to Him thought or 'dutious tear,'
Thy friend and brother has filled his sphere."

While at Ballston, they lost their first born. They then removed to Conn., and settled for a short time at Poplar Plain, where now (1902) resides Mr. Pidgeon. From there he removed to "Dumplin Hill," Wilton, about 50 or 60 rods north of the present residence of Charles Sterling, where he died. His wife Mercy, of Norwalk, signs a deed of land which came to her from her mother, Lois Taylor, decd. at Poplar Plain, ("Crow Swamp") Apr. 15, 1815. [Vol. 22, pg. 415, Norwalk Land Records.] "Rinear Vanhooear" and wife Mercy, of Wilton sell their right in land at Poplar Plain, that was set out to said Mercy in the distribution of her father, Jonathan Taylor's est., May 25th, 1818. From this deed is reproduced Rinear's autograph. It is recorded in vol. 23, pg. 85, Norwalk Land Records. After his return from Ballston one of his branches of industry was shearing sheep in which he was an expert.

The act of Congress, Mar. 18th, 1818, gave to all honorably discharged soldiers of the Rev. a pension. He made application and was placed on the pension roll June 10th, 1819. He was to receive back pay from Apr. 4, 1818. His annual allowance was to be \$96. He probably never lived to receive the money. The amount paid was \$99.73. [Pension roll, pg. 514, Senate Doc. U. S.] The cause of his death was a stroke of lightning. A heavy thunder storm had nearly passed over, when as he opened the door, a

Renee Vanhoose

No. 2.

H. Vanhoose

No. 4.

Ebenezer Vanhoose

No. 37.

flash came which killed him in the doorway; he fell backward on the bare floor dropping his pewter bason filled with corn, which he had in his hand intending to feed his chickens. His wife had gone down the cellar but hearing something heavy fall on the floor and the scattering of the corn hastened to the scene, to find her husband dead before her. Some have supposed that a scythe hanging near the door attracted the lightning to the place. [The scythe appears in his inventory.] Mrs. John Belden (then a young lady) while on a visit to Westport described to the author the terrible electric storm, and as she was a near neighbor to the dec'd., remembered fully the circumstances and time as April 16th, 1819. A descendant gives the date as the 17th. The night after his death Alfred Raymond a son of Platt Raymond, of Hurlbutt street, Wilton, and William Sturges sat up with the remains, as was the general custom at that time, and until very recently. On this night there occurred a remarkable incident. About mid-night, when all had become quiet, a scratching was heard in the chimney, when down came a cat [the house was a rude one story and attic, the roof being low, was easily secured by trees] rushed out of the fireplace, and flew upon the sheet that was placed over the corpse. The sudden appearance of the cat, entering where it did, and its behavior while there, scared the young men terribly, and who with difficulty drove it out of doors, leaving them with open ears and eyes. They had no trouble in keeping awake the rest of the night.

His funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Sylvanus Haight who was then pastor of the Congregational Church, at Wilton Ct. He was buried in the Poplar Plain cemetery, but just where, there is some dispute. Alfred Taylor said his remains lay near the center of the yard just north of the Taylor's; but Wm. Knapp, also an aged resident, when a small boy, remembered passing the yard soon after the grave was dug and was told by his father, Chas. that the deep hole (he stood on the fence looking into) was a grave for Mr. Van Hoosear, who was killed by lightning. He was returning from Westport with his father who had a load of lumber. This statement would indicate that the grave was near the road fence, and as he stated, near its eastern center.

At a Probate Court held in Norwalk, Sept. 17, 1819, six

months were allowed the creditors of the est. of "Renear Van Hoosear," late of Wilton, to present their claims, per order of Wm. G. Betts, clerk, Nancy [Mercy] Van Hoosear, Administratrix. [Norwalk Gazette, Oct. 6th, 1819.] See application for letter on est. of "Ryner Van Hooser," Norwalk Pro. Rec. Vol. III, pg. 225.

The following inventory was returned to the court Sept. 22nd, 1819. 1 halt, 12cts, mixt. surtout, \$1.50, 1 vest, 25cts, 1 pr. woolen trousers, 10cts, 2 pr. linen do. 40cts, 2 old shirts, 50cts, 3 pr. woolen stockings, 75cts, 1 pr. old shoes, 12cts, 1 small leather apron, 12cts, 1 small Bible, 25cts, 1 bed, 2 pillows and bolster, \$6.00, 1 bedstead, cord and under bed, \$1.50, 1 bed and pillow, \$7.00, 1 bedstead, cord and underbed, \$1.00, 4½ pr. linen sheets, \$9.00, 4 pr. pillow cases, \$1.20, 2 table cloths, \$2, 4 napkins, \$1.00, 1 old chest with drawers, 75 cts, 1 small table, 75 cts, candlestick, 25 cts, 1 small looking glass, 12 cts, 3 kitchen chairs, 50cts, 2 wood bottom do., 20cts, 1 pair small fire dogs, 25cts, 1 shovel and tongs, \$1.00, 1 trammel, 75cts, 1 cooking pot, 25cts, 1 dish kettle, 12cts, iron tea kettle, 50 cts, 1 spider, 25cts, 2 tin pails, 40cts, 1 tea pot, sugar bowl, milk cups and cups and saucers, 50cts, 5 small silver tea spoons, \$2.00, 3 plates and pepper box, 12cts, 5 old knives and forks, 40cts, 3 tea spoons, 10cts, tin measure 10cts, 1 small jug, 10cts, 1 sad iron, 12cts, 1 old candlestick, and 1 platter, 8cts, 1 stone pot and earthen do., 25cts, 1 bread tray, 10cts, pr. low cards, 10cts, 2 old wheels and reel, \$1.00, 1 sieve, 12cts, 1 corn basket, 20cts, 5 blankets and bed quilts, \$5.00, 2 old bags, 25cts, hay fork, 12cts, 1 old axe, 25cts, butter tub, 10cts, 2 sheep, \$2.00, 1 small swine, \$5.00, meat cask 50cts, small tub, 12cts. Additional inventory, 1 swine, \$4.00, 1 mowing scythe, and snath, \$2.00, 1 pr. sheep shears, 62cts. Amt. \$64.18 Seth Taylor and Eliphalet Taylor, appraisers under oath. Marcy Vanhosear, administratrix. [Pro. records Norwalk.]

The name of "Rinear" and its variations appears to be very peculiar, and its mention seems not often repeated. An early record is found in Doc. Hist. of N. Y., pg. 57, when "Reinier" is used as a given name in a list of soldiers who embarked for New Netherland (N. Y. city) Apr. 1660. Rhinear Wortendyck (whose ancestors were from Holland) born 1800. [Mail and Express, Sept. 2, 1899.] The first generation has also many different spellings of this name. The weight of this ancestor is estimated to be

about 140 lbs., had a spare face and something of the build of his son David, who was a well-developed, rosy cheeked man, and when young was remarkably fine looking.

His wife, Mercy, lived at the "Dumplin Hill" home a few years after her husband's death and Dec. 4th, 1824, she bought, for \$240, from Stephen Morgan, the Van Hoosear homestead, which consisted then of only two acres with buildings. On Oct. 22d, 1828, she sold it to "Pamelia Vanhooser" and her husband, David, for the same amount, and the same day took a mortgage and agreed to board with them at fifty cents per week, when well, and more if needing special care. When \$200 of this was gone, her Taylor relatives concluded they would care for her, when she went to Poplar Plain and lived until her death, with her sister Polly, in a house east of highway north of, and near the 1st left-hand road south of Poplar Plain Church.

After her little fund had been spent, she is said to have been very ill-treated by those who were to look after her, and became very fretful. She was of small stature, and would never weigh over 125 lbs.

Her granddaughter, Louisa, somewhat resembled her, it is said, in looks. She had a small face, prominent cheek bones, dark complexion, and other mutual characteristics.

Among the recollections of her grandson, David N., was his visits to see her before she had left for her Nod home. The old blown down barn where a few sheep found room to run under, and the taking away from the cat a robin it had caught, were incidents he never forgot. His last trip there he made with his elder sister, and when he assured his parents he would have no trouble about making the journey (from their home near Wilton Congregational Church), he was allowed to go, but when he arrived at the foot of "Pitts Hill," he turned to the left, and after a distance of a half-mile, he discovered his mistake and returned to go up the hill. Another remembrance he related of her while she resided at Nod was that, one night, hearing a hen squall, she repaired to the hennery, and, in the dark, she put her hand in the nest, where the noise came from, and finding something there, she immediately grasped it, and bringing it to the light, found it was not a

cat, as she had supposed, but a skunk. She was remonstrated with to lay it down, but she so feared it would escape, hesitated; she was nervously excited, and suffering from shaking palsy, gave the animal a good stirring up, which did not add pleasantness to the situation, or agreeable and delicate perfume to the surroundings, so she placed it on the ground, and her son killed it.

She died near day break and was buried the same day by Isaac Hurlbutt, Wilton's first undertaker, 1833 or '4 (probably the latter). Her children were not notified of her death. She is probably buried with her husband.

THIRD GENERATION.

Children of Rinear and Mercy (Taylor) Van Hoosear. 2.

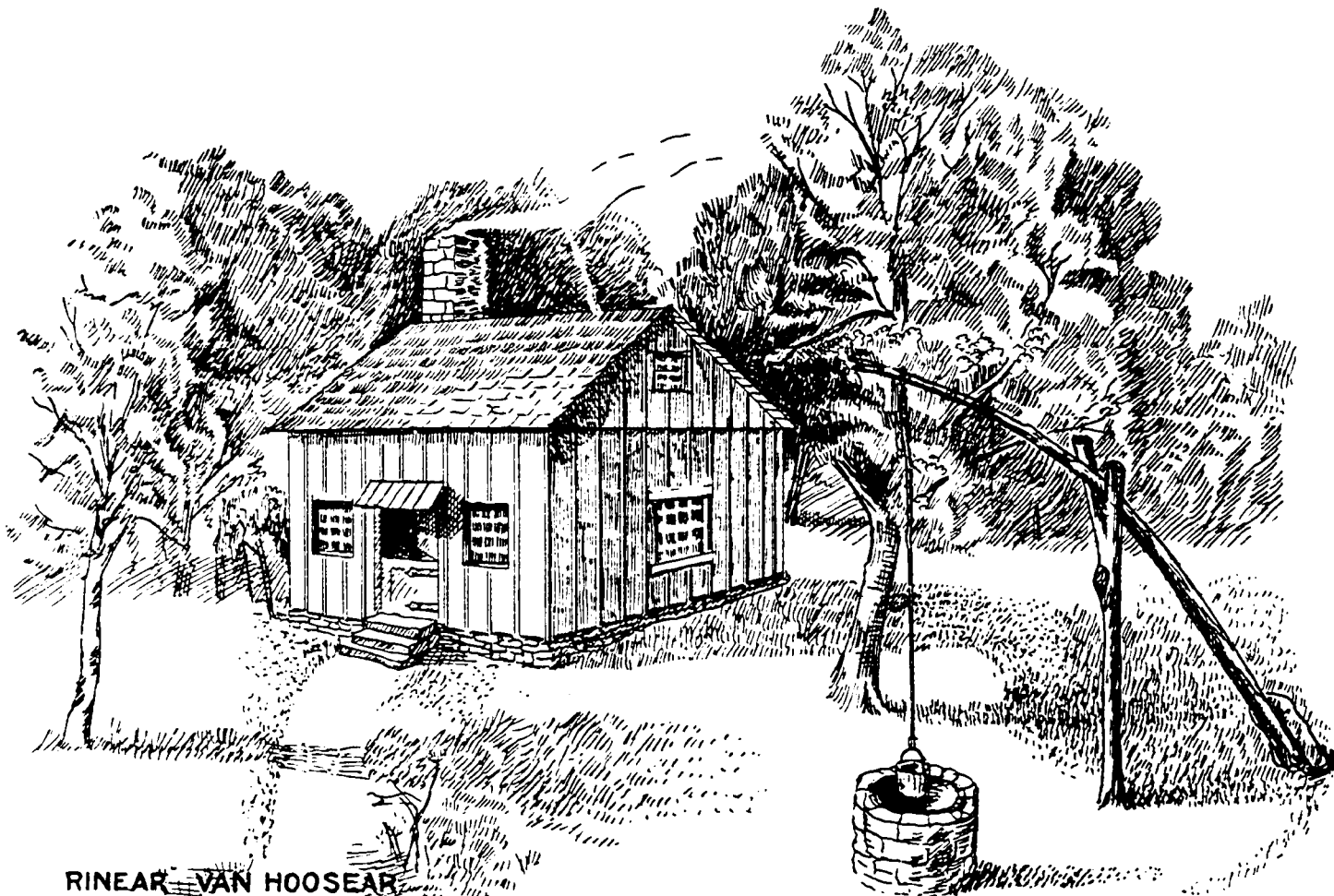
3. I. DAVID VAN HOOSEAR, baptised at Norfield, [Weston, Ct.,] July 28th, 1782 [Norfield Church record, pg. 55]. He was probably but a few days old when his parents removed to Ballston, and, when 5 to 10 years of age, he was killed by the falling of a girdled tree* that fell on him while he was a short distance from the house calling his father to dinner, and he was probably buried there.

4. II. HEZEKIAH VANHOOSEAR, born at Ballston, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1786. He was brought up at his uncle Eliphalet Taylor's in Wilton, and married, while yet a minor, (Nov. 3d, 1805,) **Phebe**, (dau. of Samuel, and granddau. of Gardner Olmsted, all of Chestnut Hill, Norwalk, Ct.) b. Aug. 17th, 1788, and died, April 2d, 1860. Was buried at Poplar Plain cemetery.

His daughter states he followed the sea for several years, sailing as Captain several times to the West Indies, his wife making one or more trips with him, and while aboard she strung a line and hung out some white clothes on it to dry, when her husband saw them, had them removed, for it was a sign of distress. He was a wild youth.

Much has been said about his having a title to property at the lower end of Water street, Norwalk. Soon after his marriage, being yet under age, he received a

*The early pioneers to "make a clearing," girdle the trees and wait until they have rotted and blown over.



RINEAR VAN HOOSEAR
MANSION HOUSE
AT "DUMPLIN HILL"

deed resembling a mortgage, but no conditions were mentioned, from Samuel Burrell, who bargains, sells, &c., to "Hezekiah Vanhosear," for \$115, land, with a small dwelling house on it, about 20 rods, west of the harbor, near the ship yard south of heirs of Obadiah Liscat, deceased, bounded east by the channel, north by the heirs of Josiah Thatcher, deceased, west by highway, being $3\frac{1}{2}$ rods. May 8th, 1806, Samuel Burrell, for \$100, quitclaims the same property back, July 2nd, 1807.

Josiah Thatcher, of Norwalk, for \$18.56, deeds Hezekiah Vanhosear "two rods in front, running back to the channel," being part of an undivided right of the heirs of Josiah Thatcher, deceased, bounded north by said Vanhosear, west by highway, south by the ship yard or common land. Aug. 7th, 1809, Thos. T. Thatcher sells to him his undivided right in the above land for \$21.67. Aug. 12th, 1809, Partridge Thatcher, of Poundridge, N. Y., for \$10.09, to said "Vanhosear," 19 ft. in front and running a parallel line to the channel it is contained in undivided land belonging to heirs of Josiah Thatcher, deceased, is 9 rods in front, next the road running to the channel, bounded north by Vanhosear's land, south and west by highway or common land, east by the channel or harbour. Sept. 25th, 1809, Samuel Gibbs, for \$20.18, deeds Hezekiah Vanhosear undivided land running back in parallel lines to the channel formerly owned by heirs of Josiah Thatcher, deceased, being 9 rods in front, running to the channel, bounded the same as above. Sept. 8th, 1810, Joseph Street to H. Vanhosear, land, with small buildings thereupon, 3 rods, more or less, on the west bank of Norwalk harbour, bounded north on land formerly owned by Obadiah Liscat, east by channel, south by ship yard, and west by road. Dec. 3, 1811, he gave in a certificate that he contributed to the Methodists, which excused him from paying to the Congregational Society, of Norwalk, his Church "rates." [Congregational Society records, of Norwalk, Feb. 12, 1812.

He sells Isaac Jennings land west of the channel, Feb. 1, 1815, and for \$440, to Isaac Jelliff land with buildings at Saugatuck, and at Old Hills, Feb. 4th, 1815. For \$700 sell Hezekiah Whitlock land bounded east by the channel, north by Nappy Nipton, &c., Sept., 1815. This property was attached, or at least about one-half acre of it

Feb. 27th, 1817, deed recorded, Aaron Sanford, of Reading, Conn., sells him, "of Norwalk," 20 acres in Bethel, Sul. Co., N. Y., Lot No. 39 in Great Lot No. 1, Hardingbergh Patent in subdivision No. 4. [Reg'r office of Sullivan Co., N. Y., Vol. 2, pg. 558.] This was located in the north east corner of the town about seven miles northeast of the now Bethel village. Stevensville P. O. is in Lot 39, about 3 miles northwest from Bushville. About 1818 he started with his oldest son (it is said, then only a small boy) for his new home. They probably went over the same route that his brother David did. [see No. 7.] Their emigration was apparently very near each other, Hezekiah passing on to Monticello, perhaps then to "West Settlement," or now Maple Wood, and thence to Lot 39, a distance of about 50 miles from Hudson River. Here he built a log house and rudely prepared for his family and not many months thereafter returned to Norwalk for his wife and five children.* Two places are given of David R.'s birth (in Oct., 1820), at Norwalk and Bethel, which latter is probably more correct.

The town was set off from Lumberland, 1809. The first white settler went there 1798. The Hurds, Jacksons, Hollisters, Heacocks, Careys, John Sherwood and Matthias Fuller were from Conn. [Hist. of Sul. Co].

The N. E. Section was settled 1805 to 1808, and only nine families were there as early as that, excepting two or more from Conn. [Hist. of Sul. Co]. Stephen Northrop, of Salisbury, Conn., went to Bethel, 1807, but the surroundings were too wild for him, when he turned back, and when on the other side of the Neversink River he met his neighbor, Zalmon Hawley, with his young wife and two small children; they persuaded him go back with them—a three days' journey brought them to a deserted cabin which they at once occupied. [Hist. of Sul. Co].

In Lot No. 39 probably the rest of the children were born, the last about ten years after. (Another report gives account of his last off-spring's birth-place as Arcadia). This was a wild country to take his family to. The land was wooded, and unbroken, and his first planting was between the stumps and roots. They suffered from the fear of wild animals. The children and stock were

*His first and seventh child had black hair, but the rest had sandy.

kept near the habitation for fear of being seized and carried away. While the husband was away "Aunt Phebe" saw a fine, strong, year-old attacked at mid-day by wolves, near the house, and dragged some distance, in their starved condition, to secure their part of the prize. She closed the door, and, looking through the window, saw them kill it. She dare not go out to try and scare them for fear she might be the next victim. She told of hearing a noise, in the evening, on the cellar sticks, which were set up against the outside cellar opening, and going to the window, saw several pairs of eyes directed to her, which looked like balls of fire. They had meat in the cellar which it was supposed they came for.

The distance to mill was several miles away and even an early start in the morning brought his slow ox-team only home at night with the flour. It was a long, wooded road, and on one occasion, near night, he was passing through one of these secluded jungles, a panther* dropped from a tree, hitting another in its fall, which caused the oxen to jump sideways, and the animal landed squarely in the road beside the cattle, but not on their backs; it then crawled off in the bushes. The driver said after that he looked upward and onward the rest of the journey.

After his purchase in the town of Arcadia, Wayne Co., he and family removed thither.

This was another long and tiresome journey, over one hundred and fifty miles with a team drawing the family and furniture over rough hilly roads. He settled about two and one-half miles from Newark. Here he found a country more cleared, but he was compelled to again build a log house.

Eventually he built a frame one not far from this second log house. He also removed a third time, and secured some fine "peppermint land" and began the raising of peppermint, from which to distill the oil, for which he received about \$4 per pound. It was planted in rows, cultivated the first year, but would run out in three years. It was cut when in bloom and allowed to wilt, then put into a large boiler (in this his son fell in and was severely

*A short distance from Bethel village was situated "Painter Swamp," which seemed to be the retreat of the animal from which it received its name. The Hist. of Sul. Co. gives account of one, Nelson Croeker, encircling the swamp and found seven distinct trails leading into it. [Pg. 131].

scalded) and the oil extracted. July and August were seasons of excitement there, for once started it was continued to the end of the season. His usual crop was from twenty acres, and many acres for his neighbors, and employed a dozen or more men. After he had come to Wayne Co., his son, Nathan O., began learning a trade at Newark, but contracted small-pox. The ninth day they brought him on a bed to his home. The mother took him in, and all of the children (David, Hezekiah, Jr. and Susan) then home, had it.

Sept. 28th, 1849, his residence was Arcadia, N. Y., where The Wayne Co. Mutual Ins. Co. gave him a policy. According to papers he left it would appear that from the same year, to 1854, he kept a grocery store at Havana, formerly Tioga, but now Schyler Co., N. Y. 1849 his wife removed to Conn., where she resided with her brother, Nathan, "Uncle Nate" Olmstead, at Chestnut Hill, Norwalk, until within a few years of her death.

Her return was with her daughter Susan by canal boat to Albany, and thence by steamboat to New York and Norwalk. The canal boat fare was one cent and a quarter each, per mile, and board. This consumed a week's time. The daughter told an incident of their journey. The Captain of the canal boat proposed they stop and pick huckleberries, to eat, which they did, and passing over a little hill, came directly into an Indian camp or settlement. When huckleberrying was over, they came to the boat. She received a divorce from her husband in 1853, at Bridgeport, Conn., at which time his residence was Arcadia. March 1st, 1851, he gave a chattel mortgage to satisfy a judgment of \$34.44 (probably in Wayne Co., N. Y.) on 6, 87-100 acres of "peppermint land" with a cow and yearling, in which appears his autograph. he then being over 65 years old.

Sept. 24th, 1852, William Cleveland, of Norwalk, writes a letter to him, and expresses fear that he will be turned out of door by the Danbury and Norwalk R. R. Co. and seeks his assistance, to help him establish his claim. October 29th, 1852, H. Van Hooser quitclaims the above Cleveland—this property. April 15th, 1853, Moses Wilson, attorney for said Cleveland, caused a deposition to be taken of H. Vanhoosear, at Arcadia, N. Y., in which he swears he bought of Josiah Thatcher two rods wide in front of Partridge Thatcher, bounded north by land of

"Joshiah" Thatcher, south by heirs of Jonah Thatcher, being 19 ft. front. That he also bought of Thos. T. Thatcher 2 rods, 5½ ft., bounded by above Partridge T., south by Samuel Gibbs, west by highway, and was the owner until he sold it to William Cleveland. Oct. 29th, 1852, Vanhoosear appoints above Attorney Wilson his attorney with power to act for him, and agrees to give him a two-third interest for pay. May 7th, 1858, Hezekiah Vanhoosear, of Norwalk, Conn., deeds the exact property he bought of Joseph Street (Feb. 12th, 1812) to Jabez Gregory and Wm. I. Street of the firm of Gregory & Street, on conditions that he has given his note for \$56 to them, signed A. Vanhosear. He returned to Norwalk before May 7, 1858, lived there a short time and was drowned near the beacon at the entrance of Norwalk harbor. The circumstances of his death will probably never be known. He lived in an old house on Comstock's, now called Keyser's, island. He evidently had returned from Norwalk, as a few groceries were found in his boat. His apparent friends left him lying on the shore all night and not until the next day were his relatives notified of his death. He was buried at Poplar Plains cemetery. The above subject used to counsel-at-law in petty cases, and his reasonings were said to be very judicious. He weighed about 150 pounds.

5. III. "MARIAH,"* born June 4th or 5th, 1791, at Ballston, N. Y., 1st "married about 1805," Isaac Jelliff, son of [James and Lydia (Blatchley**) Jelliff, of Norwalk (Saugatuck),] born Oct. 8, 1787. At the time of the marriage of Mariah she was probably with her parents at Poplar Plain, or had removed to "Dumplin Hill," Wilton. His first purchase was from Samuel Pearsall, of Norwalk, on the west side of Saugatuck River, 44 rods, for \$55. Aug. 1st, 1807. They probably lived in Norwalk until Feb. 1st, 1815. (then called in deed, "of Norwalk") when he sold land at Saugatuck, and "Old Hill," the former with buildings, for \$250, possibly where he lived. In June, 1815, the records speaks of his not being in Norwalk.

It is said they first settled in "Fulton Settlement."

*The Van Hoesen record states she was baptized at Ballston, July 27, 1789.

**Daughter of Benj., of Norwalk.

Jan. 20th, 1816, he bought a small farm in Liberty, at "Broadhead Pond," from there he removed to the Willis Farm, now known as "Roswell Hodge Farm."

From there he moved to "Thunder Hill,"* in the town of Neversink.

They built a log house in a wild country, a hemlock forest. Years after the settlement, the author's father measured one of the trees which had fallen on the ground near this primitive home, and it measured 105 ft. long, with top broken off. The early exhausting, laborious, solitary, and hazardous circumstances at that day and place in Sullivan Co. must have been seen, and experienced, to be appreciated. "Aunt Maria" was a woman full of determination, as the following instance will show: Her nearest neighbor, living a quarter of a mile distant, was sick, and she was detailed to visit her. She was detained until after dark, and while returning home, she passed through the woods, when spat came something from the tree top, falling heavily in the road a few feet behind her; knowing the probability of the animal, she was scared to unconsciousness, but somewhat regaining, she crawled on her hands and knees to her home, and, it being muddy, she put in a rather dirty appearance. The next morning they went to the spot, and saw where a panther had struck in the road, but missing the game, it went its way.

Mr. Jelliff made his will, Feb. 13, 1834. He died, Dec. 6, 1836, and was buried on his own farm on Thunder Hill.

After her husband's death, she married Aug. 17th, 1839, Henry** Misner, of Woodburne, N. Y., [son of Peter and ——— (Bush) Misner], born Dec. 31, 1784. She died at

*This place is mentioned as early as 1795. [Hist. of Sul. Co., N. Y.]

**Sometimes called Hankey as a nickname.

"Henry Misner, who was still living (1873) at Woodburne, states that after suits of ejectment had been instituted but not determined, Hardenbergh, with little respect to law, distrained property and forcibly dispossessed the occupants" [Hist. of Sul. Co., pg. 233]. He also said "Gross in 1806 forcibly set the family of Jas. Bush out of doors, and kicked Mrs. Bush as she went, although but three days previously she had given birth to a child which she then held in her arms. In the absence of Jacob Maraquat, his family was served in the same way." Mrs. M. also had a young child, and was dragged from the house by the hair of her head. She died in a few days afterwards. Peter Misner and others stood their ground.

Fallsburgh, N. Y., Nov. 29th, 1871, aged 80y., 5m., 25ds. [tombstone], and he, Jan. 20th, 1874, at same place. There were no children by this union. He owned a saw-mill which was situated on the Neversink River.

It is said he was quite an influential man, and he, with others, projected, in 1830, a turnpike from Ellenville to Woodbourne, which was built eight years after.

In this connection there appears a tragedy. In Quinlan's Hist. of Sul. Co., N. Y.; and also in the "Legends of the Shawangunk," is given the general circumstances of the Hardenbergh murder. Gerard "Gross" Hardenbergh was son of Johannis and Nancy (Ryerson) Hardenbergh. He lived at Stony Ridge, Ulster Co. Valley. The people of this valley had bought their land under the Beekman Patent, but "Gross" (who had been disowned by his father for his vicious ways, etc.), laid claim to these possessions, including the beautiful Neversink River. The settlers firmly believed the claim of "Gross" was a fraud, and when he tried and did eject some of them by the most brutal force, he became very odious to the whole settlement. He frequently took the law in his own hands, and personally put them out.* Of course he was bitterly opposed and soon became excited to frenzy and continuing more violent, they concluded his death would be a public blessing. A plan was adopted to remove him. His visits to collect the rents are said to have been regular, and at a secret meeting, a party of a half-dozen were chosen to secrete themselves along the route he usually took, which was, at the time, well wooded and narrow, following on the bank of the Neversink River, above the now Prince's Hotel, Woodbourne, and passing along the valley to Hasbrouck. The firing of a gun was a signal for all to return immediately to their homes. He started about sunrise, Nov. 23, 1808, to go up the river. As expected, he came, the discharge of a gun was heard and all left for home. Only one shot was made, but it proved fatal, the horse was frightened but caught some distance from where his rider received the deadly bullet, and found when the sun was about an hour high. Of the party who had retired to their homes, all but one (Henry Misner) had the load in their guns they carried from their home. The secret was kept until after his death, when his widow frequently told the story to his friends. He wanted to tell the story him.

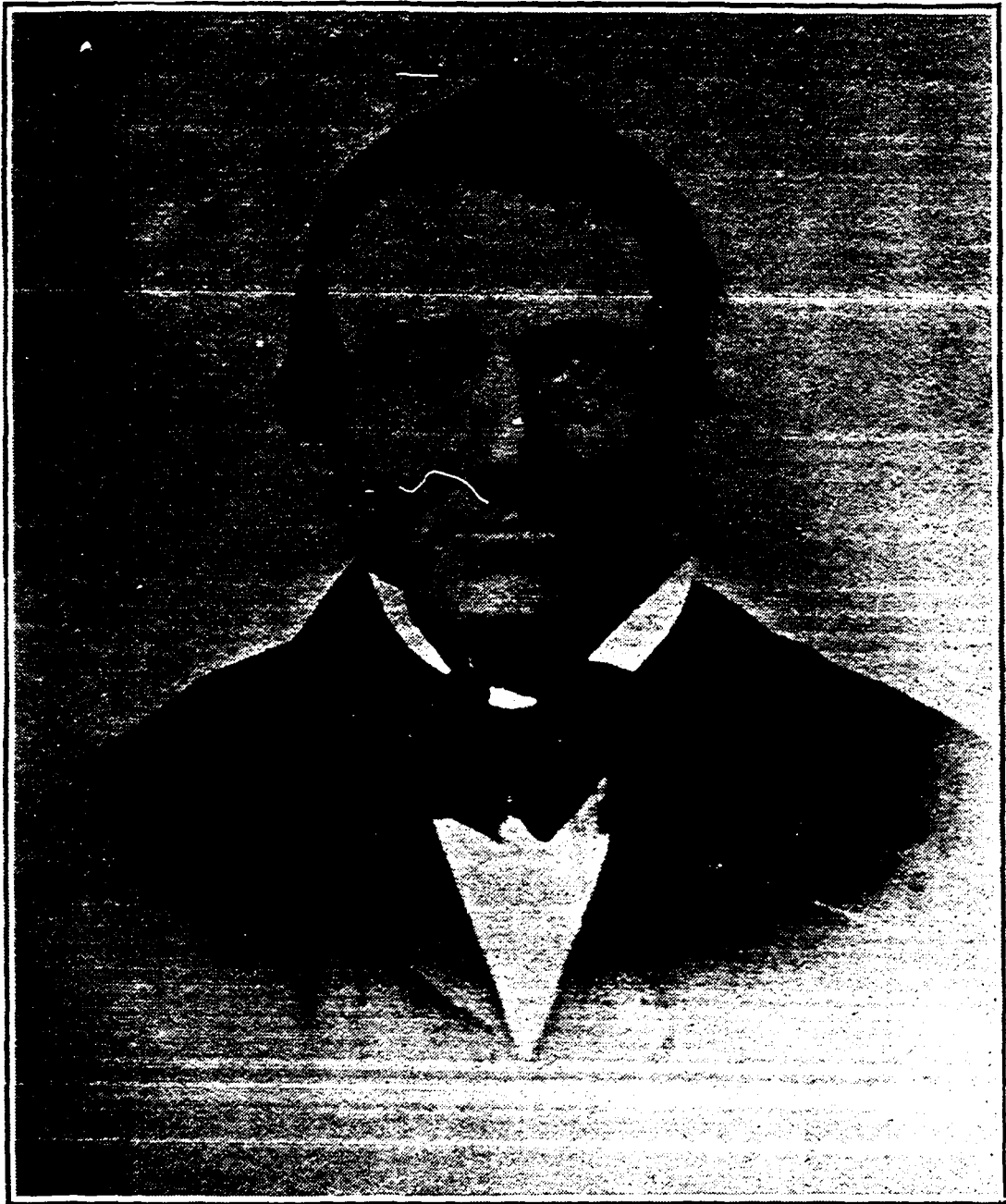
self and intended to do so when he was certain death was near, and once he was very sick and all thought he could not live, except his wife, who said until I hear him tell aloud that he was the one who removed the man of terror, he will not die, which he did not, and recovered. In his last sickness he waited too long and died, not knowing the world would know the secret. The murdered man was 75 yrs. of age and weighed 250 lbs. After his death the trouble ended, and they found no difficulty to settle with his heirs. The fear of Gross Hardenbergh was over, but time proved he had left blood to repeat itself in ugliness in a grandson, Cornelius W. Hardenbergh, for on the same road, at Hasbrouck, about three miles above, Dec. 20, 1840, after much dispute about land, &c., he went to the house* of Anthony Hasbrouck and brutally killed him by stabbing, kicking and shooting him. Before he got to the house he knelt down and prayed that all trouble might be settled without murder. His father and himself had become drunkards, although he had become temperate and made a profession of religion. He was hung July 14, 1842.

The author suggested, while standing on the site of the first murder, to erect a memorial slab, not in memory of his goodness, but to mark the exact spot where the tragic event happened, but was told Fallsburgh contains, now, many very respectable residents, descendents of the murdered man, and it would be hard to bring this "Hardenbergh War" before the public again.

6. IV. **RHODA**, born at Ballston, N. Y., March [20] 13th, 1794. married, March 8th, 1814, **Wm. Fitch** [son of William and Mary (Guire) Fitch, formerly of Fairfield County] born March 21st, 1790. He lived (and was possibly born) on Chestnut Hill, Wilton, and (may have) removed from there to "the west," about 8 miles east of Exeter Center, N. Y., to which place, in 1849, he removed. She died March 17th, 1859, 4 o'clock, a. m. On Oct. 2d, 1859, he 2d married **Mary H. Smith**, born June 17th, 1815. He removed to Shuyler's Lake, Otesego Co., in which county he died May 25th, 1867. His occupation was a farmer.

7. V. **DAVID**, born at Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 13th, [31] 1796. While there he had the small-pox but ever after

*It is a large stone house which was standing 1900.



David Van Haasear

was afraid of it. When 8 years of age he contracted the habit of taking snuff (a practice at that time very prevalent and popular), which he indulged in until his death. After his parents' return from Ballston, a few years, he was hired by Daniel Nash, Sr., until he married his daughter, at South Salem, N. Y., ("David Ben Hozier") [Van Hoosear] Oct. 29th, 1816, married "Sally Hanford," both of Wilton [South Salem Church records]. She was of Norwalk, born August 20th, 1787, the widow of Elnathan Hanford, who died Nov. 19th, 1809, aged 24, (son of Hezekiah, Jr.).* She died at Grumman Hill, Wilton, Conn., May 14th, 1817, in her 30th year, and was buried in Norwalk's first cemetery, where her misleading headstone is inscribed, "Sarah wife of David V. Hoosen." The circumstance of her death (at their residence on Grumman Hill, Wilton) was from catching cold from an open window, leaving a child but two weeks old. Dec. 13, same year, he deeds land in Crow Swamp (near Poplar Plain), being the late property of Lois Taylor, said Lois being his grandmother.

Mr. Van Hoosear worked for Dr. Joseph Chapman (son of Phineas), and for a joke he sent him in a hurry to a closet for his saddle and, when he opened it, he was very much frightened and ran down stairs, exclaiming, "what is in that closet?" It was an articulated skeleton that hung there. He was second married by Rev. Mr. Smith, at Wilton, Conn., March 23d, 1818, to Miss Parmela Grumman [daughter of Smith and Sarah (Abbott) Grumman], of Grumman Hill, Wilton. Born July 13, 1802.

In the early Fall of the same year he emigrated, with Luke Fitch (whom he hired), "to the west," and settled on a wild, uncleared and solitary farm in Sullivan Co., N. Y. He took a load of goods and tools with him, drawn by a team of oxen and a borrowed cart, which latter he took back "36 miles" to Newburgh, probably, (after having reached his destination), and sent it to Norwalk by boat. He sowed a piece of rye, stayed about 3 weeks, and started on foot one morning for home, and at the end of the 3d day, at night, was with his family on Grumman Hill. In November (or soon after), 1818, he hired a man, with horses, to take a load of furniture, and he (with his wife),

*b. July 24, 1753. He, s. of Hezekiah, b. 1722, d. 1812, ag. 90. He, s. of Saml., b. 1674, d. 1751. He, s. of Rev. Thos., the first pastor in Norwalk.

again started for his new home in the west. This was in the town of Thompson, two and one-half miles east of Monticello, which is the county seat of Sullivan Co., N. Y., and about three-quarters of a mile north of the Cochecton and Newburgh turnpike. Daniel Lee, of Ridgefield, Conn., April 21st, 1806, owned Lot No. 44, in Great Lot No. 13, in the Hardenbergh Patent. This consisted of 214 acres of wild land, and even at this day only a few acres are cultivated. At the above date Lee sold the south half, 107 acres, to Seth Banks and wife, Sarah, also of Ridgefield, Conn. Nov. 2d, 1814, Lee sold the other half, 107 acres, to Daniel Nash, Sr., of Norwalk. This is the tract occupied a few years later by the above Van Hoosear, and owned by his father-in-law, who held it until his death. His sons, on Sept. 11th, 1833, sold it. He evidently gave his note for this property to Daniel Nash, Senior, for among his effects was found the original paper, dated at Norwalk, March 16, 1818, and which states that seven years after date he promises to pay \$400 with interest from date "it being for value received." "Sind Seald & Deliv-erd in Presents of Danl Nash, Jur. and Rebecca Nash." The deed describes the corners as having bounds of trees "cornered" [squared to the corners of this lot] and also facing the adjoining lots, as layed out in the patent and marked on these hewn places the numbers of each lot opposite. Lot No. 44 was situated on an intersecting, even now unresided and little traveled highway from the above turnpike to Thompsonville, then known as "Thompson's Mills," or, in 1804, this vicinity was called Albion.*

It needed nerve and will power to start with a young wife and hired man for the wild west and perform the task safely. It took undoubtedly several days, probably at

*This name was derived from the name given to an ancient residence of Wm. A. Thompson, from whom the town was named and incorporated in 1803. His residential home he named "Albion Hall," which is situated on an eminence overlooking a branch of Neversink river and little settlement, and, although dilapidated, now shows it to be a roomy, substantial, architectural mansion, considering its location and time of its erection. Wm. A. Thompson was born at Woodbury, Ct., 1762, s. of Hezekiah and Rebecka (dau. of Isaac Judson), studied law under John Canfield, of Sharon, Ct., 1784. He was licensed to practice and opened an office in Norwalk, Ct., but soon removed to Horseneck. In 1794 he bought land in Sullivan Co., now town of Thompson, and in 1795 commenced improvements in the Great Lot No. 1 in the H. Patent. By his three wives he had 16 children. He died in 1847.

least a week or ten days to make the journey with a slow ox team. He crossed the Hudson River at Newburgh, and probably followed the Cohecton and Newburgh turnpike, passing through Coldenham, Montgomery, Bullville, crossing the Shewangunk Kill Stream to Bloomingburgh, a historic town—"remembered by Washington Irving"—early one of the "out west" borders of civilization, and having constant trouble from hostile Indians. Passing over the mountain four and one-half miles, and over the Bashers-Kill River to Wortsborough, then called "Mamakating Hollow," in the town of Mamakatin, also a historic place, and first settled a century and a half ago by Holland friends. Continuing a mile or so you come to the highland "Barrens," described as a rocky, stony, scrubby, huckleberry, rattlesnake section, (embracing now the Sullivan Co. Club,) and continuing about five miles across it, south of Lord's pond,* through Rock Hill, thence to the banks of the beautiful Neversink River, crossing the "Great Pine Bridge," (a marvelous white pine arched wooden structure, completed 1807 yet standing as firm as ever), to Bridgeville,** on toward Monticello, but stopping two miles and a half and turning toward Thompsonville (at this turn was a tavern kept by Reuben Allen, formerly of Compo, Westport, Conn.), about three-quarters of a mile and they were on Lot No. 44.

Jonathan Hoyt, Jr., of Norwalk, and wife, Sarah (Middlebrook), of Wilton, 1803, journeyed, with four children to this section, about a mile west of the Neversink, which consumed 9 days. Nehemiah Smith and wife, of Middlesex" [a parish between Norwalk and Stamford], removed to South East Put. Co., and, in 1803, bought land and removed to near "Pleasant Lake," now called "Kiamesha Lake," where he settled. His brother-in-law, Amos Whelpley, lived with him. He brought two children and a nephew, Smith Benedict, Titus Lockwood, Elind Lindley and Joseph Godfrey, with families, went with them. They also crossed the Hudson River, at Newburgh, passed over the same turnpike to Montgomery, stayed one night on the Barrens, probably their last night stopping place before their arrival at the lake.

*Wm. Sears lived near here in 1804.

**Lewis Hoyt, bro. of Jonathan, lived here in 1803.

When Van Hoosear and family arrived at Lot No. 44, they hired a room for a few weeks,* when the neighbors made a "Bee," as it was called; offering their services, a log cabin, 16 by 18, was soon erected, which had but one room, exclusive of a milk room, and lighted by one window (six small lights) on the north side, and a hemlock door on the south. Their second load of Wilton furniture consisted mainly of a table, cupboard, bureau,** 8 chairs, 2 beds, &c. The following January an infant son was with them but a short time when it withered away. A puppy, "Bose," took the child's place with the mother for three months, and grew so fat he couldn't walk. In November, following, they butchered hogs and hung them outside the dwelling on the projecting ends of the logs that made the cabin; in the night the dog became very uneasy and was let out, when he grappled a bear, who was nosing about the hog-killing spot. The dog started for him and he fled; after following him for some distance, returned, covered with blood. Mrs. Van Hoosear stated to the author that every evening could be heard from their door, the non-inviting sound of wild animals, fully as near the house as she cared to listen and appreciate. Opposite the house was a hugh jungle and swamp where these animals often had their serenades to the discomfort of this family. In 1900, as we stood on the site of the old home, I listened to the spot where she most frequently heard these sounds in the jungle and then native forest (now a cleared, rocky pasture), but not a sound was heard, they were all dead, like the Wilton settlers who heard them. This was truly a pioneer's life.

Jake Brush (colored), married "Old Dark," a servant of Ebenezer Abbott, Jr.*** Jake lived west of the Lewis Barnes place, at upper Stony Brook, on Grumman Hill road, Wilton, Conn. His son "Bill" went to Sullivan Co. and hired to David Van Hoosear, and he sent him in the field to dig potatoes, which was somewhat against his will. He sauntered down and began his digging, they were very large, and he soon became interested, when straightening up his aching back, he beheld, but a few

*Possibly at the Allen tavern, that being the nearest house.

**This suffered so from the jolting of the springless cart and wagon, it had holes worn completely through it.

***Grandfather of Permela Van Hoosear.

feet away, a black bear sitting on a stump watching his movements. He left without excusing himself, and at a better rate of speed than when he came. The History of Sullivan Co. gives many bear-killing adventures, and in the late past years several are reported to have been seen in even the town of Thompson. One was seen in Monticello, 1850, but escaped.

Monticello, now the county seat, in 1804 had no house there nor even a line of marked trees to that point. The above named History quotes Graham's Magazine, in describing the situation of the village above mentioned, in 1825, "everything around bore the impress of recent cultivation struggling with the rudeness of primitive nature;" "the plow was guided between unsightly stumps—in all directions was the crouching roof of the log-hut" * * * "they were often serenaded by the distant howl of the wolves." Samuel F. and Paul Jones, of Goshen, Conn., founded the place. Mrs. David Van Hoosear was so impressed with a certain pair of bars, the exact situation of which is somewhat disputed, as the author remembered it was on Main street, about midway of the "Park or Green" in front of the Court house, others think it was in front of their log-hut. She said "I could go right to that pair of bars," seventy years after she was there. Sept. 1, 1819, Lewis Smith makes an agreement with him to farm let 7 acres rye and wheat that shall be harvested the next year. Dec. 19, 1819, Leir Barnum receipts his tax for that year.

1820 is spoken of as the great beach nut year—millions of pigeons were there feeding on these nuts. They were often so numerous they obscured the sun for hours and eight to ten two-horse wagon loads passed over the turnpike daily and the birds sent to New York. Hogs ran wild and fattened on these nuts. Deer were abundant and were frequently seen feeding on their Winter grain fields. Van Hoosear found a deer's horn in the raspberry bushes in the garden. The nearest neighbor was three-quarters of a mile distant. In the wood near by a chopper was passing to his home after dark, without a fire brand (which it was the custom to carry), and the next morning only his legs and feet were left undisturbed, the rest of the eatable portion had been devoured by wolves. The conclusions were that when the pack came for him, he backed up to a tree and had killed six of them, which were found

near him, but his ax flew out of his hands, as it was found some distance away, and they then killed him. Mr. Van and wife became tired of this pioneer life and concluded the country was too wild for them, and, in the Winter, they started again with their oxen and wagon for the east. They reached the Hudson River and attempted to cross on the ice, but were told it was dangerous then, and in the morning would probably be sufficiently frozen to bear them over safely. But they had set out for Connecticut, and full of determination, they were anxious to proceed, so attempt it they did, and when well on to the ice, it gave way and one ox went into the water. They succeeded in unyoking the other, and let him go. He then sold the other and hired the goods and family delivered on Grumman Hill. They arrived, January or February, 1821, the wife carrying her second child (6 months old) in her arms. Seth Whitlock seemed to be his advisor and "well wisher" in a letter to him at Wilton, he says he is sorry he didn't stay out there with them—and referred to his leaving with him his old gun, sickles, etc. March 22, 1822, Seth and Chloe Whitlock, of Thompson, writes he is sorry that he has gone back—the things are sold.

Remaining there until Spring, they removed about 100 rods northward of the present residence of Levi O. Brown, in Hurlbutt Street, Wilton, which spot is marked by an old well. In the Fall of 1821 he removed to the last residence, of Harmon Gilbert, Hurlbutt street. He removed to the "Harken Place," situated west and south of the site of the First Church, in Wilton, where he lived at the time of the "September Gale,"* when it blew in the windows which they tried to cover with carpets, but without avail, they then went to the cellar. Hatting was flourishing in town, and he was in the coloring department. He then hired out until within a few years of his death. He removed to the Isaiah Gregory homestead (the first house on the left, west of the John Comstock homestead), and from there, April 1, 1822, to the present home (1902) of William Sturges. In his accounts, Hawley Olmstead is credited by team moving, April 8, 1824, 31½ cents, probably to move him to "Nod," in the north part of the town, where he spent the

*Sept. 3, 1821. This was on training day. Rev. C. M. Selleck says the afternoon had been dark and about sundown wind and rain was at hand—it spent itself about midnight off the Mass. coast.



DAVID VAN HOOSEAR HOMESTEAD (NOD), W. VIEW, 1892

rest of his life. Feb. 15, 1843, D V H contracted with Wm. B. Smith to build his house where the old one stood, with basement 22x24 feet, main part, 10 feet posts, finish basement except all sashes, lay second story floor, make stairs outside door "plain siding and joint chestnut shingles, etc., except securing the timber and enclose the building, all for \$60 and two days, work. Agreement left with S. Godfrey. His academic education was limited, but having much experience and being very observing, he had completed an extensive knowledge of human nature and the common affairs of life. He was very ingenious, a good farmer, hard worker, and imprudently exposing himself to all weather, seldom missing a day. He was remarkably healthy, never employing a physician for himself, until his last sickness, which originated from a cold, leading to a fever and pneumonia. Fond of children, he always humored them as far as he thought consistent, and then didn't fail to chide them. Each had their own tools, but his was to be let alone. He was a man of medium height, weighed about 150 pounds, full, round face and generally jovial. He plowed all summer for Dr. Chapman, and the whip wore out his shirt on the shoulder, pressing so long against it. A free thinker, bold talker, close dealer, wanted cash for what he sold, cared nothing for show, felt proud of carrying "Old Style along with him, never wore a beard of any kind, and, at death, although 74 years old, his hair was black. He usually evaded talking upon his pedigree, this being, as he claimed, not important to him. Went to War of 1812 (two or three months' tradition) as substitute for Uriah Taylor, of Norwalk (now Westport), Conn., as private under Abraham Youngs, commander. Period of service, Sept. 9, 1813, to Sept. 14, 1814. [Conn. men of Rev. p. 123.] He was stationed at or near Fairfield, Conn., and would have applied for a pension if his name had not appeared on the roll as Uriah Taylor, which he answered to. He was father of a child born every month in the year excepting July. His son George E., is said to most resemble him. When right he usually maintained his ground, and on one occasion he heard some hounds after a fox, and, knowing where the animal would come, he prepared himself with a club, and surely he came through the barway where he was, and he dispatched him within a short distance of his door. Some time after the hunters came to him and claimed the fox,

when he said: "If you want the honor of killing it, give me two dollars, and take it." They proposed taking it without. He informed them it had become foxy and if they attempted it he had such good success he would try again. They saw his determination and gave him the two dollars.

He related an incident of himself, that, when a small boy, after being severely corrected by his mother, he went down in the field to his father with a complaint against her. His father seemed to sympathize with him, took a shilling from his pocket, gave it to him, saying, "Take this money and sue her." This was so unexpected: that he returned home and said nothing more about it. According to his account book in 1829 he received in May for his work 50 cents per day; 1833, 62 cents; 1837, for mowing and cradling, 75 cents; 1844 he took rye, 75 cents per bushel; potatoes, 31; corn, 50; butter, 1 shilling per pound; tallow, 10 cents.

"The fashion he never would follow,"
 Or try to put on any style;
 But owing a dime or a dollar,
 He paid it, when due, with a smile.
 His words were but few and well chosen;
 'Twas clear that he meant what he said;
 He was jovial, not heated, or frozen—
 And calm was the life that he led.
 He did not belong to the meeting,
 Was proud of his work on the sod,
 The children were glad of his greeting,
 And some people said he was odd.

He died at "Nod," the 20th of April, 1871, and was buried at "Hillside cemetery," Wilton, in a plot he had previously ordered prepared and fenced.

MY GRANDMOTHER VAN.

Grandmother was born in the year 1802,
 And was noted for being very neat;
 She always wore a pleasant smile,
 And her friends so glad to meet.
 With many cares she stepped about
 To mold white loaves of bread,
 To sweep the room, and feed the hens,
 To weed the garden bed.



Permela Grumman (Mrs. David Van Hoosear.) No. 7.

How many stockings has she knit ?
Learned how to weave and spin,
While yet a child—I wonder what
Her playtime could have been ?
What could her children, small, have done,
If she had never learned
To make the cheese and twist the yarn,
And golden butter churn ?

A maiden diligent among the wool,
The flax that she has wrought,
For to her husband's home her share
Of well spun linen brought.
Then worked from day to day, she
Met with courage what befell
To keep her household and to guide,
And rear her children well.

I'm thinking, now, of my Grandmother's visits—
Theyv'e been pleasant ones to me—
But when I gaze upon her face,
And furrowed lines I see,
I think of the trials and sorrows,
Borne with patience ; the strife,
The toil and partings, the care,
That have mingled in her life.

A son has moved to the far off west,
And one was killed by the train.
Death took from her a handsome boy,
Another—Charles, his name ;
A daughter faded from her sight,
An infant child had left its mother,
But all the rest were left to honor
My talkative, dear Grandmother.

Her anxious thoughts, can any one describe,
Her burden of care and love
Of thirteen children to her sent
From the children's Heaven above ?
Her husband was taken and she was left—
She now is nearing eighty-seven.
But when life has left her house of clay,
There's rest for her in Heaven !

—D. H. VAN HOOSEAR.

Parmela Van Hoosear, nee Grumman, died in Norwalk, Conn., March 8, and buried March 12th, 1891, at Hillside cemetery, Wilton.

FOURTH GENERATION.

Children of Hezekiah and Phebe (Olmsted) Van Hoosear.

8. I. **JULIA ANN**, born at Norwalk, Conn., Nov. [45] 7th, 1807; married 1st, Nov. 1, 1827, **Smith Pinney**, born Dec. 18, 1801, died March 26, 1854. Married 2d, about 1855, **John J. Pinney** (brother of above). No children. Residence, 1861, Freedom, Catteraugus Co., N. Y. In 1869 she writes from China, N. Y.

9. II. **STYLES**, born at Norwalk, Conn., May 7th, 1809; married **Alvira Lee**. She died with consumption. former residence Carbondale, Pa., but was last heard from at Double Day, Luzerne Co., Pa. A daughter was adopted into this family.

10. III. **SALLY MATILDA**, born at Norwalk, [57] Conn., May 3d, 1812; married 1st, **Cyrus Riddle**. Married 2d, 1847, **William Jennings** (son of John), born 1822. She died at Toledo, Ohio.

11. IV. **ADELIA**, born at Norwalk, Conn., Jan. [61] 15, 1815; married Aug. 18, 18—, **Emerson Clapp**, born Jan. 15, 1803, died March 15, 1853. She died Dec. 27, 1848.

12. V. **NATHAN OLMSTED**, born at Norwalk, [65] Conn., April 26, 1817; married ——— **White**, residence New York state, later Toledo, Ohio, but 1886 Cambridge, Ohio. He served in the late war, had narrow escapes, taken prisoner, but made his escape. He signed his name Nathan O. Van hoosear.

13. VI. **DAVID RINEAR**, born Oct. 2d, 1820, at [66] Bethel, Sullivan Co., N. Y.; married **Caroline Whiteing**, born Oct. 25, 1820; died before 1888; res. Fulton, Rock Co., Mich. He wrote his name in 1858 "Vanhoosear."

14. VII. **SUSAN CAROLINE**, born at Bethel, [71] Sullivan Co., N. Y., March 6, 1823; married, May 21, 1854, **Levi Osborne Browne*** [son of Abner and Hannah (Thorp) Brown], born Jan. 18, 1820; res. 1900, Hurlbutt st., Wilton, Ct.; occupation, stone mason and farmer.

*He first m. Emily Platt (daughter of Joseph) of New Ganaan, Ct., Nov. 19, 1840. [N. C. Town Records.]

15. VIII. **HEZEKIAH**, b. at Bethel, Sullivan Co., [73] N. Y., April 23, 1828; m'd Liddy Reed ; resi. Quincy, Branch Co., Mich. (Signed his name Vanhosear,)

Chil. of Isaac and Maria (Van Hoosear) Jelliff. 5

16. I. **ANTOINETTE MARIA**, "Mariah," born in [77] Fairfield Co., Ct., Aug. 20,* 1806; [Family Bible] married about 1824,** at Thunder Hill, Sul. Co., Samuel Carpenter, (Son of Benj.) born at Milton, N. Y., Mar 10, 1803.

This family has a very interesting but mournful history. At the time of the Mormon excitement, in May 1839, he with his wife and seven children started for Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill., to join the Mormons there. They started from Thunder Hill, N. Y. Lain Brundridge drove a team with this family to Wilkes Barre, Pa. From there they went to Johnstown, Cambria Co. Through Indiana and Illinois to the Mississippi River, they travelled by train. From there they were transported by steamer to Nauvoo, (which is on the east bank of the Mississippi, in one of the westernmost counties of Ill.) arriving there about the middle of June, 1839. At this time there were no houses in Nauvoo, except Joseph Smith's which was built of stone. They all built shanties, with floors and roofs of straw. They stayed there about two weeks when Mr. Carpenter bought a hundred acre farm, for one dollar an acre, about two miles from there in town the of Olive Green, in the same Co. He built a house on it and remained there seven years (to 1846). While at this home three more children, Abigail, Nancy and Benjamin, were born. The eighth child died in the fall of 1844.*** June 27, same year, Joseph Smith was shot by a mob while jumping from the jail window where he was confined. Antoinette, the mother, died Nov. 10, 1846, in Hancock Co., Ill., and was buried at "Masadonia, Ill." Nancy, the tenth child, died before 1846, an infant. Now the father and seven children remained. In the spring of 1846, he sold his farm and they started with three pairs of oxen, two cows, ten sheep, a year's provisions, with wag-

*On the Redding Circuit M. E. Ch. records is found: That Isaac Jelliff and wf. Maria of Norwalk, had a dau. Antynet. b. Aug. 4, 1806.

**Another report: "I think in the spring of 1826."

***Another acct., she died at Council Bluff about two years after.

ons and tent, to make their way to Fort Madison, across the Mississippi River. Passing on over the prairie, they travelled through the wilderness to Council Bluffs. At this place there were 5,000 Mormons. They camped there until Sept., when Mr. Carpenter married, 2d, Clarissa Tuttle,* and they all started for Salt Lake City.

While camping in their wagon on the banks of the Missouri River, 40 miles west of Council Bluff, he died. This second wife, or widow, was soon to be a special wife of the new leader, Brigham Young, and it further developed that "all of us girls" four of them, Rhoda, Julia A., Elizabeth and Antoinette, were to be the same. They held a convention and it was unanimously voted that the song should be "Backward, turn Backward." Their intention was discovered, and of course opposed by all, more particularly by the stepmother, but they entered into the escape with determination, and at last they stole away, carrying what they could for their comfort. They took two teams of oxen, wagon and cow; the girls driving the teams and caring for everything. One day, driving until after dark, coming down a hill the wagon pole dropped from the ring and ran into the ground. They blocked the wheels, chopped the earth away with an ax they had, loosened the tongue, hitched on and resumed their journey eastward.

This act of leaving the Mormons was a bold and dangerous action, but they would trust themselves with the savage Indians rather than the servitude and action they were soon to encounter. They were unwilling to bear the slavery of these rulers. It was a tedious journey but they eventually reached Council Bluffs. Rhoda Ann then left the rest of the girls and went to Missouri to her sister Lydia who had been left behind. She stayed there through the winter and in May the two sisters walked 50 miles to Council Bluffs, through the Indian village, and stole their brother "Bennie" away from Jerome Benson's place where he had been "put out." To do this required strategy. The sisters went to visit him, staying over Sunday (knowing Mr. and Mrs. B. would want to go to church) they volunteered to care for "Bennie" while they went. As soon as they were well out of the way, they

*The Tuttle Gen. gives no Clarrissa who md. Carpenter.

took him away from the house, at which the little fellow at first protested, wanting to go home, but having so entered into the plan they pushed forward. They went to a solitary and lonely, previously secured refuge, beyond the probable search. Here they stayed all night, and in the early morn they started for the Indian camp beyond. It took several days before they arrived there, and when in sight, several dogs came to greet them. Bennie was afraid of them but they told him they wouldn't bite him; they came on and one of the girls talked to them in the Indian dialect when they became acquainted. They were then returning to the sisters they had left.

The Indians were very kind, helping them along until at last they joined their sisters, but still hundreds of miles from their grandparents and other relatives, and their former home.

They wrote their grandmother, Misner, of their condition, begging help to return. Their uncle, Benjamin Carpenter, volunteered to assist them, went there and brought them home. All had become interested in these orphans escape, and upon their arrival the sympathy of the neighborhood was aroused, and large numbers visited them anxious to see the returned Mormon children. Their stories of the privations, trials, etc., they had endured, together with their general appearance, told of the distress they had experienced on their long journey. A relative who visited them but a short time after their return remarked that no one could visit them without seeing they had experienced serious trouble and exposure. Little Bennie showed suspicion and shyness, not yet appreciating that he was now among friends, he would steal away in the corner and go to sleep. All were bronzed by the sun, and their faces showed sad experiences. Their dialect had changed and one of the girls having been among the Indians so much, had grasped many words used by them. They considered the death of their parents their redemption, for had they lived they would probably never have returned. They frequently alluded to the friendship of the Indians, and when with them had no fear of being captured by the Mormons. Samuel Carpenter while with the Mormons, was drafted into the army, but he probably was so enthusiastic in Mormonism, he prevailed on his son to take his place. Many of these facts were kindly

given me by "Little Bennie" of Hasbrouck, and Mrs. Rhoda A. Mance, who was one of the girls above mentioned and who was living a few years ago at Ellenville, N.Y.

Samuel died about 1846, near Council Bluff.

17. II. CURTIS BEACH, born at Norwalk, Fair- [87] field Co., June 20, 1810; married Aug. 28, 1836 **Abigail Reynolds**, [dau. of Reuben and Abigail (Groo) Reynolds] born Aug. 6, 1814, res. Hasbrouck, N.Y., occupation, Farmer. He died Jan. 2, 1882. She is alive, March 1901, and resides at Hasbrouck, N.Y., with her son Isaac.

18. III. RHODA ANN, born Nov. 6, 1813, in Fair- [91] field Co., Ct., married Aug. 17, 1839, **Isaac B. Tyrrell** [son of Joseph B. and Sophia,* (Besley) Tyrrell] born Mar. 2, 1815, died Oct. 3, 1886. She died July 14, 1856, in Sullivan Co., N. Y. Last res. Woodbourne, N. Y.

19. IV. DAVID RYNEAR, born May 3, 1823, in Fallsburgh, Sullivan Co., N. Y. Died April, 1826, in same Co.

Chil. of William and Rhoda (Van Hoosear) Fitch, (6.)

20. I. ANNA MARIAH, born Aug. 10, 1815. Md. [95] June 23, 1833, **Martin Freer Merritt**, (son of Caleb**) born Oct. 19, 1812. He married 2nd **Ester A. Gillett**, [dau. of Deming and Theodocia (Warner) G.] who died May 15, 1872. He died at Fallsburgh, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1890. Occu. Farmer. Last res. Hasbrouck, N. Y.

21. II. ESTHER MARY, born Oct. 27, 1818, married

*Her ancestor, Besley, was a French Huguenot. He and wife migrated from France to England shortly after the revocation of the edict of Nantes, in 1685. They had three chil., James, Isaac, (a grad. of med. coll. in Eng., practicing there) and Mary—two latter unm., James md. Cornelia De Forest, of N. J., res. N. Y. city, where their son Oliver was b. Sept. 22, 1741. He was present at Phila., 1776, at the first reading of the Declaration of Independence, shipped from there to N. Y., and was caught by a "Press Gang" and taken on board a British man-of-war. His uncle Isaac sent a substitute and he was released. He md. Eleatheer Cheesman, of L. I. They settled at North Castle, Westchester Co., N. Y. Their children were Isaac, b. Nov. 5, 1769, Mary, Oliver, Jr., James, Coles, Samuel, Cornelia, Bartholomew, Elizabeth (md. Thads. Gray), Sophia, b. Feb. 24, 1790, m. Joseph Tyrrell, Susannah. [John G. Gray, Atty. at Law, Ellenville, N. Y.]

**He is said to have served in the War of 1812, and after returning, removed with his wife to Medina, Ohio. He had a son Caleb and the above Martin F., the latter having been cared for by an aunt of Caleb, and she so hid him away that when they was ready to move to Ohio he could not be found and they went without him.

1st at High Falls, N. Y., Apr. 19, 1836, **Teunis Clearwater**, [Son of Abram and Lanah (Van Luven) C.] born at High Falls, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1819. He died Oct. 25, 1879. Occu. carpenter. Res. Fallsburgh, N. Y. No children. Married 2nd, June 23, 1881, **David L. Adkins**, born Feb. 22, 1821 at New Pultz, N. Y. [Son of Lewis and Ruth (Freer) Adkins] Occu. Farmer. Res. Woodbourne, N. Y. She died Oct. 29, 1895.

22. III. **NATHAN**, born Sept. 7, 1820. Married [105] 1st, Jan. 1, 1844, **Charlotte Cummings** (dau. of James.) One child. Married 2nd Apr. 16, 1857, **Sally Ann Horton**, [dau. of Wm. and Polly (Vancort) Horton] born Aug. 5, 1823. Occu. Farmer. He died Feb. 24, 1896. Res. Schylers Lake, N. Y.

23. IV. **LUCRETIA**, b. Sept. 26, 1822. Married [107] **Eleazer Bowen**. His res. 1855 West Hartwick, Exeter, N. Y., 1859 Otego, N. Y. Her res. Cooperstown, N. Y.

24. V. **SUSAN**, born Mar. 6, 1824. Married about [110] 1840 **Peter Countryman**, born 1816, died Aug. 28, 1878. She died Sept. 26, 1881. 8 children.

25. VI. **ANTOINETTE**, b. Mar. 6, 1826. Married [118] 1st **Jasper Purple**, occu. Carpenter. One child. Married 2nd **John Lester Niles**, [son of Simeon and — (Root- [119] enburgh) Niles] born Sept. 17, 1824, Methodist minister. Three children. Married 3rd, **John Dietz**. Married 4th at Liberty, N. Y., **Wm. Beebe** [son of Aaron and Phebe Jane (Clark) Beebe] born Sept. 5, 1836 in Orange Co., occu. Farmer. Res. 1900, Hasbrouck, N. Y.

26. VII. **WILLIAM**, born Mar. 5, 1828. Died unmar., June 26, 1850, buried at Exeter Center, N. Y.

27. VIII. **ABRAM**, born Sept. 25, 1830. Married [122] Feb. 14, 1853, **Elizabeth Van Hoosear** (dau. of David, see No. 40) Two children. He formerly resided at Exeter, N. Y., but came to Wilton, where he married. He settled at Branchville, Ridgefield, Ct., where he lived several years, but purchasing a farm at Norwalk, settled there, where by strict attention to dairying and truck farming, he has become wealthy.

28. IX. **ELIZABETH**, b. Aug. 26, 1833. Married [124] Oct. 10, 1854, **Dana Pope** (son of Allen). He died. Res. Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y. Her res. New Lisbon, N. Y. 1900.

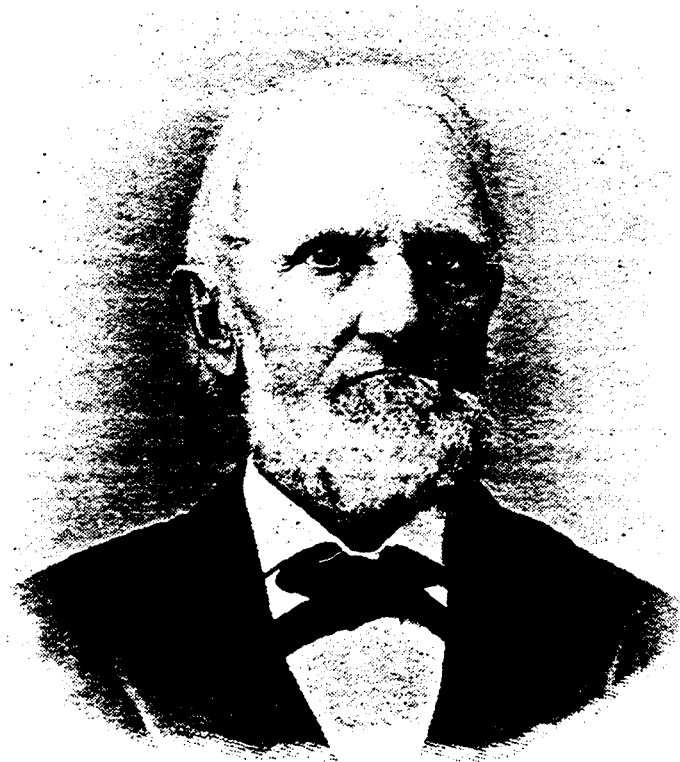
29. X. MARTHA JANE, born Oct. 17, 1836. Died Dec. 10, 1838.

30. XI. LEWIS, born at Otsego, N. Y. Married [126] Oct. 13, 1860 at Edmestown, N. Y. **Mary La Vauch Reed** [dau. of Wm. and Sarah (Cook) Reed] born at New Lisbon, N. Y., July 4, 1840. Res. Fly Creek, Otsego Co., N. Y.

Children of David and Sally (Nash) Van Hoosear. (7)

31. I. DAVID NASH, born May 1, 1817, at sun- [128] down in the S. W. room of a house about 3 rods N. W. of the present residence of Seth L. Grumman, at Wilton, Ct.* Married Nov. 1, 1837, at Norwalk, Ct., by Rev. Dr. Hall, **Phebe Fillow** [dau. of Lewis P. and Lydia (Morehouse) Fillow, of Norwalk, see No. 373, "Fillow, Philo, and Philleo Genealogy," compiled by the author] born Apr. 5, 1815, died Feb. 4, 1870. He married 2nd, Feb. 28, 1872, wid. **Sarah Ann Banks**, nee Stratton, of Bridgeport, Ct. She was born Nov. 3, 1814, died June 1, 1888, and buried at Bridgeport, Ct. He had a very distinct memory of events occurring in his early life. He remembered the "September Gale" of 1823, and that he was suffering with whooping cough at the time. He remembered seeing the people who left N. Y. City (in the time of the great epidemic of cholera there) as they passed Westport, and on moon light nights he has watched them pass the house where he lived. The burning of the "Lexington" on L. I. Sound, Jan. 13, 1840, when he lived on Chestnut Hill in the house now owned by H. B. Coley. Very soon after the news of the burning of the above vessel was spread, and he saw in a few days one of the victims enroute through Westport. The full story of this awful catastrophe was dreadful. He often told of his being catechised with the rest of the school on Saturday forenoon. On Sundays (while young) he attended the Congregational church Sabbath School, where Ira Betts, Jr. was teacher. One of the questions of the old Catechism which impressed him was, "What is the chief end of man?" answer, "Honor and glorify God and enjoy him forever." At their district school they played Sunday School, and in it this question was asked, and their version was "Keep what you have

*Dr. Jonathan Knight, Sr., b. in Norwich, 1758, settled at Norwalk, 1781, res. on street of the same name, was the first person that looked on him in this world.



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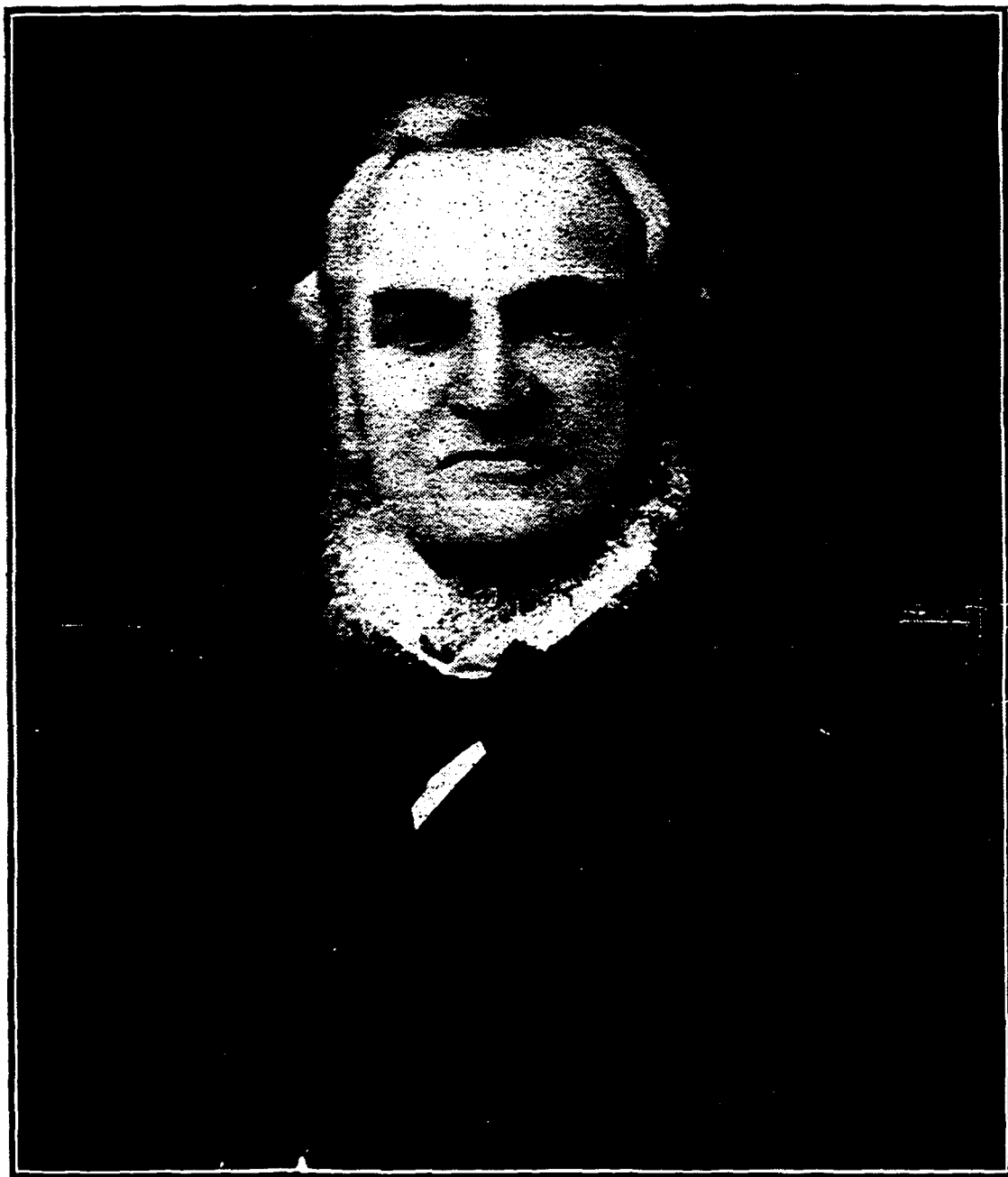
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and get what you can." Old "Major Dudly" was tything man. One Sabbath I was sitting with my comrades, not listening with close attention to the long sermon, when suddenly the Major's hands pulled over backwards two of the congregation nearest me; I waited for my pull but escaped, and heard every word after that. "The first match I ever saw was in the school house at Chestnut Hill before meeting, about 1823. "Loco Foco" was printed on the box. The discussions, to think of to-day, were amusing, "the danger of them--why anyone could carry them in their pocket, set your barn on fire and no one would mistrust you," was suggested. His sister was sick and they had no timepiece, and he was sent about one-half a mile to "Aunt Betty Stuart's" Drum Hill, to borrow an hour glass to give medicine by. He attended the Brigade Training at Danbury, Ct., 1839. He started from Norwalk at 2 A. M., trained all day and discharged at the upper end of Main St., when he and friends went the entire length of the street in search of a lunch. They finally found the remnants of a roasted pig which they devoured. They stayed in a barn all night, but many walked the streets. Danbury was overful. He attended General Trainings at Stamford, Darien, Redding, Coley's Plain, Westport and Cannon's Plain. He commenced training May, 1835. The first day he paraded in Norwalk (now Westport) near the residence of Wm. Finch, marching to Poplar Plain under Capt. Anson Youngs, "Petty training." The General training came in Sept.

He remembered when on the W. side of Saugatuck River $12\frac{1}{2}$ cts was considered a shilling and on the E. side it was $16\frac{2}{3}$ cts. His idea of temperance was total abstinence; that if this was followed all chances of becoming drunk would be avoided. The third national convention, held in 1841, resolved "that the license laws are at variance with all true political economy, and one of the chief supports of intemperance." This was his idea. Years after (1870, '72 and '73) he was elected Selectman of Wilton, and while in this duty a no-license vote was accomplished and a man applied for a recommendation to keep a liquor store. He was so opposed to the State giving license to any one "to sell rum" that he refused to sign the recommendation, although he thought the applicant was as suitable as any other person. He said he would resign

the office before he would endorse a "rumseller." The other two, however, signed it, making all that was necessary. He was not re-elected, it being stated that this was the cause, and it seems probable that it was. He said he had seen enough of the effects of drink in his boyhood, in times when nearly everyone partook, especially in harvest, when they had learned to believe that the effect of cold water upon a heated system was dangerous. It was usual to make a boy ted the hay and wait upon the men with drink. At one time when this was his duty, the stimulant gave out and he was dispatched to the still for cider whisky, and taking the wooden bottle or rundlet, he proceeded and returning with it well filled came to a sharp hill in the field, and child-like, thought the little barrel might as well roll as for him to carry it, so looking about him for spectators he let it go down the hill. It bounded away over rock and uneven ground until it went from his sight. He searched over the low land, and at last found it in some alders when he hurried on. "It was a long time between drinks," they said upon his arrival. The bung was not so easily removed, and the distiller was not very well spoken of for driving it in so hard, they little suspecting that it had taken such a journey over a hard road. A favorite saying of his was, "A man that can't work without it, can't work with it."

He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1870, '72 and '74, and held other minor offices. In 1825-6, being 8 or 9 years of age, he received one-fourth of one-sixth of the estate of his grandfather, Dan'l Nash, Sr. Lewis H. St. John, of "Nod" (Wilton) was appointed his guardian and from him he received valuable counsel which taught him economy and matured his sterling character. As Mr. Willard describes him, he was a quiet, spiritually minded man. He cared for \$1700 for 12 years, never losing one cent of the principal and his charge was only \$100 for the entire time. He was 5 ft. 8 in. in height and generally weighed about 160 lbs. One peculiarity of his features was his very high forehead; his hair early in life turned gray, these both being peculiarities of his line of the Nash family. His cousin Edward H. Nash very much resembled him in general appearance. He remembered the first 10 cents he ever owned, which Sam'l Hanford (Bro. of his mother's first husband, Elnathan) gave him for showing



Burr Smith. No. 34.

him a mouse he had caught some time before. In 1884 he visited the Cotton Centennial at New Orleans, which southern trip he had always wished for, being anxious to see the actual condition of the colored race south. He came home fully satisfied and contented to live in Conn. He was a man of great energy and endurance and was supposed before his death to be the oldest Van Hoosear living. He gave his religious experience to the author some time before his death. He was converted (and soon after his wife Phebe) in the old Poplar Plain M. E. church, which is now used as a blacksmith shop. He had no trouble with the various doctrines, and soon settled his preference. He died as he had lived, a true Methodist. For some years before his death he was a great sufferer, but claimed the Master sustained him in his afflictions. He died at his home in Hurlbutt Street, Wilton, Ct., Jan. 5, 1899, at 11:48 A. M., and was buried at Hillside Cem., Wilton.

Chil. of David & Parmela (Grumman) Van Hoosear. 7

32. II. Infant born Jan. 14, 1819, at Thompson, N. Y. Died there.

33. III. LOUISA, born at Thompson, N. Y. June [130] 29, 1820, in a log cabin. She removed to Wilton with her parents when very young. She joined the Baptists at Georgetown, Redding, Ct., where she was baptized by immersion within a few feet of where the towns of Wilton, Weston and Redding join each other. Her name is found on the Danbury church record as being added to that congregation, Mar., 1838. Married Sept. 4, 1839 **Charles Burr Morehouse** [son of Chas. and Polly (Beers) Morehouse, and grandson of Stephen Morehouse] born May 19, 1818, died at Ridgefield, Ct., Nov. 16, 1888. Occu. Farmer. Buried at Hillside cemetery.

34. IV. SALLY, born Apr. 19, 1823, at the res. [132] formerly owned by "Priest Haight," now (1902) by Wm. Sturges, on the Ridgefield Road, Wilton. Married Jan. 4, 1843 **Burr Smith** [son of Wm. and Abigail (Bedient) Smith of Norwalk, Ct., at Wilton, by Rev. Mr. Smith. Born Feb. 13, 1821. His last res. 141 Main St., Norwalk, Ct. He died Apr. 5, 1901, buried in Union cemetery.

35. V. HARRIET AMELIA, born at Wilton, Ct., [134] Aug. 16, 1824. Married May, 1841, **Chas. Partrick** [son of

Halsey and Phebe (Lockwood) Partrick, of Wilton, Ct.] Born Oct. 31, 1815. She died Aug. 16, 1847. He 2d md. **Susannah Hoyt**, July 20, 1850, born Sept. 1, 1828, died July 20, 1858, [see Hoyt Gen. No. 5354.] He died Feb. 26, 1895, buried Zion Hill cemetery, Wilton.

36. VI. MARY, born Sept. 4, 1826 at Nod, Wilton [135] Married 1st, Oct. 8, 1854, **Henry Donaghe** [son of Henry & Polly (Tefft) Donaghe] of Exeter Center, N. Y., born Aug. 2, 1817, died Jan. 3, 1871. After his death she came to Conn., and married 2nd at Portchester, N.Y., Mar. 14, 1883 **Capt. Willis J. Merritt**, of Norwalk, Ct. [son of Dan'l and Sarah (Lyon) Merritt] born 1810. He died Aug. 10, 1889, and was buried at Greenwich, Ct., his former home. She married 3d* at Portchester, N.Y., Apr. 4, 1894, **Moses Hill**, of Redding, Ct. [son of Gershom and Cemantha (Gregory) Hill.] He died Oct. [funeral 15th] 1898. She then removed to N. Y. State, and at present (1902) is residing with her only living daughter at West Winfield, N.Y.

37. VII. EBENEZER, born at Nod, Wilton, Feb. 18, 1828. Married Mar. 20, 1849 **Mary Gilbert** [dau. of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Abbott) Gilbert] by Rev. Wm. N. Bangs. Born Jan. 11, 1828. No chil. He learned the trade of shoe maker, but afterward took up farming as an occupation. He first bought a small place in Wilton which he sold, and bought in New Canaan, Ct., then returning to Wilton, and thence again to New Canaan, where he exchanged places several times, but eventually settled the next door to the Hanford Davenport or earlier Enoch St. John place.

He took great pride in improving his farm and in having a good pair of oxen. He, with his wife, her sister (Betsey) and a child of Chas and Mary Agnes (Richards)** Dickson, of Lewisboro, N. Y., while crossing the R. R. at Five Mile River, upon their return from the seashore, were instantly killed by the 4.52 P. M. express, Aug. 16, 1887. He was thrown into the air 20 ft. and was completely disarticulated. The horse was thrown but escaped without injury. The quadruple funeral held at the M. E. Church, at New Canaan, was attended by all denominations and

*Portchester, marriage record, dau. of David and Parmelia (Drumman) [Grumman] Van Hoosear.

**Brought up by Mr. Van Hoosear from a child.



FIVE SISTERS.

Mrs. Abram Fitch, No. 27. Mrs. Stanley Mead, No 43. Mrs. Moses Hill, No. 36.
Mrs. Charles B. Morehouse, No. 33. Mrs. Burr Smith, No. 34.

all business in the borough was suspended. Three ministers were present at the ceremony and engaged in the remarks, some of which were: "He had been a member of the church for nearly 20 years, was unpretentious, honest, not ashamed to work, never found taking advantage of another for his gain, was a strong temperance man, his convictions being decidedly "Total abstinence." His light shone out on others; for several years he held an office in the church. It was sudden death and sudden glory. They went together." Mr. Van and wife were buried at Hillside cem., Wilton, and a beautiful monument is erected over their graves.

38. VIII. WILLIAM, born at Nod, Wilton, Oct. [137] 4, 1829. Married Aug. 3, 1853, Rachel Ann Brown, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., born July 24, 1834, his record, [Sept. 20, his mother's record.] She died July 7, 1869, at Black River Falls, Wis. He 2nd married June 11, 1871, Mary Ann Caswell,* (wid. of Thos. Caswell and dau. of Levi and Sally Warren,) born April 22, 1843. He spent 5 yrs, 7 mo. learning carpenter's trade, under Chas. Scribner, Wilton. 1850 to April, 1851, worked at John O. St. John's, Georgetown, then rem. to Norwalk until fall, when he went to Mamaroneck, stayed there until Apr. 1855, went to Ripon, engaged 10 mos. with Mr. Burr Betts, thence to Black River Falls, Wis., where he built the Court house.** He also built the Union School House of three stories for \$24,000. In 1856 he went logging, 1871 rem. to Unity, Clark Co., Wis., where he built a saw mill, 1875 rem. to Romeo, about 3½ miles from Unity, which was a wilderness of timber. A railroad had been built 7 yrs. Here he built several houses, a saw mill, established a large lumber yard; but on July 7, 1876, a fire, (the work of an incendiary) burned 7,000,000 feet of lumber, dwelling house, 14 tenant houses, and blacksmith shop, leaving not a building standing. Damage \$125,000, insurance \$45,000. He again built up the little hamlet but Sept. 27, 1888, another fire came (probably the work of the same incendiary) burning 9,000,000 ft. of lumber, saw mill, planing mill, two tenant houses, large boarding house, and

*By Mr. Caswell she had two chil., viz.: 1. Warren Levi md. Maud Gruber; one child; Helen Caswell, aged 8 yrs. (1901). 2. Thomas md. Nellie Carbury, of Fondulac, Wis.

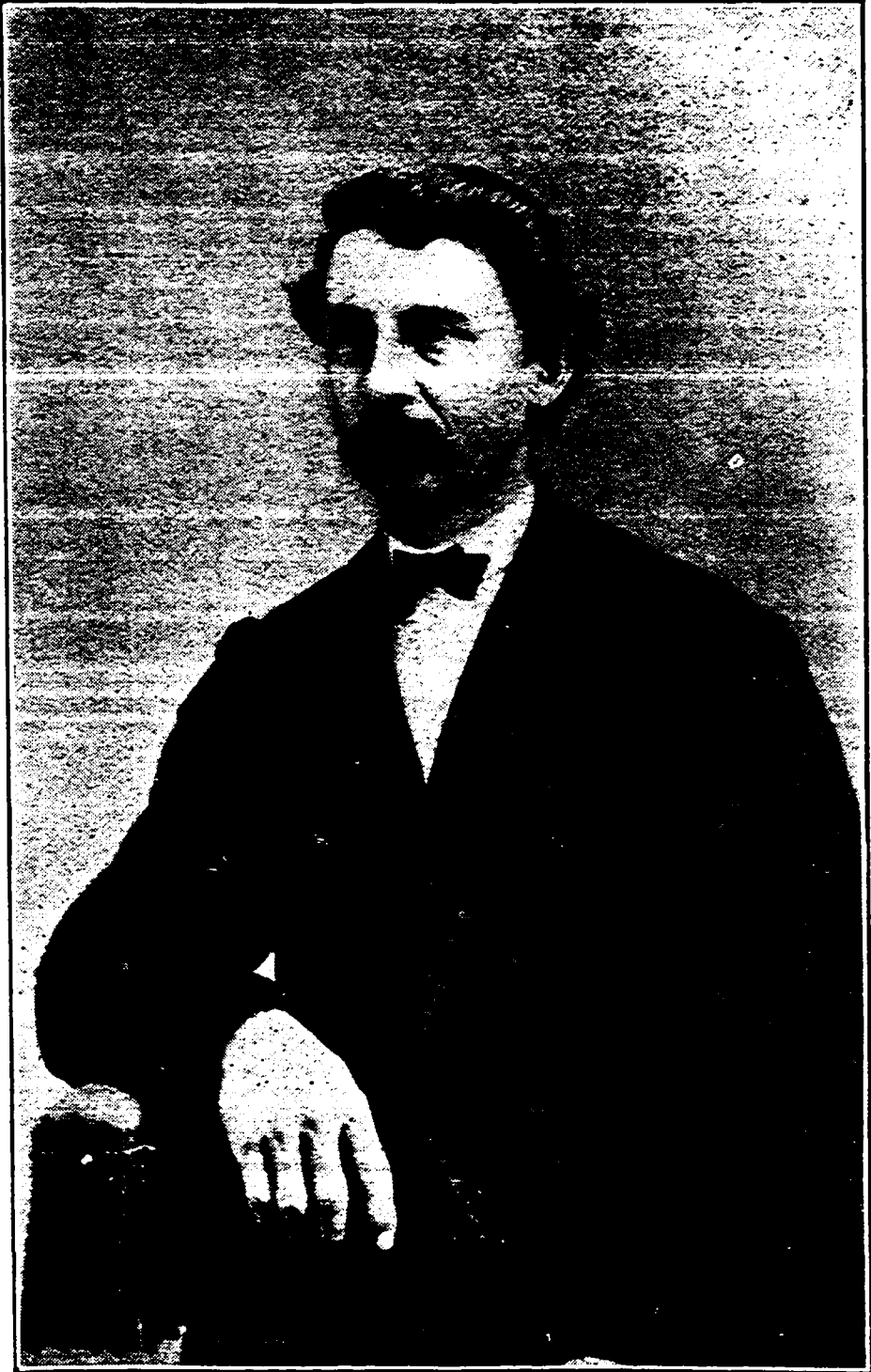
**Contract for which was \$65,000. The building was burned, and his tools to the extent of \$300.00 were burned with it.

Post Office which had been established there in 1879. He then left Wis., July 1891, removing to California where he settled on a large fruit farm at Haywards, Alameda Co., where he still resides (1901.) He has a very genial disposition, was fond of children, far sighted in business matters and not afraid to invest capital, with all his discouragements, a man with plenty of energy and able to control large responsibilities.

39. IX. CHARLES, born at Nod, Wilton, April [146] 13, 1831. Married Nov. 1, 1854, **Emily Cole** [dau. of Sherman and Susan (Hurlbutt) Cole, grd. dau. of Thos., gt. grd. dau. of Jonothan Cole, all of Wilton] born Dec. 23, 1830. His last res. was Chestnut Hill, Wilton, where he had settled about 18 yrs. before. He was formerly a shoe maker, but the factory system drove him from that, and he took up agriculture. He built a large barn, improved his farm, and prepared to build a fine house, when his services were solicited as cutter at the Morrison & Co. shirt manufactory, Norwalk, Ct., in which he worked until a short time before his death. He suffered with a persistent throat trouble which resulted in his death Dec. 1, 1881. The autopsy revealed a tumor of 4 lb. 6 oz. weight, completely filling the upper cavity of the thorax. He bore his suffering with submission and patience, arranged his business affairs to be managed by his family when he was gone. He was buried at Hillside cem., Wilton. His wife died at Norwalk, June 19, 1893, at 10.30 A. M., and was buried at same place.

40. X. ELIZABETH, born at Nod, Wilton, Aug. [122] 14, 1834. Married Feb. 14, 1853, **Abram Fitch**, born Sept. 25, 1830. [See No. 27.]

41. XI. GEORGE EDGAR, born at Nod, Wilton, [148] Dec. 13, 1836. Married Apr. 18, 1861, **Eliza J. Fitch** [dau. of Wm. and Harriet (Raymond) Fitch, of Norwalk, Ct.] born Oct. 31, 1839. He learned the carpenter's trade with Chas. Scribner of Wilton, which occupation he has generally followed. He is remarkable in his observation in business, being a natural mechanic, he has kept up with the trade in which he is very expert. He is economical and while working looks for the interests of his employer. He resides at Cranbury, Norwalk, [1902]. He has long been a member of Lodge No. 10, I.O.O.F.



William Van Hoosear. No. 38.



S. Van Horn

42. XII. SYLVESTER, born at Nod, Wilton, Ct., Mar. 14, 1839. Married Feb. 14, 1861 Miss **Julia B. Taylor**, [dau. of Horace and Rebecca (Quintard) Taylor, he of Ridgebury and she of Norwalk, Ct.] of Norwalk, Ct., born July 6, 1838. No children. His primary course of education was received at the district school in Nod, finishing his course under the tutorship of Hon. Edward Olmsted, of Wilton, Ct. He engaged himself as clerk in John Bennett's dry goods store, Norwalk, afterward entered in partnership with an associate clerk, under the firm name of Van Hoosear & Ambler, in the same business in Norwalk. This was the leading house of its kind in the now city of Norwalk until his death, Oct. 29, 1884, from brain fever. He held many positions of trust and directorship in his town, and was much respected. His beautiful face, rosy countenance and pleasant manners won for him a large acquaintance and many friends. He was buried in Union cem., Norwalk, at the setting of the sun; funeral services were conducted by the I.O.O.F. order. The "Norwalk Hour" issue Nov. 1, 1884 says: "When about 18 he came to Norwalk as clerk and remained as such until Dec. 1865, when he and James Ambler bought out Morris & Doty, dry goods dealers. He was one of the incorporators of the Norwalk Savings Society, Director of the Nat'l Bank of Norwalk, and member of Our Brothers' Lodge, No. 10, I.O.O.F. The "Norwalk Gazette" remarked: "He was 20 years a member of the 1st Cong. Church, member of the Board of Trade. Years ago he erected one of the finest residences on our most attractive avenue [30 West Ave]. As a merchant and business man he was methodical, sagacious and indefatigable. At his funeral the many floral tributes bestowed by sorrowing friends were of unique and beautiful designs and most profuse in number. The scroll presented by the bank was particularly noticeable and beautiful.

43. XIII. ANTOINETTE, born at (Nod,) Wilton, [152] Ct., Nov. 23, 1840. Married there Oct. 10, 1859 **James Stanley Mead**, of Branchville, Ct., [son of Wm. and Abiah L. (Partridge) Mead,] born Sept. 15, 1838. Occu. carpenter. Res. (1900) Garfield Av., Danbury, Ct.

44. XIV. HENRY, born at (Nod) Wilton, Ct., [156] Nov. 29, 1842. Married Sept. 4, 1866, **Lucy Ellen Johnson**, [dau. of Francis Johnson,] born at Stafford, Vt., April 5, 1845. She died in Worcester, Mass., Oct. 14, 18—. He 2d

married, at Brooklyn, N.Y., Nov. 2, 1890, **Sara Rosa Leaton** (wid. of Wm. Carey Leaton) and [dau. of Wm. Bacon and Susan (Rose) Saxton, of N. Y. State] born at Suffield, Mass. He served in the War of the Rebellion, in Co. A, 17th Regt., Conn. Vol., mustered in Aug. 9, 1862, mustered out at Hilton Head, S. C., July 19, 1865. He engaged in the dry goods business at So. Norwalk but sold out and for a time was a traveling salesman. At the time of his death he was engaged with F. B. Smith, Bridgeport, Ct., where he had been for several years. He died Aug. 19, 1901, at 7 A. M., at 122 Courtland St., Bridgeport, Ct. Buried at Worcester, Mass.

FIFTH GENERATION.

Chil. of Smith and Julia Ann (Van Hoosear) Pinney. 8

45. I. LUCY A., born Aug. 11, 1821. Married [159] **Henry Hoppson**, his occu. said to be merchant. Res. Troy, N.Y. Both are said to have been adopted by a Troy resident.

46. II. CHARLOTTE JANE, born Sept. 7, 1828. [161] Married **Henry L. Babcock**.

47. III. EDWARD S., b. May 8, 1833, died Oct. 22, 1855

48. IV. WILLIAM T., born April 25, 1835, died Oct. 22, 1856.

49. V. CHAUNCEY T., born April 25, 1837. [163] Married Aug. 18, 1865, **Percillia Jones**.

50. VI. HENRY A., born Feb. 15, 1839. Married [165] July 16, 1864, **Catherine Cooper**.

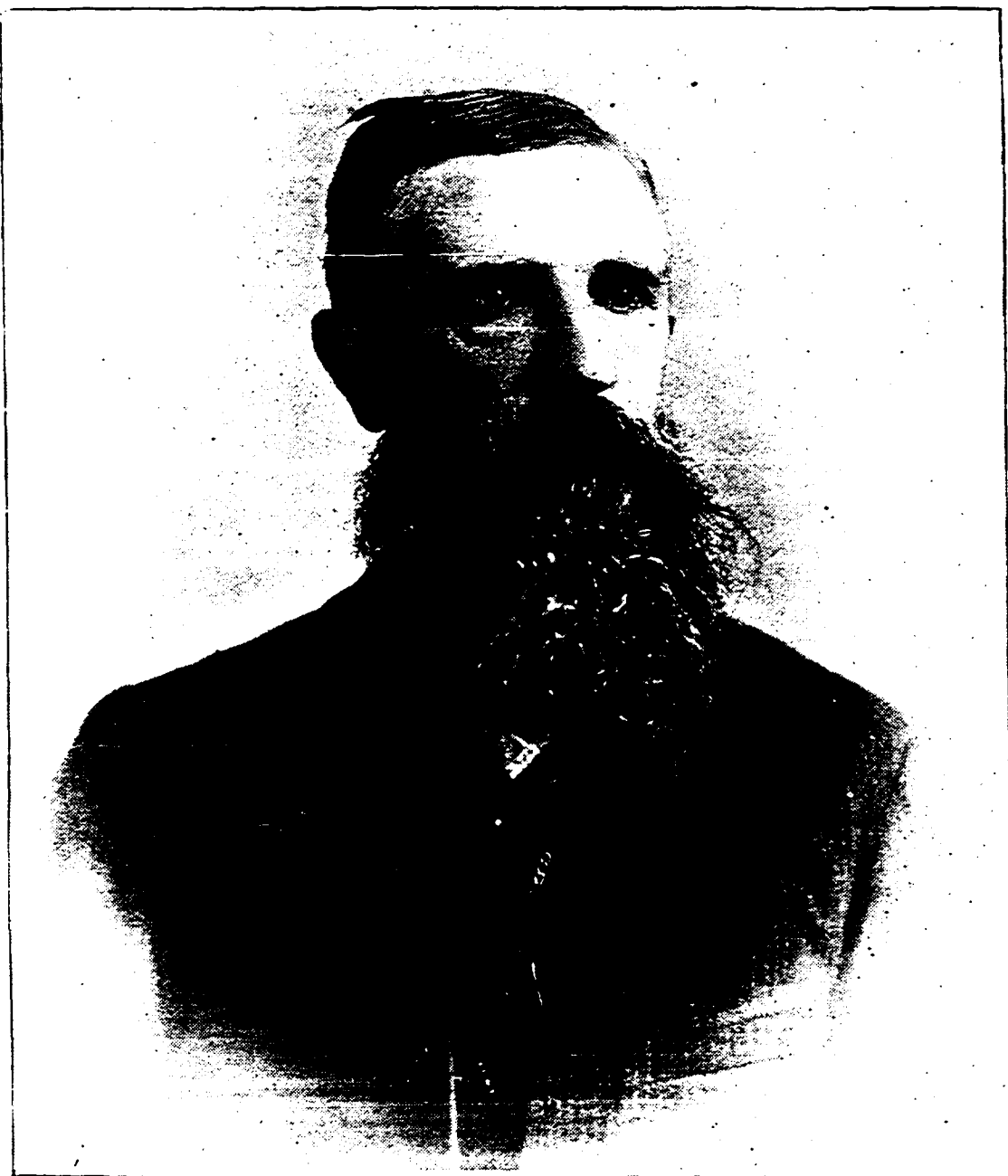
51. VII. CURTIS S., b. June 28, 1840. Married [167] Jan. 3, 1867, **Marion Beebe**. At one time he was Post Master at Chestonia, Antrim Co., Mich.

52. VIII. FRANKLYN H., born May 23, 1842.

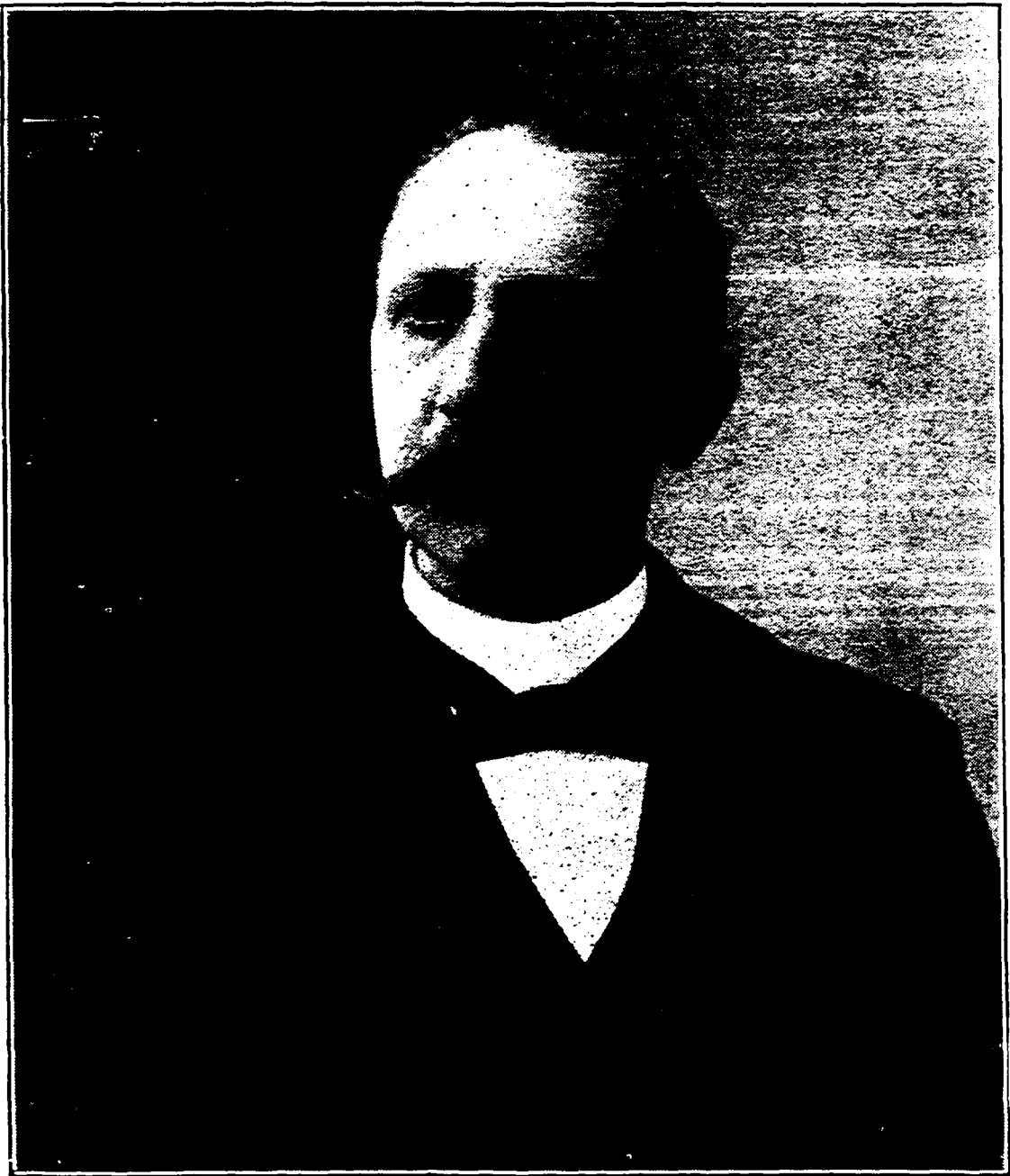
53. IX. LAURA AUGUSTA, born Feb. 29, 1844. [171] Married Sept. 3, 1866, **David Steele**.

54. X. ADELBERT R., born Mar. 10, 1846. [173] Married Sept. 1867, **Alisa Rogers**.

55. XI. NORMAN R., b. Aug. 23, 1847. Married [175] Mar. 10, 1870, **Mary Torry**.



George E. Van Hooser



Henry Van Hoosear. No. 44.

Chil. of Cyrus and Sally (Van Hoosear) Riddle. 10

57. I. **MARY**, born —. Married before 1850, Mr. Adams, an atty. at law, of Rochester, N. Y., where they resided Jan. 27, 1850.

58. II. **NATHAN LEWIS**, after his father's death, (then about 12 yrs. of age) he was adopted by Allen Swartout, and resided in Wisconsin.

59. III. **SARAH**, Married 1st—, he lived but 6 weeks Married 2nd —. No children.

Chil. of William and Sally (Van Hoosear) (Riddle) 10 Jennings.

60. IV. **CELIA**, married — Butterfield. Res. Feb. 12, 1862, Toledo, Ohio. She is reported dead.

Chil. of Emerson and Adelia (Van Hoosear) Ciapp. 11

61. I. **CHESTER D**, born May 20, 1836. Married Feb. 21, 1866, **Minnie L. Ober**, born July 4, 1848. Res. 1880, East Claridon, Geauga Co., Ohio, without children.

62. II. **CHILLISSA A.**, born Oct. 17, 1837, died March 8, 1874. Unmarried.

63. III. **MARY**, born in the spring of 1842. Died, "one or two weeks old."

64. IV. **HOMER**, born in the summer of 1844, died Mar. 1846.

Chil. of Nathan and — (White) Van Hoosear. 12

65. I. **SUSAN MATILDA**, is said to have been adopted by her grandmother. Res. Canada.

Chil. of David R. & Caroline (Whiting) Van Hoosear. 13

66. I. **NANCY A.**, born Sept. 20, 1845, died Feb. 5, 1846

67. II. **ALBERT W.**, b. Oct. 23, 1846, died Mar. 23, 1874

68. III. **LEROY W.**, b. Sept. 6, 1854, died Jan. 27, 1855

69. IV. — Son. Living 1887.

70. V. — Son. Living 1887.

Chil. of Levi O. and Susan C. (Van Hoosear) Brown. 14

71. I. **EMMA OPHELIA**, born at Wilton, Ct., Aug. 8, 1859, died at Wilton (Hurlbutt St.) Aug. 21, 1864. Buried St. Matthews cem.

72. II. NELLIE VAN, born at (Hurlbutt St.) Jan. [176] 24, 1864. Married Dec. 1886, **Henry DeWitt Meeker** [son of "Harry" and Martha A. (Davisson) Meeker, he of Westport, she of Roxbury, Ct.] born Mar. 2, 1860. Occu. farmer. Res. (1900, Crosshighway) Westport, Ct.

Chil. of Hezekiah & Caroline (Whiting) Van Hoosear. 15

73. I. FRANK ADELBERT, born Nov. 26, 1853. Unm. 1887. Went west.

74. II. WILLIE REED, born Mar. 6, 1858. Md.—[179

75. III. HERBERT JAMES, b. Dec. 20, 1860. Md.—[180

76. IV. EVA THERSA, born Feb. 10, 1863. Md. — P. O. address, 1887, Quincy, Mich.

Chil. of Samuel and Antoinette (Jelliff) Carpenter. 16

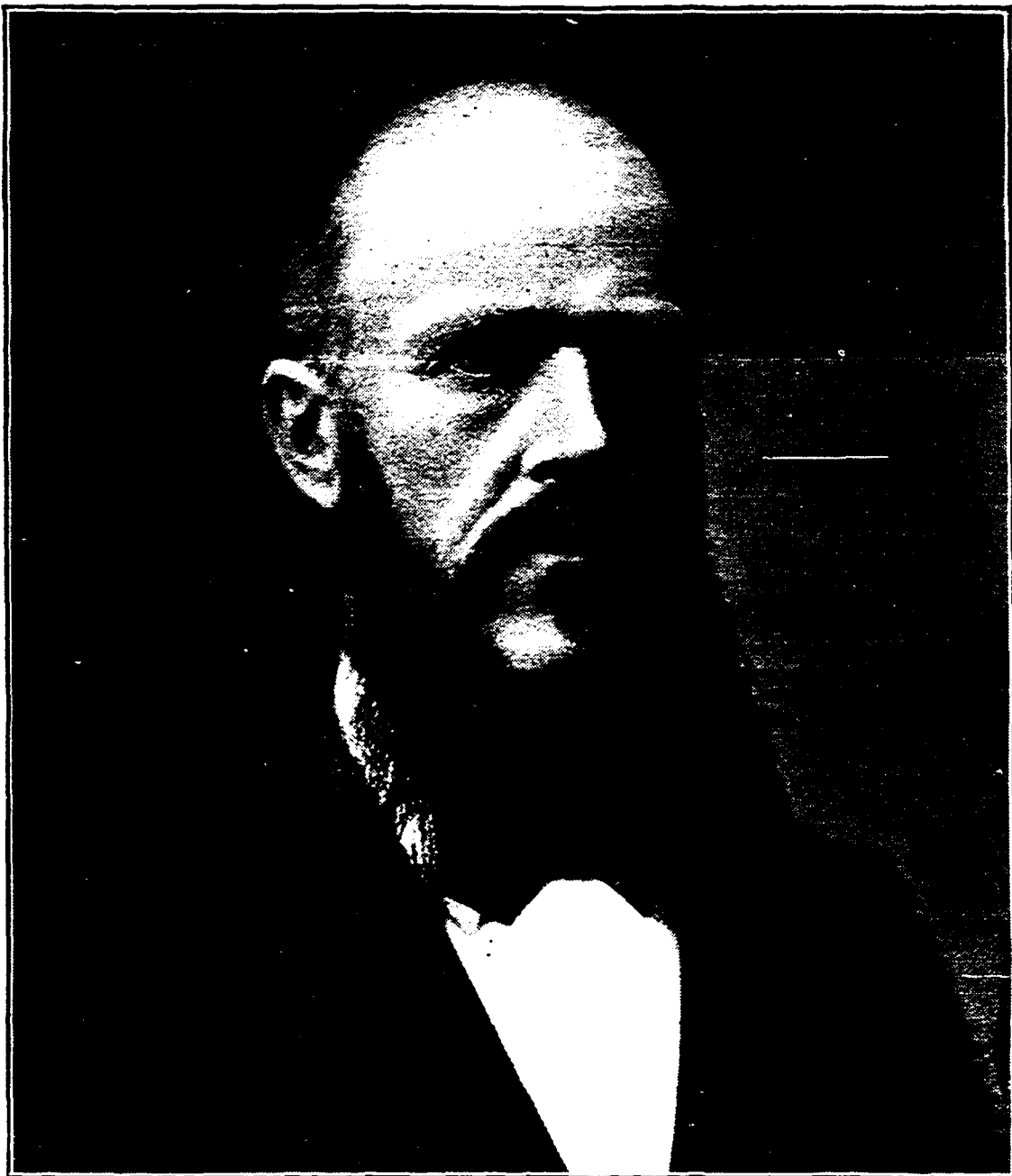
77. I. LYDIA MARIA, born Sept. 1825. Married **Louis Shuster**. He died at Rosco, Sul. Co., N. Y., about 1890. Occu. grocer and dry goods merchant. She died at Dairyland, Ulster Co., N. Y., May 16, 1850. No children.

78. II. EDWARD, born July 18, 1827, died a small boy in Sul. Co., N. Y.

79. III. ISAAC JELLIFF, born July 24, 1829. [181] Married at Council Bluffs, April 13, 1849, **Nancy Adaline Perkins** [dau. of Absolom and Nancy (—) Perkins] born Dec. 12, 1831. He served in the Mexican War as substitute for his father, who was drafted. He received his equipment on the 3rd or 4th of Aug. 1846, in Co. C, under Capt. James Allen, and was one of the party that wintered at Pueblo, Col. After he left Thunder Hill, with his parents, he never returned to Sullivan Co. until 1856 or '57 when he paid his friends there a visit. Res. (1900) Canon City, Col., but had removed Aug. 1901.

80. IV. RHODA ANN, born Jan. 5, 1832. Married [185] Sept. 14, 185—, at Ellensville, N. Y., **Joseph Ephriam Mance** (son of George) born Sept. 2, 1827. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. Occu. Architect and Miller. She died July, 1896.

81. V. JULIA ANN, born Jan. 6, 1834. Married [190] Oct. 17, 1852, in Sullivan Co., N. Y., **Simon J. Keator**, born at Stone Ridge, Ulster Co., N. Y., June 25, 1830. Occu. farmer. He died April, 1901. Last res. Vineland, Colo. She died at Vineland, Mar. 9, 1901.



Isaac Jelliff.

82. VI. ELIZABETH "BETSEY" born June 3, [195] 1836. Married April 16, 1853, **Elijah Mance** [cousin of above Joseph E.] born July 22, 1825. He died near Ellenville, ["The Cape"] Jan. 4, 1875. She died 3 miles from Ellenville, May 8, 1869. His occu. farmer.

83. VII. ANTOINETTE M., born July 3, 1838. [201] Married Dec. 31, 1859, **Samuel I. Benson** [son of Neal S. and Elizabeth G. (Turrel) Benson] born Feb. 23, 1840. Occu. Cutler (Knife Maker). Res. 1892, Ellenville, N. Y.

84. VIII. ABIGAIL, born at Olive Green, in Hancock Co., Ill., Sept. 20, 1840, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, when about 6 years of age. Another account, fall of 1844.

85. IX. BENJAMIN ALMON, born at Olive Green, [206 Hancock Co., Ill., Aug. 14, 1842. Married April 16, 186-, **Nancy Jane Groo** [dau. of John and Emily (Palmer) Groo] born July 23, 1841, at Neversink. Occu. farmer. Res. Hasbrouck, Sul. Co., N. Y. (1901).

86. X. NANCY, born at Olive Green, Hancock Co., Ill. before Nov. 10, 1846, died an infant.

Chil. of Curtis B. and Abigail (Reynolds) Jelliff. 17

87. I. JANE ANN, born at Fallsburgh, N. Y. [209] May 14, 1837. Married Oct. 2, 1859, **Jarvis Carr Kile** [son of Dr. Benjamin & Tabitha (Carr) Kile] born Aug. 17, 1834. Occu. farmer. Res. Fallsburgh, (P. O. Woodbourne, N.Y.)

88. II. ISAAC, born at Fallsburgh, N. Y., May [212] 12, 1839. Married at Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1868, **Joanna Porter** [dau. of Henry and Catherine (Black) Porter] born Mar. 2, 1846. Res. Hasbrouck, 1901. He served during the War of the Rebellion, first as private in Co. E, 20th N. Y. S. M., from April 23, '61 to July '61; second as 1st Lieut. Co. K, 56th Regt., N. Y. State Vol. from Sept. '61 to Feb. '62; third as 1st Lieut. and Capt. 143rd Regt., N. Y. S. V., from Oct. '62 to July '65. Held office of County School Commissioner of 2d Dist., Sullivan Co., from '73 to '75. Clerk in Census Bureau, Wash., D. C., 1890 to 1893. Owns a farm in the town of Neversink, 112, where he resides, 1901. Two children.

89. III. REUBEN REYNOLDS, b. at Fallsburgh, [214] N. Y., June 13, 1841. Married at Monticello, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1866, **Martha Ann Gillett** [dau. of Zopher & Martha (Drake) Gillett] born at Fallsburgh, N. Y., July 16, 1842. He stud-

ied law with Senator Henry R. Low, at Monticello, N. Y., admitted to the bar Dec. 8, 1864, at Albany, N. Y. Practiced law since 1866 at Woodbourne, N. Y.; held the office of Special Co. Judge from Jan. 11, 1896 to Dec. 31, 1898. He has been prominent in contributing to this Vol.

90. IV. GEORGE, born Feb. 24, 1849, died Oct. 27, 1865, at Thunder Hill, Sul. Co., N. Y.

Chil. of Isaac B. and Rhoda Ann (Jelliff) Tyrrill. 18

91. I. MARIA SOPHIA, born Sept. 13, 1841, died at Woodbourne, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1862.

92. II. LYDIA A., born Mar. 5, 1843. Married [217] 1st **David P. Hall Palmer** [son of Benj. F. and Tryphena (Gillett) Palmer] born Mar. 7, 1839, died April 8, 1865. Md. 2nd, May 9, 1875, **Joseph Merritt**, farmer. [See No. 98].

93. III. WM. HENRY, born Oct. 17, 1845. Md. [219a] May 5, 1868, **Cornelia A. Hendrickson** [dau. of Blake and Elizabeth (Upham) Hendrickson] born Oct. 10, 1850. Res. Middletown, N. Y. He died July 18, 1900. His occu. City Police.

94. IV. DAVID NASH, [named after David Nash Van Hoosear] born Mar. 11, 1848, died May 13, 1852.

Chil. of Martin F. and Maria (Fitch) Merritt. 20

95. I. WILLIAM FITCH, born May 30, 1834, at Marbletown. Married **Cornelia Holmes** [dau. of Wright and Hannah (Gray) Holmes] born July 24, 1836. Last res. Woodbourne, N. Y. He died April 14, 1859, at Fallsburgh, N. Y. She died Feb. 11, 1863. No children.

96. II. MARTIN, born at Marbletown, June 4, 1836. 220 Married 1st, Mar. 12, 1864, **Maria J. Evans** (dau. of Sam'l & Sophia Evans, of Woodbourne) died April 8, 1865. No chil. Married 2nd, Jan. 5, 1867, widow, **Cornelia Kinney** (dau. of Nathan and Cornelia Layton) born Mar. 25, 1837. Res. Woodbourne, (1900.) She died Sept. 8, 1898. Occu. Prop. River View House (Boarding.)

97. III. DANIEL WEBSTER, born at Marbletown [230 Sept. 30, 1838. Married **Melissa Pierce** (dau. of Hiram and Emeline) Res. Cooperstown, N. Y. (1892.) He died the fall of 1895. She was living (1900), in Otsego Co., N. Y.

98. IV. JOSEPH, born at Marbletown, June 16, [231] 1841. Married 1st, Dec. 23, 1863, **Miranda L. Smith**, [dau.

of Joseph and Lucinda (Colwell) Smith] born Feb. 15, 1838, died Aug. 12, 1874. Married 2d, May 9, 1875, **Widow Lydia A. [Turrill] [Palmer]**, [dau. of Isaac and Rhoda A. (Jelliff) Turrill] born Mar. 5, 1843. Res. near Ellenville, N.Y. 1900.

99. V. SILAS, born at Marbletown, N.Y., Aug. [236] 5, 1843. Married Nov. 12, 1864, **Louise Kortright** [dau. of Lawrence and Rachel (Bloomer) K.] born May 9, 1841. Prop. "Merritt House," boarding house. Res. Woodbourne, N. Y. (1900.)

100. VI. ABNER, born at Marbletown, N. Y. [241] Aug. 8, 1846, married 1st, Dec. 25, 1868, **Mary A. Bilyen** [dau. of Cornelius and Margaret (Misner) B.] born Feb. 24, 1852 and died July 1, 1899. Married 2nd, June 1902, **Emily De Witt**, [dau. of Jas., of Woodbourne, N. Y.) His res. 1902, Woodbourne, N. Y. Occu. Boarders.

101. VII. MADISON, born at Marbletown, N.Y., Mar. 11, 1849, married 1st, Nov. -, 1867, **Mary Sprague** [dau. of Abel and Elizabeth (Bussy) S.] b. 1841. No chil. Married 2nd, Feb. 25, 1891, **Phebe E. Krom**, [dau. of Conrad and Sarah M. (Carman) K.] born Mar. 17, 1854. Res. Hasbrook, N. Y.

102. VIII. WARREN, born June 19, 1852, died unm., Mar. 27, 1872. Last res. Woodbourne, N. Y.

103. IX. KERAN ESTHER, born Mar. 23, 1856. [242 Married **Demon Winner** [son of Benj. and Charity (Gillett) Winner]. Res. DeBruce, N. Y. (1900).

104. X. WILLIAM HENRY, born at Fallsburgh, N.Y. July 4, 1860, married **Mahala Osterhout** [dau. of Isaiah D. and Mary (Dolson) Osterhout]. No chil. Res. then Loch Sheldrake, N. Y.

Chil. of Nathan and Charlotte (Cummings) Fitch. 22

105. I. GEORGE, born Aug. 10, 1845, married Dec. 6, 1870, **Arunda Kane**, Occu. farmer. Res. Johnstown, Fulton Co., N. Y. (1890).

Chil. of Nathan and Sally A. (Horton) Fitch. 22

106. II. MARY JANE, born June 15, 1859, md. [251] Feb. 10, 1875, **George L. Cushman** [son of Lee and Esther (Bolton) Cushman] born Feb. 25, 1854. Occu. farmer. Res. Schuyler's Lake, N. Y.

Chil. of Eleazer and Lucretia (Fitch) Bowen. 23

107. I. HUDSON, died at Cooperstown, N. Y., July, 1851, about 1 year old.

108. II. Infant son, died at Cooperstown, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1851.

109. III. HARMON GILBERT, born —. Married **Ella Smith** (dau. of John and Lizzie Smith) Res. "Fitch Hill" Cooperstown. N. Y.

Chil. of Peter and Susan (Fitch) Countryman. 24

110. I. WILBER NELSON, born 1842, died aged 2 yrs.

111. II. RHODA, b. Aug. 29, 1845. Married Aug. [252] 1863, **Elisha Ayres**, b. 1843, alive 1901. Res. High Falls, 1900

112. III. LEWIS, born July 4, 1849. Married [258] Dec. 1878, **Minerva Silkworth**, born about 1859.

113. IV. WILLIAM HENRY, born Feb. 12, [259] 1853, married Dec. 28, 1878, **Rozzana Stokes**, b. Mar. 1863.

114. V. NATHAN, born June 14, 1856, married [262] Dec., 1878, **Mary Yapple**, born 1858.

115. VI. ANNA MARIA, b. April, 1858, married [264] April 3, 1880, **Barney Flynn**, born about 1856.

116. VII. MARTHA, born Feb. 12, 1861, married [266] Sept., 1861, **Aria Silkworth**, born 1854.

117. VIII. ESTHER MARY, born June 14, 1869, died aged 2 years.

Chil. of Jasper and Antoinette (Fitch) Purple. 25

118. I. HERMAN DAVID,* b. at Exeter Center, [267] N. Y., Mar. 38, 1852, Married at Rosedale, Aug. 10, 1871, **Catherine Snyder Hasbrouck**, [dau. of Jacob and Anna (Ean) Hasbrouck] born at High Falls, N. Y., May 27, 1846. Res. (1901) No. 12 Sterling St., Kingston, Ulster Co., N. Y. Occu. Cement Miller.

Chil. of John Lester & Antoinette Purple (Fitch) Niles. 25

119. II. JOHN LESTER, born April 20, 1858. [267h] Married Dec. 24, 1885, **Anna Tilson**, [dau. of Wm. H. Tilson] born Feb. 4, 1866. She died March 3, 1892.

120. III. SILAS MARTIN, born July 6, 1874, married June 28, 1888, **Anna Hasbrouck**, born at High Falls, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1872. Occu. Blacksmith. Res. High Falls, Ulster Co., N. Y.. No children (1901).

* Called himself Niles after his mother's marriage to J. L. Niles.

121. IV. JOSEPH, born June 10, 1867 or '69. Last res. Hasbrouck, Sul. Co., N.Y. Drowned in the Neversink River, June 28, 1881.

Chil. of Abram and Elizabeth (Van Hoosear) Fitch. 27

122. I. HARRIET LOUISA BURR, born at Ex- [268] eter, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1855. Married Oct. 21, 1873, **George Irving Haight**, (son of George, of Ridgefield, Conn.) born April 29, 1853. Res. So. Norwalk, Ct. (1884). She died at Norwalk, Ct., Sept. 17, 1884. He 2nd married.

123. II. GEORGIA DOROTHEA, born June 18, 1868. Married at Norwalk, Ct., Nov. 14, 1888, at 5 P. M., **George Raymond Barnum**, [son of Geo. H. and Susan J. (Hyatt) Barnum] of Norwalk, Ct. He built a beautiful residence, but sold it and they now live (1902) with her parents on Westport road. Occu. Accountant for Norwalk Lock Co. No chil. (1902).

Chil. of Dana and Elizabeth (Fitch) Pope. 28

124. I. ESTHER MARY, m —. Res. Morris, Otsego Co., N. Y.

125. II. WILLIAM, unmarried. Res. Oct. 1890, New Lisbon, N.Y. Occu. Farmer.

Chil. of Lewis and Mary L. V. (Reed) Fitch. 30

126. I. ELMER ELLSWORTH, born at Exeter, N. Y. July 19, 1862. Married at Westford, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1884 **Nina Burwell Bailey**, [dau. of Saml. C. and Jane (Roberts) Bailey]. Res. Fly Creek, N. Y. (1892). Occu. Painter.

127. II. EELERY GEORGE, born at Burlington, N.Y. May 11, 1870. Unm. Res. Fly Creek, N.Y. [1892],

Chil. of David N. and Phebe (Fillow) Van Hoosear. 31

128. I. OPHELIA, born at Norwalk, Ct., Nov. 30, 1839. Married at Hurlbutt St., Feb. 28, 1866, **George Benjamin Abbott** [son of Lewis and Calcina (Sturges) Abbot of Wilton, Ct.,] born at Wilton, June 29, 1839. She died at (Hurlbutt Street) Wilton, Feb. 4, (11.15 P. M.) 1879, a devoted wife and christian. After their marriage they moved to (Branchville) Ridgefield, Ct., where they lived for some years, and from there to Hurlbutt St. in the "Danl. Hurlbutt" place, thence to the "Michael Abbott" homestead, where she died. No children. After her death he married

Lovica Smith, [dau. of Egbert and Harriet (Smith) Smith]. They have one child, Sarah Jane. His occu. was Blacksmith, but he now attends his farm.

129. II. DAVID HERMON, b. at (Hurlbutt St.) [270] Wilton, Ct., Mar. 20, 1844. Married at (Zion's Hill) Wilton, Ct., Oct. 29, 1867, **Miss Sarah Jane Quick** [dau. of Thaddeus Smith and Harriet (Nichols) Quick, of Wilton, Ct., and grd. dau. of Samuel P. and Laura (Smith) Quick, of North Salem, N. Y.] born at Redding, Ct., June 12, 1846. Occu. Genealogist. Res. (Hurlbutt St.) Wilton, Ct.

SOLILOQUY

A while from now, when shall it be?
 I'll rest my busy brain,
 I often think it may be soon,
 I'll cease from toil and pain.

A while from now, will ne'er be seen
 My form, nor yet my face,
 I ask myself, will I be missed,
 Or leave a vacant place?

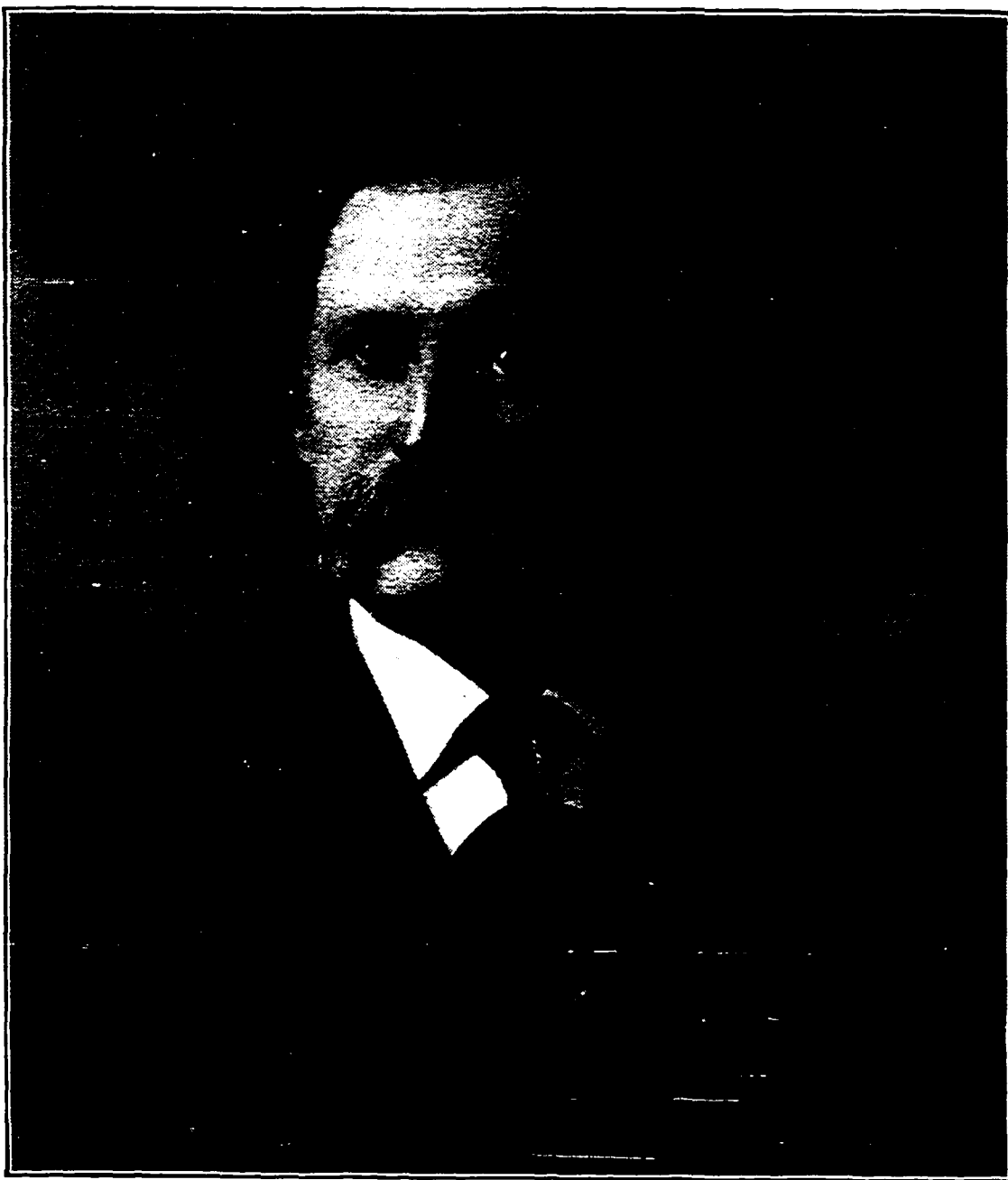
A while from now—oh, can it be,
 So soon I'll be forgot?
 I only ask give me a place
 By Mother dear in Father's plot.

—D. V. H.

THOUGHTS OF THE FUTURE.

When I shall die, will some kind friend
 Look into my quiet humble face,
 Before they lay me in my resting place,
 And will "they call to mind with loving thought,
 Some kindly deed the icy hands have wrought,
 Some tender words the frozen lips have said,
 Errands on which the willing feet have sped?"
 Whispering, may every fault be set aside—for he is dead.

When the long, last rest is mine,
 And from this earth I'm called away;
 May some Van Hoosear friend exclaim,
 This is the end, and no delay.
 His work is o'er, his labors cease;
 His life's complete,—his race is run,
 He's passed away, no more we'll see his face,
 And all his kindly deeds are done.



D. Hebert Hooscar

With interest felt—he labored hard;
 In tracing up the generations past,—
 Yet none can tell but those who know,
 The task he 's had from first to last;
 The nights of thought, and days the same,
 The broken rest,—for me,—for you;
 He gave his time,—his talent,—strength,
 To follow up the work he had to do.

How can we pay the debt we owe,
 To him, the author of this book.
 But hear, what now he had to say,
 He only asked a though,—a look,—
 He said, “When I am dead and gone,
 And generations, yet unborn (It's all I claim.)
 Shall look beneath these lids; I ask
 To find, my father,—then, think kindly of his name.”

—D. V. H.

Chil. of Charles B. and Louisa (Van Hoosear) More- 33
house.

130. I. CHARLES BURR, born Mar. 29, 1841. [271]
 Married at Norwalk, Ct., Cong. Church, June 7, 1864, **Miss Mary F. Ferris** [dau. of “Capt.” Stephen, Jr. and Emeline (Aiken) Ferris] of East Norwalk, (the Ferris family descended from Stamford) born Mar. 6, 1841. He secured a good education under the tutorship of Hon. B. F. Brown, at (Cannon) Wilton. He bought a place on Staten Island, N. Y., but moved to Branchville, Ct. where he was employed as accountant and salesman in the Lumber and Hardware business. There he built a fine residence and subsequently acted as traveling salesman until he engaged in the lumber business for himself at Danbury. His wife died Dec. 14, 1898, A.M. He is now disengaged and resides at Branchville, (1900).

131. II. GEORGIANA, born Sept. 19, 1843. [272]
 Married at Ridgefield, Dec. 25, 1865, **Lewis Milton Ryfenburgh** [son of Peter and Dorothy (Lewis) Ryfenburgh] born at Phelps, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1839. He received a good education at Hon. B. F. Brown's, where he and his wife were schoolmates. Occu. Marine engineer. After his marriage most of his time was spent in and near N. Y. City. He was the inventor of the Automatic Opera Glass. “Mr. Ryfenburgh was well known in Wilton—where his kindly, pleasant ways and ready sympathy had won for

him many friends." [Obituary notice]. His health failing he and wife came to her old home at Ridgefield where Feb. 28, 1896, he died. The wid. still resides there (1903).

Chil. of Burr and Sally (Van Hoosear) Smith. 34

132. I. ISABELLA, b. Feb. 23, 1846. Married [273] at Wilton, Ct., Oct. 15, 1863, **Addison Armstrong Betts** [son of Ira Jr., and Nancy (Weber) Betts of Wilton] born Dec. 30, 1840. His occupations have been school teacher, accountant, coll. of City (Norwalk) taxes. He was chosen Capt. of Militia at Norwalk, where he resides (1903) and where he with others were successful in having the present armory located.

133. II. FERDINAND BURR, born Nov. 6, 1848 [274] Married Jan., 1870 **Miss Anna Waters**, [dau. of Amzi and Elizabeth Jane (Stevens) Waters, of Norwalk] born Aug. 16, 1848. She died at Bridgeport, Ct., Dec. 15, 1900, buried at Norwalk, Ct. He acted as salesman in N. J. for a few years, and afterward came to Norwalk and opened a large Dry Goods store under the firm name of "Earle and Smith." In a few years he moved to N. Y., then to Troy, N. Y., then to Bridgeport, Ct., where for twelve years he conducted a large Dry Goods business. He 2nd married Sept. 3, 1902, **Genevra Bessie** [widow of Chas. B. Root, and dau. of Francis Fisk and Lucy (Kendall) McLean, of Ludlow, Mass.] born April 22, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at 141 Main St., Norwalk, Ct. (1903.)

Chil. of Charles & Harriet (Van Hoosear) Partrick. 35

134. I. MARY FRANCES, born Sept. 20, 1845. [277] Married 1st by T. A. Lovejoy, Nov. 27, 1863. **Daniel Sturges Abbott** [son of Lewis and Calcina (Sturges) Abbott] born Feb. 13, 1842. He enlisted in the 3d Reg., Co. D, Conn. Militia, May 11, 1861, and was discharged Aug. 12, 1861. Re-enlisted Oct. 29, 1862 in the 25th Reg. Ct. Vol., Co. I, discharged April 25, 1863. He was drowned outside of Norwalk harbor May 25, 1873. Last res. (Cannon Sta.) Wilton. She 2d married Sept. 1879, **Henry Burr Partrick**, of Wilton [son of Burr]. She resides at Cannon Station (1900).

Chil. of Henry and Mary (Van Hoosear) Donaghe. 36

135. I. HARRIET AMELIA, born Feb. 17, 1856, died May 10, 1860.



MEMBERS OF FIVE GENERATIONS.

Mrs. Louis M. Ryfenburgh, 131.

Mrs. Chas. B. Morehouse, 33. Mrs. David Van Hoosear, 7.

Mrs. Percy St. C. Ackerman, 272.

Lewis St. C. B. Ackerman, 326.

136. II. LUCIA AMELIA, born July 14, 1861. [283] Married Sept. 4, 1878, **Arthur Moore Parke** [son of Byron and Sophia (Brooks) Parke], born May 11, 1854. Occu. Prof. of Music. (Grad. 1876.) Res. West Winfield, Herkimer Co., N.Y. (1901.)

Chil. of William and Rachel Ann (Brown) Van Hoosear.
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137. I. JULIAN, born at Black River Falls, Wis., Oct. 6, 1853, died May 10, 1860.

138. II. MINNIE BLANCHE, born at Black River Falls, Wis., May 29, 1862, died May 22, 1863.

Chil. of William and Mary Ann (Warren) (Caswell) Van Hoosear.
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139. III. HELEN BLANCHE, b. Sept. 23, 1872. [285a] Married Sept. 5, 1895 **Philip Richard Kimball** [son of Edwin and Mary (Bisbie) Kimball, he born at Leyden, N. Y. 1831, she at Ellicottville, N. Y., 1833] born Dec. 1, 1873. Occu. Rancher. Res. Haywards, Cal. 1901.

140. IV. JOHN EDWIN, born at Unity, Wis. [285e] Dec. 23, 1874. Married Oct. 15, 1896 **Grace Julia Kennedy** [dau. of Duncan Cameron* and Addie (Best) Kennedy] born at Haywards, Cal., Mar. 24, 1875. Occu. Fruit Culturist. Res. Haywards, Cal. 1901.

141. V. WILLIAM SYLVESTER, born Jan. 23 [285f] 1877, married June 14, 1900 **Margaret Steedman**, [dau. of Peter and Agnes (Patterson) Steedman of Scotland] born in London, Eng., Aug. 4, 1875. His occupation, fruit culturist. Graduated Union High School, No. 3, June 8th, 1894, at Haywards, Cal., where he resided, 1901.

142. VI. DAVID, born at Romeo, Wis., July 16, 1882, died aged 7 months.

143. VII. BESSIE ELNORA SALLY PERMELA, b. at Romeo, Wis., July 16, 1882, died Mar. 12, 1887.

144. VIII. MAY ROMONA, born at Romeo, Wis.. April 1868, died 1886.

145. IX. THERESA EIGHMY, born at Romeo, Wis., Jan. 30, 1888, unmarried 1901.

* Born Erie Co., N. Y., Sept. 4, 1838. She at Portland, Me., June 10, 1852.

Chil. of Charles and Emily (Cole) Van Hoosear. 39

146. I. FLETCHER, born in Norwalk, Mar. 25, 1870, married Oct. 24, 1900 **Miss Harriet Esther Ruscoe** [dau. of Cyrus and Frances E. (Davis) Ruscoe, of Norwalk, Ct.] He is a member of Our Brothers' Lodge, No.10, I.O.O.F. and employed at the Shirt Man'f'y, Norwalk, (1903).

147. II. LUELLA COLE, born in Norwalk, Mar. 9, 1873, married at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 19, 1900 **William John Bassett Nodine**, [son of Alonzo and Emma (Reed) Nodine] born at Yonkers, N. Y., May 13, 1865. Occupation liveryman, 156 Pierpont st., Brooklyn, N. Y., residence 147 Ft. Green Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Chil. of Abram and Elizabeth (Van Hoosear) Fitch.

[See No. 122, 123.]

Chil. of George E. and Eliza J.(Fitch) Van Hoosear. 41

148. I. JULIA, born April 28, 1862, died at Norwalk, July 17, 1870.

149. II. JESSE, born Feb. 6, 1868, married June [285] 27, 1886, **Frederick Freudenthal**, [son of Chas. and Henrietta (Dreyer) Freudenthal.] Res. Norwalk, Ct.

150. III. BERTIE MAY, born June 30, 1871. Unm. (1903). Music teacher. Res. Norwalk, Ct.

151. IV. BLANCHE MAURICE, born Dec. 27, 1881. Res. with her parents.

Chil. of James S. and Antoinette (Van Hoosear) Mead. 43

152. I. WINFIELD, born July 13, 1862, married [286] Oct. 23, 1884, **Angelina Dominge** [dau. of La Clair & Annie (Morris) Dominge,] born at N. Y., Aug. 8, 1863. Occu. Salesman. Res. Danbury, Ct.

153. III. HARRY, born Aug. 18, 1867, died with membranous croup, Nov. 3, 1872.

154. IV. MINNIE BLANCHE, born Dec. 23, 1869, married May 23, 1893, **Wm. J. Bell** [son of Geo. and Elizabeth (Jackson) Bell, of Danbury, Ct.] born in England, April, 1870. Res. Danbury.

155. V. CLARENCE WILLIAM, born April 8, 1877. Unm. (1900). Res. Danbury.



Berlie M. Van Hoorsear.

Chil. of Henry and Lucy E.(Johnson) Van Hoosear. 44

156. I. HARRY WARREN, born at Norwalk, [288] Ct., —29, 1869, married at Worcester, Mass., Feb. 10, 1890 **Emma Blanche Sibley**[dau. of Geo. Frederick and Charlotte Jane (Ashby) Sibly] born at N. Brookfield, Mass., Mar. 21, 1868. Res. Worcester, Mass. (1890).

157. II. FRANCES LUCILE, born at So. Nor- [289] walk, Ct., Mar. 4, 1870, married at Worcester, Mass., Mar. 21, 1892 **Rev. Jay Scott Budlong**, [legally adopted son of Samuel Newell and Ellen Frances Budlong, 1873, and son of Charles Edward and Jennie (Farr) Spencer,] born at North Situate, R. I., July 20, 1859. Minister of the Episcopal Church. Res. 1902, Ballard, Washington. U. S. A.

158. III. EDITH GERTRUDE, born at So. Norwalk, Mar. 22, 1873, married at Worcester, Mass., Mar. 3, 1890, **Charles Willard Knight**, [son of Samuel Willard and Julia (Phelps) Knight, she of Northampton, Mass.] born in Westfield, Mass., July 6, 1864. Occu. Salesman. Res. 1902, 74 Sharon St., West Medford, Mass.

SIXTH GENERATION.

Chil. of Henry and Lucy A. (Pinney) Hoppson. 45

159. I. WILLIE.

160. II. —.

Chil. of Henry L. and Charlotte J.(Pinney) Babcock. 46

161. I. JENNIE, born April, 1858.

162. II. HERBERT, born Aug., 1868.

Chil. of Chauncey T. and Percilla (Jones) Pinney. 49

163. I. CARRIE, born Dec. 10, 1866.

164. II. ALFORD, born May, 1870.

Chil. of Henry A. and Catherine (Cooper) Pinney. 50

165. I. FREDDIE, born Aug. 2, 1867.

166. II. WILLIE, born Dec., 1874.

- Chil. of Curtis S. and Marion (Beebe) Pinney. 51**
 167. I. HERMON, born Oct. 5, 1867.
 168. II. HOWARD, born Sept. 4, 1869.
 169. III. MABLE, born July 29, 1872.
 170. IV. ALISON B., born Sept. 8, 1879.
- Chil. of David and Laura A. (Pinney) Steele. 53**
 171. I. IRA, born Aug. 1, 1867.
 172. II. BIRTHIE, born July 9, 1869.
- Chil. of Adelbert R. and Alisa (Rogers) Pinney. 54**
 173. I. ELOUISE, born Sept., 1868.
 174. II. CHARLOTTE, born Nov., 1869.
- Chil. of Norman R. and Mary (Torry) Pinney. 55**
 175. I. MERTIE, born Sept. 1875.
- Chil. of Henry D. and Nellie V. (Brown) Meeker. 72**
 176. I. EDITH MAY, born Sept. 27, 1886. Res. with
 parents.
 177. II. FLORENCE LILLIAN, born Aug. 16, 1888,
 died May 16, 1891.
 178. III. LULUETTA, born March 10, 1891.
- Chil. of Willie R. and — (—) Van Hoosear. 74**
 179. I. —, born before 1887.
- Chil. of Herbert J. and — (—) Van Hoosear. 75**
 180. I. —, born before 1887.
- Chil. of Isaac and Nancy A. (Perkins) Carpenter. 79**
 181. I. SUSIE LOUISE, born Feb. 1, 1850, [289a]
 married May 13, 1870, Paul W. Carroll. He (or she) died
 May 16, 1889.
 181a. II. NANCY ADALINE, born June 6, 1852, died
 Oct. 13, 1861.
 182. III. CHARLES, born June 19, 1854, married [289d]
 1st Oct. 10, 1878, Annie Farrist. Married 2d, Dec. 15, 1886
 Hannah Brown.

183. IV. ISAAC FRANCIS, born June 13, 1856, married Mar. 11, 1878, **Mary M. Johnson**. No chil. Res. Watrous, New Mexico, (1900).

183a. V. ALZADIE, born in Hangtown. Col., [289g] Aug. 1, 1858, married May 10, 1882, **Tom. Carroll**, born in Belfast, Ireland, July 4, 1841. He died at Rock Springs, Wyoming. Res. Naples, Idaho, (1901).

183b VI. ALWILDA, (twin) b. at Hangtown, [289h] Col., Aug. 1, 1858, married 1st, May 18, 1880, **Norman Jump**. Married 2d, —, 1884, **J. L. Cooper**. She died Nov. 14, 1887 at Fort Worth, Texas.

183c. VII. GEORGIE, born Jan. 13, 1861, died Sept. 22, 1861.

184. VIII. WILLIAM EDWARD, born Feb. 27, 1864, died Aug. 5, 1888.

Chil. of Joseph E. and Rhoda Ann(Carpenter)Mance. 80

185. I. ISAAC WICKAM, born Feb. 6, 1852, [291] married 1st, Aug. 6, 1879 **Miss Alice Van Kenren**, of Pine Bush, Orange Co., N. Y. She died at Texas, Aug. 10, 1881, age 22 yrs., 10 mos. Married 2nd 1883, **Flora Helms**, at Ellenville, N. Y. She died Mar. —, 1885. Married 3rd, Dec. 29, 1887, **Augusta Reed**. Occu. carpenter and builder. Res. 265 W. 19th St., N. Y. 1902.

186. II. JOSEPHINE, born Aug. 15, 1853, married June 5, 1881 **Charles Hooker Remer**, of Penn Yan, N. Y. [son of Abram Van Norsdal and Sarah A. (Olney) Remer] born July 31, 1846. Res. 1902, 212 E. 50th St., N. Y.

187. III. JOSEPH SMITH, born at Ellenville, [294] N. Y., Dec. 13, 1854, married at Thomaston, Ct., Jan. 6, 1877, **Annie E. Kilner**, born at Walden, Orange Co., N. Y., Feb. 19, 1857. Occu. Prop. Hotel, Circle Ave., Ellenville. He died 1895. She 2nd married —. Res. (1900) Bridgeport, Ct.

188. IV. GEORGE W., born Aug. 28, 1857, died Oct. 6, 1875. Unmarried.

189. V. STEPHEN A. DOUGLASS, born Nov. [300a] 15, 1859, married May 13, 1891 **Miss Mary Shaupp**, of Ellenville, formerly of N. Y. City. Occu. Knife Maker. Res. Ellenville, N. Y.

Chil. of Simon J. and Julia Ann(Carpenter)Keator. 81

190. I. MELVIN VALENTINE, born at Fre- [300b] mont Center, Sul. Co., N. Y., Feb. 14, 1854. Married at Equinunk, Wayne Co., Penn., Nov. 6, 1878, **Nora Azmon Jump**, [dau. of Fredrick H. and Mary M. (Vaughn) Jump, of Equinunk, Penn.] born at Ashland, Green Co., N. Y. Jan. 31, 1859. His occu. farmer. Res. 1901, Pueblo, Colo.

191. II. ROBERT WHITE, born Feb. 27, 1855, died Sept. 26, 1876. Buried Union, Penn.

192. III. CHARLOTTE ANN, born at Fremont Center, N. Y., June 26, 1859, married 1883, at Dodge City, Kansas **Byron F. Smith**. Last res. Aurora, Ill. No children.

193. IV. ISAAC JELLIFF, born at Fremont Center, N.Y., Oct. 14, 1862, married at Bethany, Wayne Co., Pa., Sept., 1885, **Lucinda M. Mumford**.

194. V. ELIZABETH MARY, born April 9, 1868, died at Union, Penn. about 1884.

194a. VI. BENJAMIN LESLIE, born Sept. 26, 1874, died at Union, Penn. 1879.

Chil. of Elijah and Elizabeth (Carpenter) Mance. 82

195. I. MINNIE ANTOINETTE, born Sept. 22, [301] 1855, married Nov. 1, 1873, **James Hugh Collins**, [son of James Courtney and Jane (Milne) Collins] born Feb. 22, 1849. Occu. Ship Carpenter. Res. 108 Greenpoint Ave., Greenpoint, E. D., N. Y. (1893).

196. II. EDWIN CARPENTER, born April 7, 1859. Drowned in Ellenville Canal, Ulster, Co., N.Y., Aug. 1872.

197. III. EMMA FRANCES, (Twin) b. at Ellen- [302] ville, N. Y., April 7, 1859, married at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17, 1884. **Frank Wheeler**, [son of Warren and Catherine S. Wheeler] by Lewis Francis, Pastor of Kent St. Reformed Church; born Jan. 20, 1857.

198. IV. ISABELLA ANNA, born April 15, 1865 [305] at (the Cape) Ulster Co., N. Y. Married Aug. 17, 1881, **Enoch Eber Edwards** [son of Joseph and Esther Ann (Neffen) Edwards] born June 28, 1869 at Dairyland, N. Y. Occu. lumberman and farmer. Res. Livingston Manor, Sul. Co., N. Y.

199. V. THEODORE, born May 10, 1867, at Ellenville, N.Y., died at (the Cape) Ulster Co., N.Y., May, 1868, with croup.

200. VI. LIZZIE, born April 17, 1869, married at Ellenville, N.Y., Dec. 3, 1889 or 90 **Austin Pierce**, of Havre De Grace, (son of Josiah D. and Sarah M. Pierce) born Sept. 6, 1869. No chil. (1891). His res. Belias, Hartford Co., Md. (1891). Her. res. Ellenville, N. Y.

Chil. of Saml. I. and Antoinette M. (Carpenter) Benson. 83

201. I. MARION W., b. May 23, 1865, died Jan. 25, '83.

202. II. REUBEN JELLIFF, born Oct. 14, 1866. [310] Married Sept. 1888, **Marion Morris**. Occu. Painter and Paper Hanger. Res. Middletown, N. Y. (1892).

203. III. GEORGE L., born Feb. 12, 1869, mar- [311] ried Feb. 1889, **Rosie Aldrich**. Occu. Cutter. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. (1892).

204. IV. JOSEPHINE, born Aug. 31, 1872, died Apr. 10, 1875.

205. V. WARREN M., born April 15, 1877, at school. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. (1892).

Chil. of Benjamin A. and Nancy J. (Groo) Carpenter. 85

206. I. LUCY ALICE, born at Fallsburgh, N.Y., Oct. 29, 1864, married Mar. 12, 1895. "**Frank Sharp**,"* of Neversink, [son of Thomas and Almira (Everts) Travis] born Aug. 1, 1868. No chil. (1900). Res. Neversink.

207. II. WILLIAM J., born at Fallsburgh, N. [312a] Y. June 28, 1867, married Sept. 28, 1892 **Flora Benton** [dau. of George and Sarah (Hodge) Benton,] born Oct. 20, 1872. Res. (1900) Neversink.

208. III. JOHN GROO, born at Fallsburgh, [312b] N. Y., June 17, 1873, married Mar. 25, 1896, **Alice Jones**, [dau. of John B. and Sarah (Hasbrouck) Jones] born Oct. —, 1876. Res. Liberty, N. Y.

Chil. of Jarvis C. and Jane Ann (Jelliff) Kile. 87

209. I. OSCAR WILLARD, born Aug. 1860. [313] Married 1st, Feb. 22, 1883, **Esther Mary Smith**, [dau. of Samuel and Polly (Coon) Smith,] born Nov. 17, 1864; died May 20, 1886. Married 2d, April 13, 1890 **Jessie Freemont Hall**, [dau. of Mott and Jane (Devine) Hall,] born Mar. 1861; died Aug. 16, 1890. Married 3d, Oct. 29, 1901, **Min-**

* Foster son of Wm. and Maria (Everts) Sharp.

erva Gillett, [dau. of Reuben and Emeline D. (Marshall) Gillett,] born April 15, 1867.

210. II. JOHN STEPHEN, born May 11, 1863; died Jan. 10, 1883.

211. III. DELIA ABIGAIL, born July 10, 1867; died July 18, 1870.

Chil. of Isaac and Johanna (Porter) Jelliff. 88

212. I. NYE COLFAX, born at Woodbourne, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1869, married Oct. 12, 1892 **Miriam Philippa Tothill** [dau. of Alfred* and Philippa Jane (Martin) Tothill] born Dec. 7, 1872, in Philadelphia, Pa. Occu. Glass Manufacturer. No chil. (1901). Res. Orlean, N. Y. (1900).

213. II. HATTIE MAY, born Feb. 26, 1875 in [313d] Liberty, N. Y. Married Nov. 8, 1893 at Neversink. N. Y. **Andrew Bryers Townsend** [son of Isaac & Mary (Bryers**) Townsend] born Jan. 31, 1866, at Greenfield, N. Y. Occu. Farmer. Res. Greenfield, N. Y. (1900).

Chil. of Reuben R. and Martha A. (Gillett) Jelliff. 89

214. I. PLUMA, born April 19, 1869, married Sept. 27, 1898, **Jay Simpson** [son of James and Elizabeth (Gardner) Simpson] born Nov. 2 1869. Occu. Merchant. Res. So. Fallsburgh, N. Y. No chil. (1900).

215. II. BERTHA, born Sept. 18, 1875, married June 19, 1901, **Orrin Purvis Sprague** [son of Erastus and Mary (Purvis) Sprague] of Rockland, N. Y. (now called Livingston Manor) born June 5, 1861. A member of the Mercantile firm Campbill, Sprague & Co. Res. Roscoe, N. Y.

216. III. JESSIE ALEXIA, born Nov. 10, 1879, died June 29, 1881. Buried at Woodbourne, N. Y.

Chil. of David H. and Lydia A. (Tyrrell) Palmer. 92

217. I. ALICE, born May 16, 1862, married Apr. [314] 29, 1884, **D. Frank McCord**, [son of Abram and Rachel (Depuy McCord)] born Feb. 3, 1854. Res. (P.O.) Centerville, N. Y. (1900).

218. II. ETTIE, married Wm. M. T. Eckert. No chil. She died. His res. Greenfield, N. Y. (1900).

* He was born at Bristol, England, Nov. 9, 1836; came to America in May, 1853. His wife born Penan, Cornwall, Eng., Aug. 10, 1839; came to U. S., Sept. 1849. Married 1859.

** Dau. of Rev. James N. Bryers.



Benjamin Vernooy Merritt. No. 225.

219. MYRTLE, unkm. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. (1900).

Chil. of Wm. H. & Cornelia A. (Hendrickson) Tyrrell. **93**

219a. I. CORA, born Feb. 22, 1870, married Herman Scott. **[314a]**

219b. II. ISAAC B., born Sept. 11, 1875. Res. Middletown, N. Y.

219c. III. LESTER H., born Oct. 1, 1884. Res. Middletown, N. Y.

Chil. of Martin and Cornelia (Kinney) Merritt. **96**

220. I. GEORGE MARTIN, born Oct. 1, 1867. Unkm. Res. Woodbourne, N. Y. (1900). Occu. Carpenter.

221. II. SEYMOUR HORATIO, born July 23, 1870. Unkm. Occu. Milk, etc., 495 7th Ave., N. Y. 1902.

222. III. LILLIE BELLE, born Mar. 2, 1872, married Charles Armstrong (son of Stephen Armstrong, of Neversink, N. Y.) Res. (1900) Woodbourne, N. Y.

223. IV. HARVEY JAY, born Feb. 23, 1873, died Apr. 15, 1887.

224. V. FRANKIE, b. June 24, 1874, died Sept. 6, 1874

225. VI. BENJAMIN VERNOOY, born Nov. 1, 1875. Unkm. Occu. Policeman, N. Y. 1902.

226. VII. THORNTON LAYTON, born Mar. 28, 1878, married Mar. 28, 1900, Jennie Furnan (dau. of Orlando Furnan). Res. Woodbourne.

227. VIII. WINFIELD HANCOCK, born Feb. 9, 1880. Unkm. 1900. Res. Woodbourne, N. Y.

228. IX. EMMA THERESSA, born Sept. 24, 1881, died Oct. 31, 1896.

229. X. JENNIE BALL, born May 2, 1884. Unkm. Res. Woodbourne, N. Y.

Chil. of Daniel W. and Melissa (Pierce) Merritt. **97**

230. I. HIRAM, born Dec. 30, 1868, married Feb. **[315]** 1884, Emeline Hern. Res. Cooperstown, Otsego Co., N. Y.

Chil. of Joseph and Miranda L. (Smith) Merritt. **98**

231. I. LUCINDA, born Oct. 11, 1864, married **[317]** 1st July 9, 1884, James Nield, of Cooks Falls, N. Y. [son of John and Mary Nield] born Sept. 22, 1856. Occu. Farmer.

Died Dec. 8, 1888. Married 2nd, **Stephen Decker**. She died —.

232. II. JOSEPHINE, born Aug. 2, 1866, mar- [318] ried July 3, 1884, **Henry Severing** (son of Anthony and Mary Ann Severing) born Aug. 20, 1856. Occu. Farmer. Res. Ulster Hieghts, N. Y. (1900).

232a. III. MARTIN F., died May 24, 1869, age 5 m. 25 days.

232b. IV. WARD W., died Aug. 24, 1873, age 1 year, 3 months.

Chil. of Joseph and Lydia A. (Palmer) Merritt. 98

233. VI. MARTIN FREER, born May 12, 1876. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. (1900). Unm.

234. VII. LULU TYRELL, born July 9, 1878. [321a] married John Fiek.

235. VIII. MATTIE M., born April 16, 1880. Unm. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. (1900).

Chil. of Silas and Louise (Kortright) Merritt. 99

236. I. DELBERT, born in Fallsburgh, Nov. 5, 1865, married Feb. 18, 1888, **Louise E. Kneip** (dau. of John and Mary Kneip) born July 1, 1866. No chil. Res. Hasbrouck, N. Y. (1900).

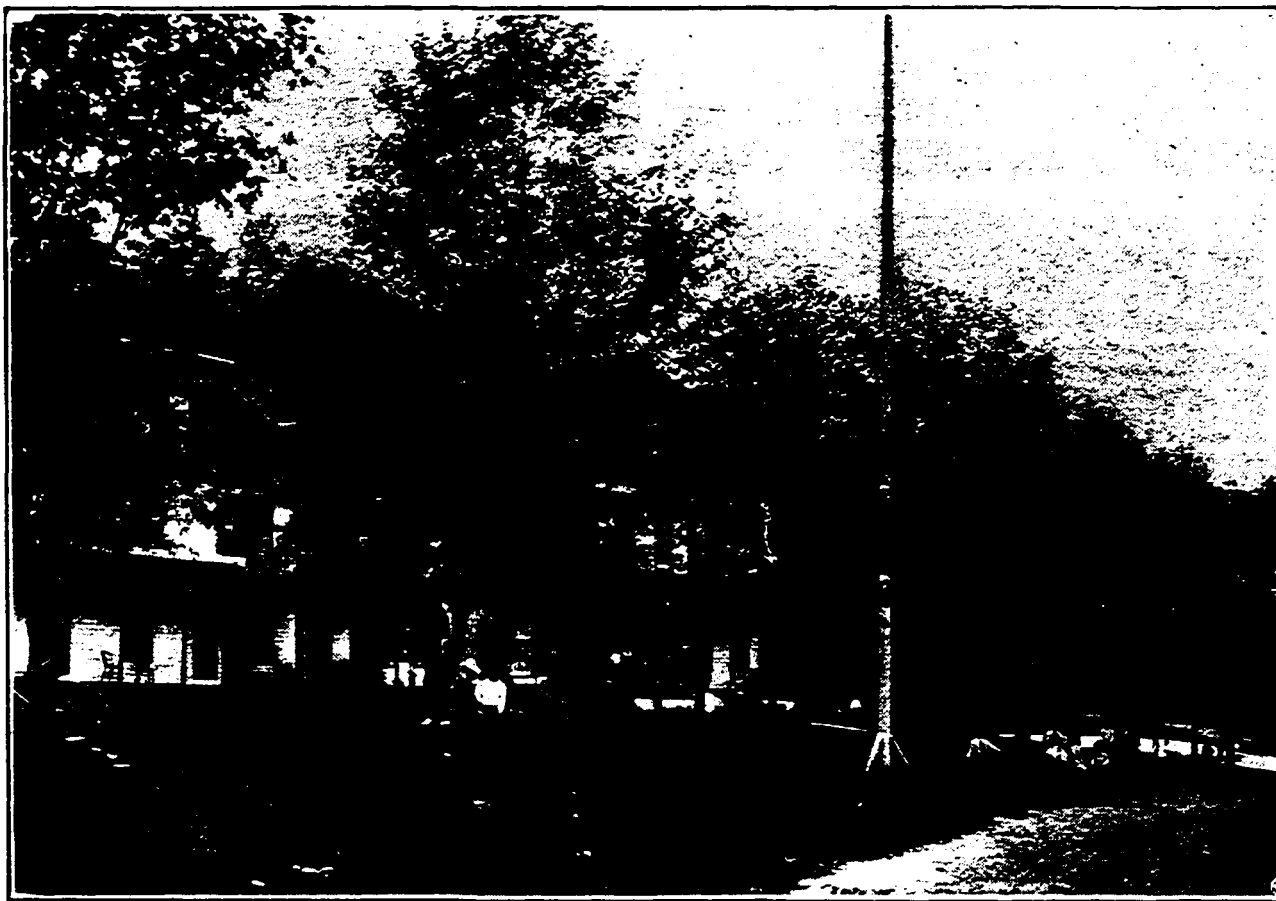
237. II. SHERMAN HASBROUCK, born at [321c] Fallsburgh, Aug. 24, 1869, married Nov. 22, 1893, **Sylvia Miller**, [dau. of Andrew Tabor and Sarah (Addis) Miller] Occu. Farmer. Res. Woodbourne, 1900.

238. III. CORA ELLA, born at Fallsburgh, June [322] 9, 1872, married June 9, 1892, **Herman Naehner** [son of Francis P. and Otelia Naehner] born Oct. 26, 18—. Occu. Housefurnishings, 473 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (1900.)

239. IV. FRANK M., born at Fallsburgh, Jan. [322c] 23, 1875, married **Susie Rexford** [dau. of Horace and Electa (Brown) Rexford]. Res. Centerville, N. Y.

240. V. SARAH ETTA, born at Fallsburgh, [322d] N. Y., Mar. 1, 1879, married Mar. 3, 1897, **John Pierce**, [son of Michael D. and Sarapta (Gillett) Pierce]. Occu. farmer. Res. Woodbourne, N. Y.

Chil. of Abner and Mary A. (Bilyen) Merritt. 100



“ RIVERVIEW HOUSE.”

The residence of Martin Merritt, No. 96, situated on the banks of the Neversink River, a short distance north of Woodbourne, Sullivan County, N. Y.

241. I. HATTIE MARIA, b. Aug. 4, 1870, mar- [322]
ried Sept. 28, 1892 **Wm. M. Smith**, [son of Thos. and Mary
(Anderson) Smith]. Res. Hasbrouck, N.Y. Occu. farmer.

242. II. NELLIE KERAN, born April 22, 1874, mar-
ried Oct. 2, 1895, **Richard G. Simpson**, [son of Jas. and
Elizabeth (Gardner) Simpson,] born April —, 1873. Occu.
farmer. No chil. (1900). Res. So. Fallsburgh, N. Y.

243. III. JOSEPH MADISON, born June 8, 1876, mar-
ried May 27, 1896, **Iona Depuy**, [dau. of Darias and Susan
Ann (Hasbrouck) Depuy].

244. IV. MINNIE MARY, born Feb. 16, 1882. Unm.
Res. Woodbourne, N. Y.

Chil. of Demon and Keran E. (Merritt) Winner. 103

245. I. HENRY. Res. De Bruce, N. Y.

246 II. ANNA.

247. III. NETTIE.

247a. IV. EATHEN.

247b. V. —, born 1900.

Chil. of George and Aurunda (Kaul) Fitch. 105

248. I. ELEANOR, b. Sept. 15, 1875, died June 10, '87.

249. II. JENNIE, born Sept. 10, 1883.

250. III. EARL, born Dec. 5, 1885.

Chil. of George L. and Mary J. (Fitch) Cushman. 106

251. I. ESTHER, born Jan. 7, 1876, married at Schy-
lers Lake, Dec. 28, 1897, **La Grande Southworth**.

251a. II. — boy, born 1893.

Chil. of Harmon G. and Ella (Smith) Bowen. 109

251b. —.

Chil. of Elisha and Rhoda (Countryman) Ayres. 111

252. I. ANNA ELIZABETH, born Sept. 1865, married
Oct. 1884, **Oscar Hornbeck**, born 1859.

253. II. LEWIS, born Nov., 1867, died aged 4 yrs.

254. III. IDA, born June, 1869.

255. IV. ELMER, born March, 1872.

256. V. WILLIAM, born Oct., 1878.

257. VI. DOREATHA, born 1883.

Chil. of Lewis and Minerva(Silkworth)Countryman. 112

258. I. ARIA, born March 8 or 9, 1880.

Chil. of Wm. H. and Rozzana(Stokes)Countryman. 113

259. I. WALTER WESLEY, born Mar. 19, 1880.

260. II. LURETTA, born Sept., 1878.

261. III. WILLIAM, born Jan. 2, 1884.

Chil. of Nathan and Mary (Yaple) Countryman. 114

262. I. LEWIS, born Jan. 1880.

263. II. PHILLIP, born about 1882.

Chil. of Barney and Anna M. (Countryman) Flynn. 115

264. I. LURETTA, born Jan., 1881.

265. II. —, born 1884.

Chil. of Aria and Martha(Countryman)Silkworth. 116

266. I. MYRON, born 1882.

266a. II. — (daughter) born Aug. 1883.

Chil. of Herman D. and Catherine S.(Hasbrouck) Niles. 118

267. I. ANNA, born Dec. 6, 1872.

267a. II. EUGENE, born May 5, 1874, married[322j] Sept. 27, 1893, at Stone Ridge, N. Y., Maggie Delamates, born at Marbletown, N. Y., Oct. 4, 1872.

267b. III. ARTHUR, born June 16, 1876, died June 30, 1876.

267c. IV. MARY, born April 15, 1878, married[322k] Jan. 1, 1896, Stephen J. Libolt, born Sept. 19, 1872, died April 12, 1900, at High Falls. Res. Wilber, N. Y.

267d. V. JANET, born Aug. 7, 1880.

267e. VI. FREDERICK, born Aug. 2, 1883, died Dec. 24, 1883.

267f. VII. CHARLES, born Feb. 2, 1885. Unm.

267g. VIII. MAURICE, born June 8, 1888. Unm.

Chil. of John and Anna (Tilson) Niles. 119

267h. I. WILLIAM H., born Nov. 28, 1886. Unm. Res. (1900) High Falls, N. Y.



Clinton Q. Van Hoosear. No. 270.

267i. II. ISABEL, born Oct. 17, 1888. Unm. Res. (1900) Cooks Falls, N. Y.

267j. III. MABEL, born Nov. 13, 1890, died Jan. 8, '91.

Chil. of George I. and Harriet L. B. (Fitch) Haight. 122

268. I. EARNEST VAN HOOSEAR HAIGHT, born Sept. 11, 1877, married —, **Cornelia May Hoyt**, [dau. of **Elias G. and Martha (Lessey) Hoyt**] born June 18, 1875. Occu. Clerk. Res. (1900) New Milford, Ct.

269. II. THEODORE MILTON, born Mar. 1881. Res. Ridgefield, Ct. (1900).

Chil. of David H. and Sarah Jane (Quick) Van Hoosear
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270. I. CLINTON QUICK, born at (Hurlbutt [323] Street) Wilton, Ct., Nov. 7, 1868, at 9.30 P. M. Married at 271 Rutledge Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 18, 1895, by Rev. John E. Adams, **Miss Ada Louisa Lewin**, of Brooklyn, N. Y. [dau. of Isaac and Eliza Clift (Mendenhall) Lewin, and grand dau. (paternally) of Wm. and Matilda (Watson) Lewin,— (maternally) Wm. and Sarah (Actlar) Mendenhall] born Oct. 11, 1870. He has a residence in Hurlbutt Street, where he lives. (1903). Occu. Mail Carrier

Chil. of Charles B. and Mary (Ferris) Morehouse. 130

271. I. FERRIS STEPHEN, born Dec. 11, 1865 [325] Married at Danbury, Ct., Oct. 3, 1888, by Rev. A. C. Hubbard, **Fannie D. Ballard**, [dau. of Cyrus and Sarah E. (Lewis) Ballard, of Danbury.] He 2nd married at Portchester, N. Y., by Rev. Sam'l Hunt, Sept., 1899, **Miss Kathleen Williams**, [dau. of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, of (Branchville) Ridgefield, Ct.] His occu. City Surveyor, So. Norwalk, Ct. (1893). Res. Branchville, Ct.

Chil. of Lewis M. and Georgianna (Morehouse)
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272. I. ANNA LOUISE DOROTHEA, born in [326] Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1866, married at Ridgefield, Ct., Jan. 1, 1887, **Percy St. Clair Ackerman**, of N. Y., born in Brattleboro, Vt., Sept. 18, 1866, [son of Aaron Crane* and Anna Elizabeth* (Bradbury) Ackerman.] He graduated at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. He

* He born at Goshen, N. Y. She New York City.

was interested in the Automatic Opera Glass Co., and acted as Advertising Agent for the Housatonic R. R. until absorbed by the Consolidated. He now resides at Wilton, Ct. (1902.)

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273. I. FARRON SMITH, born Sept. 12, 1864, [327] married at So. Norwalk, Ct., Jan. 20, 1891, **Miss Jennie Hall Byxbee**, [dau. of Francis Franklyn and Alma Elizabeth (Hall) Byxbee, of So. Norwalk, Ct.] He is Sec'y of St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M. Occu. of the firm of Holmes, Keeler & Selleck Co., Norwalk, Ct. (1903.)

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274. I. ROBERT IRVING, died 1870.

275. II. MASON MORRELL, born June 5, 1871. [328] Married **Miss Nellie Garlick**, [dau. of Chas. D. Garlick] Occu. Dry Goods. Res. Bridgeport, Ct. (1900).

275a. III. CARRIE EUGENIA, born at Norwalk, Ct., Feb. 1873, married Nov. 19, 1902, at 141 Main St., Norwalk, Ct., **Preston Moore Mc Clanahan** [son of Edmund B. and Martha E. (Simmons) Mc Clanahan] born Nashville, Tenn. 1868. Res. 457 W. 123d St., N. Y.

276. IV. MADISON WELLS, born at So. Norwalk, Ct., April 14, 1878. Unm. At home (1900).

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277. I. CHARLES, born Aug. 29, 1864, married 1890, **Miss Mary Hill**, [dau. of Moses and Mary (Goodsell) Hill, of Redding, Ct.] Occu. Blacksmith. He purchased the Hiram St. John Place in (Georgetown) Wilton, Ct., but removed to Cannons, where he resides. No chil. (1903).

278. II. INFANT, b. Sept. 18, 1866, died Nov. 10, 1866.

279. III. INFANT, b. Mar. 23, 1869, died June 8, 1869.

280. IV. ARTHUR STURGES, born July 18, [329] 1870, married at N. Y., 1889, **May Etta Banks**, born Feb. 12, 1873, [dau. of Wesley Banks, of Weston, Ct.] Res. 17 Cedar St., New Haven, Ct. (1900).

281. V. RICHARD WILLIS, born Nov. 15, 1873, married by Rev. W. Holmes, June 27, 1900, **Nettie Crabbe** (dau. of Chas. Crabbe of Stamford).

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282. VI. MARTHA JANE, b. at Wilton, June [331] 13, 1880, Married at Wilton, Sept. 28, 1898, **Edwin Andrew Henderson**, [son of Andrew and Isabel Henderson] of Norwalk. Operator in Winnipauk Mills.

Chil. of Arthur M. and Lucie (Dunaghe) Parke. 136

283. I. LELA ALENA, born Jan. 22, 1882. Grad. High School at West Winsted, N.Y., June 1899. At home.

284. II. EMMA, born April 17, 188-. At home.

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285. I. JESSIE VAN HOOSEAR, born July 2, 1896.

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285a. I. PHILIP, born July 12, 1897.

285b. II. WILLIAM EDWIN, born 1898. Died.

285c. III. DEAN, born Dec. 1899.

285d. IV. — dau. born April 14, 1901, died Aug. 1901.

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285e. I. WILLIAM KENNEDY, born Feb. 1898.

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285f. I. BURE STEDMAN, born Mar. 24, 1901.

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286. I. HATTIE BLANCHE, born Sept. 11, 1885.

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287. I. ANTOINETTE ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 24, 1894.

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288. I. ADAH LUCILE, born at Worcester, Mass., March 1, 1891.

288a. II. MARGARET PIERCE, born at Worcester, Mass., Feb. 1, 1893, died Mar. 4, 1893.

288b. III. **HAROLD SIBLY**, born at Worcester, Mass. June 2, 1897, died Nov. 27, 1898.

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288c. I. **ENID LUCILE**, born at Providence, R. I., Jan. 13, 1893.

288d. II. **OLIVE ETHEL**, born at Providence, R. I., Aug. 11, 1895.

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288e. I. **ALVAH JEWETT**, born Mar. 1, 1890, died May 29, 1893.

288f. II. **HAROLD WILLARD**, born Dec. 18, 1892.

288g. III. **HARRY VAN HOOSEAR**, b. Aug. 3, 1895.

289. IV. **PHILLIP**, born Oct. 18, 1897.

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289a. I. **PAUL T.**, born Feb. 8, 1870, married June 12, 1894, **Bertha Thaxter**. Res. Oakland, California.

289b. II. **CHARLIE**, b. Mar. 10, 1871, died Nov. 14, 1873

289c. III. **ADDIE LOUISE**, born Sept. 9, 1875. Res. Oakland, California.

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289d. I. **FLOYD**, born Oct. 5, 1880.

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289e. II. **CLARENCE**, born Sept. 16, 1887.

289f. III. **FRANKIE**, born Feb. 9, 1889.

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289g. I. **SUSIE LOUISE**, born at Fort Collins, [332] Col. Feb. 15, 1883, married Mar. 2, 1899, **Asa Alfred Hammons**, [son of Henry Allen and Flora (Holzer) Hammons] born at Wabasha, Minn., June 26, 1873. Occu. Sheriff and Merchant. Res. Plains, Montana.

Chil. of Norman and Alwilda (Carpenter Jump) 183b

289h. I. ZADIE M. J., born Feb. 18, 1881. Res. Canon City, Colorado.

Chil. of J. L. and Alwilda (Carpenter) (Jump) Cooper. 183

289i. I. WILLIE, b. Nov. 14, 1887. Address unknown.

Chil. of Isaac W. and Alice (Van Keuren) Mance. 185

290. I. FLOYD NEWTON, born April 22, 1880. Unm. Res. (1900) 100 8th Ave., N.Y. Occu. Gent's Furnishings.

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291. II. LILLIAN AUGUSTA, born May 19, 1890, died Sept., 1890.

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292. I. ARTHUR, born at Middletown, N. Y., June 6, 1882. Unmarried. Res. Flushing, L. I. Occu. Chief clerk, L. I. Express office.

293. II. JOSEPH, born at Goshen, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1889, died Jan. 3, 1893.

Chil. of Joseph S. and Annie E. (Kelner) Mance. 187

294. I. BIRTIE CARPENTER, born at Knowles Bridge, Ct., Oct. 9, 1877. Res. Ellenville, N. Y. (1900).

295. II. GEORGIE WILLARD, born at Ellenville, N.Y., Aug. 23, 1879. Unm. Res. Ellenville. (1900).

296. III. DORA ELIZABETH, born at Ellenville, N.Y., July 7, 1881. Unm. Res. Park Ave, Leonia, N. J. (1900).

297. IV. RHODA MAY, born at Albany, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1883.

298. V. EFFIE MAUD, born at Ellenville, N.Y., Feb. 24, 1885.

299. VI. JENNIE BOOTH, born at Ellenville, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1887.

300. VII. LILLIAN GRACE, born at Ellenville, N.Y. Mar. 5, 1890.

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300b. I, II. TWINS, born at Equinunk, Penn. Sept., 1879. Died at birth.

300c. III. LESLIE MELVIN, born at Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 1, 1881.

300d. IV. NORMAN ISAAC, born at Pueblo, Colo., March 20, 1885.

300e. V. CORBIN BYRON, born at Pueblo, May 9, 1889, died at Lake Side, (P. O.) Pueblo, May 6, 1893.

300f. VI. RAYMOND WALDRON, born Nov. 10, 1892. Lake Side, (P. O.) Pueblo.

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301. I. EDWIN MANCE, born at "the Cape" near Ellenville, Ulster Co., N. Y., July 31, 1874. Occu. Special in P. O., Station W., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y. (Feb. 1891).

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303. II. STELLA M., born at Pine Bush, N.Y., Aug. 9, 1887.

304. III. MINNIE FRANCES, born at Pine Bush, N. Y., June 3, 1889.

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305. I. MINARD ELIJAH, born at Hasbrouck, N.Y., Mar. 2, 1882.

306. II. ETHEL ESTHER, (twin) born at Hasbrouck, N. Y., May 30, 1885.

307. III. EDITH ELIZABETH, (twin) born at Hasbrouck, N.Y., died at Livingston Manor, N.Y., Apr. 23, '91.

308. IV. GRANT, born at Livingston Manor, N. Y., March 29, 1888.

309. V. IZITA, born at Livingston Manor, N. Y., died at Woodbourne, N. Y., June 28, 1891.

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 313. I. REUBEN JOHN, born Dec. 29, 1883.
 313a. II. ORA E., b. Apr. 30, 1886, died Aug. 24, '86.
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 313b. III. ROY, born Aug. 22, 1892.
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 313d. I. IRENE M., born July 1, 1899, at Greenfield, N. Y., died March 24, 1900.
 313e. II. HOMER JELLIFF, born at Greenfield, Ulster Co., N. Y., June 7, 1901.
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 316. II. NATHAN or WALTER? born July 16, 1887.
 316a. III. LYNN E., died Oct. 7, 1895, aged 2 mos.
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 322. I. **CORA ETTA**, born Oct. 2, 1893.
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322l. I. ALDEN LESSEY, born March 15 1898.

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323. I. HAROLD NASH, born at (Hurlbutt St.) Wilton, Ct., Nov. 1, 1896. Died at Hurlbutt St., Feb. 12, 1897. Buried "Joe's Hill" cemetery.

324. II. ETHEL CLIFFT, born at Hurlbutt Street, March 19, 1898.

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325. I. MILDRED LOUISE, born at (Branchville,) Ridgefield, Ct., April 2, 1892.

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330. II. CLARENCE SYLVESTER, born in South Norwalk, July 18, 1892.

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331. I. FLOYD EARL, born April 9, 1900.

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