

HISTORY OF  
The Wanzer Family in America

*From*

The settlement in New Amsterdam, New York.  
1642 to 1920

*"Tell ye your children of it, and let your children  
tell their children, and then their children another  
generation."* JOEL 1—3.

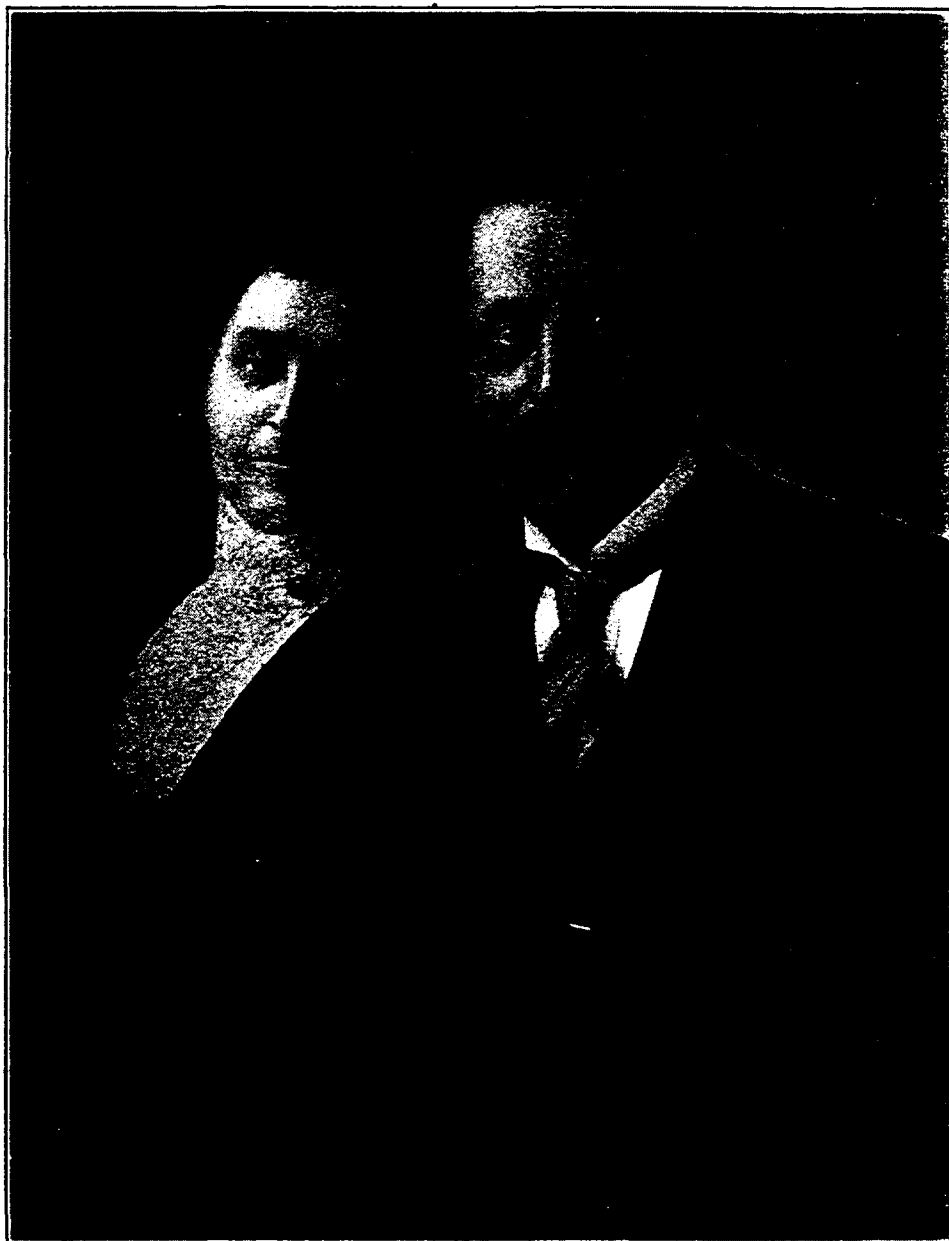
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See page 91



THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED

TO

My sons WALTER RAYMOND, and GEORGE CARPENTER WANZER, and  
their two sons WILLIAM RAYMOND and GEORGE CARPENTER WANZER, JR.

TO

THE WHOLE WANZER FAMILY,

TO

GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER AND

TO

EARTH, THE GREAT MOTHER.

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Good authority states, that only those who can trace their lineage,  
to an ancestor, who was settled in America, previous to the Declara-  
tion of American independence, (less than two and one-quarter mil-  
lions) can claim the honor of being descendants of the original Ameri-  
can stock.

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Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of  
children are their fathers.

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## PREFACE

A few lines will suffice for a preface. Of all the time, and patience spent, in the preparation of this book has been often told, in the making of every family history

I am indebted to many of the family for their splendid help, and have tried to give each credit in its proper place.

No claim is made to perfection in this volume, but feel that any of the family can trace his or her line from the data furnished.

Many things have interfered since starting this history, the largest, however, was the world war—for the success of which, we were willing to sacrifice every thing, that the world might be free from the cruel, despotic, murderous rule of the Kaiser; and, thank Heaven, he is forever vanquished! And the United States stands adamant!

Nearly ready to lay down the pen, this task of the Wanzer family, written, I do so with a genuine feeling of respect, for, in my memory, as each generation looms up, I have a panoramic view of the past Wanzers,—and as they are reviewed, one by one, I seem to see them, in their joys and sorrows, in their journeys from the cradle to the grave; and I cannot help wishing that each of the family will get as clear a conception of their sterling lives as I have done.

I am very truly,

WILLIAM D. WANZER.

Apr. 20, 1920.





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### JAN JANSEN WANSHAER

#### HISTORY OF THE FIRST WANSHAER

Jan Jansen Wanshaer, the first and only person to come to America, by that name, reached New Amsterdam, now New York city, about 1642, and we record him, ancestor No. 1.

He braved the ocean voyage, when ships were crude and all trips dangerous. In fact, records show that fatal shipwrecks at that time were common.

IN CALENDAR OF DUTCH MANUSCRIPTS O'CALLAGHAN Vol. 1, p. 20, Sept. 11, 1642. Power of atty. by Jan Jansen (Wanshaer) to Wintje Pieters to receive money due him from the East India Co. at Amsterdam; also same book p. 29, Sept. 10, 1644, power of atty. to Peter Ria, for money due him from East India Co. at Amsterdam, Holland.

He was born in 1621, see *Col. HISTORY of New York*, Vol XIV. p. 94, when he gave his age as 27 on 28th of Sept., 1648.

One of the most difficult tasks was to discover the birthplace of our first ancestor. It was at last found to be Cadzand, Holland. SEE NEW YORK COLONIAL Mss. 2. p. 134, Nov. 17, 1644, where we find in Dutch, which in part, reads:— *Which pieces of silver in case Jan Jansen should happen to die on the voyage, the aforesaid Jacob Stroffelsz shall deliver to his father, called Jan Wansaer, dwelling at Casant.*

The following two letters verify this in a search made by A. J. F. Van Laer:

New York State Library, Edwin H. Anderson, Director.

Manuscripts Section, A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist.  
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1908.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

That Jan Wansaer seems to have been a resident of Casant, is found in N. Y. Col. Mss., 2:134, as follows:

“welcke voorn stucken silver bijaldien Jan Jansen op de reijse quam te Overlijden, sal den voorn Jacob Stoffelsz bestellen aen sijn

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vader genaemt Jan Wansaer woonachtigh in Casant'' (which said pieces of silver, in case Jan Jansen should happen to die on the voyage, the aforesaid Jacob Stoffelsz shall deliver to his father called Jan Wansaer, dwelling at Casant).

Casant, at present written Cadzand, or Kadzand, is the name of a village and also of a district in the southwest part of the province of Zeeland, in the Netherlands.

The name Wansaer is probably a patronymic derived from the Frisian name Wanse or Wanne. Frisians settled during the middle ages or earlier all along the Flemish coast; even in Artois, France, the population is essential Frisian to this day.

Very truly yours,

A. J. F. VAN LAER.

New York State Library, Edwin H. Anderson, Director.

Manuscripts Section, A. J. F. van Laer, Archivist.

Albany, N. Y., March 16, 1908.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

In reply to your letter of March 10th, I wish to say that I have no objection to your using the quotation from my letter of recent date. The name Wansaer is one I can not quite account for and the statement that it is perhaps derived from Wanse or Wanne is only a guess which may be quite wrong. I cannot help feeling that somehow the name is of Frisian origin; all West Flanders was at one time overrun by Frisians and many Frisian names are found there. There is, however, in Friesland, a place by the name of Wanswerd, which is also called Wansert, and it is perhaps possible that there is some connection between this place name and the name Wansaert.

Very truly yours,

A. J. F. VAN LAER.

The Holland history of the family is scant. In fact, after hard work, no trace can be found of the family in Holland. In a letter written by Margaret Wanzer Holcomb in the 80's, she states that "the home of the Wanzer family has been found in Holland"; just what she meant cannot be discovered.

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Casant at present is called Cadzand or Kadzand. It is a village in Zeeland, a province in the most westerly portion of Holland, on the North sea, and on the south bank of the mouth of the West Schilde river. Early in history it was in the northern part of Flanders.

Jan Jansen Wanshaer, it would seem, did not use his surname until after his marriage. Just why, does not seem apparent. Nicknames were very common at that time.

The following is taken from NEW YORK GEN. RECORDS BOOK 7, 1876, PAGE 122:

### WANSHAER FAMILY

#### FIRST THREE GENERATIONS OF NEW YORK CITY

The head of the family was in New Amsterdam as early as 1644, following the vocation of pilot.

In the records of his marriage Jan. 17, 1649, to Baertje Hendricks Kip j. d. from Amsterdam, he is called Jan Jansen, j. m. Van Tubingen, probably from the town of that name in Suabia.

At the baptism of his children his name is variously recorded: Jan Jansen Van St. Cubis, Van St. Ubis, Van St. Obyn, Jan Van Sam, Jan VanSam, Jan Wanshaar, Van St. Berrers, Jan Wanshaer (sometimes Manshaer) and Jan De Caper. That is in English, Jan, the sailor.

He was admitted to the rights of a burger (American citizen) Apr. 18, 1657, and was one of the substantial and respected citizens of the city.

His name, and that of his wife, is recorded in the list of old members of the Dutch church, or those who joined the church between 1649 and 1660.

He resided on Brouwer St., now that part of Stone St., between Broad and Whitehall streets.

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Jan's business seems to have been that of a ship merchantman, and we find in

*Dutch Calendar Mss. p. 30, Nov. 26, 1644*, that he formed a partnership with Anthony Carol, Christopher Pieterse, and Abraham Philip in purchasing the frigate La Grace.

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This was a good-sized ship, larger than a sloop or brig, probably with batteries on two decks and likely carried from 28 to 60 guns.

Jan sold his interest in the La Grace in 1646.

No doubt Jan's two sons, Abraham bap. 1649, and Anthony, the *Wanzer* branch, bap. in 1657, were named for these partners.

The letters which follow, from Antwerp, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Cadzand, show how fruitless it has been to find any trace of the Wanshaer family in Holland.

No. 754

American Consulate General.  
Antwerp

January 25, 1908.

W. D. Wanzer, Esq.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Am sorry I cannot be of any service to you in helping you to trace your family history and connections. There is no Wanzer or Wanshaer mentioned in the Antwerp City Directory.

Very truly yours,  
HENRY W. DIEDWOCK,  
Consul General.

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry to say to you that in the records of our Lutheran church we have found nothing about the family Wanshaer (Wanzer or Warser). Perhaps your ancestors will have been members of the Presbyterian or Reformed church.

Yours respectfully,  
P. V. V. VEARS.

Amsterdam, 25, 7, '07.

Antwerp, 18, 11, '07.

Mr. Wanzer:

Although I did my very best and searched everywhere, I have not been able to find any trace of a man named "Wanzer," or "Wansaer."

In the registers of the population of the Municipality here, there is no inscription of a person bearing that name.

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Notwithstanding, I remain at your disposal and if you can give any more particulars which perhaps might lead to his discovery, kindly let me have them and be sure I will do all I can to please you.

Yours truly,  
YOS RADEMAKERD, Post Secretary,  
Central Post Office, Antwerp, Belgium.

Rotterdam, 22, 4, 1916.

Dear Sir:

In reply of your letter dated 20 March, I have the honour to inform you that no families of the name Wanzer, Wansaer, Wanshaar, or Wanshair are living in Rotterdam.

With kindly respects, I remain

Yours truly,  
Postmaster.

Amsterdam, the 29th Dec., 1907.

Mr. Wm. D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst, I must let you know that, to my regret, we can not give you any information about your family ancestor "Jan Wanshaer."

Our institution is established in the year 1781 (see above), thus 150 years later than named gentleman emigrated to your country.

The best advice, however, I can give you, is to write to the U. S. Consul at Antwerp, because Jan Wansaer was a resident from a place near that city—so as you told us. Otherwise you could take information from the "Knickerbocker Club" and from the "Holland Society" at New York and Boston. The members of these clubs have a good register of their forefathers which came to America (Nieuw Amsterdam on the Manhattan Island) about the time your ancestor lived. Probably they have the same name in their books. I know this, because I brought once this party across, from New York to Holland.

Hoping I have given you some light in the desired direction, I remain

Yours very truly,  
C. J. DONCHER,  
Commander.

Training school for officers and captain of the mercantile marine.

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Cadzand, Holland, 29, 10, 1907.

Mr. Wanzer :

I should have informed you sooner that none of the name sought, Wanshaer, Wanzer, etc., are found in the ancient ecclesiastical records of Cadsam, Zealand, which have been examined in vain. Perhaps, from the rank of the name mentioned, it may be found in the archives of the Commissary for the Encouragement of Mariners. Further than making this suggestion, I cannot help you.

With best wishes I salute you.

ROBYN,  
Postmaster.

Cadzand, Apr. 26, 1915.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer,

Dear Sir :

As Mr. Robyn, who received your letter, asked me to send you any answer, I have to let you know that the name Wanser is unknown here. I took the old books of baptism and marriage of our church—being the minister of the Dutch Reformed church—and could not find any name like yours, nor that gave any likeness. I sought carefully, from 1606-1644. So you may be sure your ancestor did not live here. But we are speaking of the "land of Cadzand." Now you can write to Nieuw-lich, Groede, Oostburg, Bresheus, Novfaphat, Schoondighe, Biervlich, Ysendighe, St. Kruis, Shuis, Zindrande, or Retranchement or Waser-landhertque, all villages or small towns belonging to the "land of Cadzand."

I hope you will find the missing link, and am sending you kind greetings of Mr. Robyn.

Very truly yours,

W. F. de GUY  
Cadzand, April 26, 1915.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.

Rotterdam, May 19, 1915.

Sir :

Your letter of April 4, 1915, addressed to the American Consul-General, received.

The Burgomaster of Cadzand, to whom I applied for the information desired by you, writes this office, that he had already been requested

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to trace the family Wanzer, Wansaer, etc., but that, after a very extensive investigation he had been unable to find any trace of persons named Wansaer, etc., or of a name similar to those quoted by you.

Regretting that I cannot be of any service in this matter, I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours,

S. LISTOE,  
American Consul-General.

Jan Jansen Wanshaer lived in New Amsterdam, now New York city, on Brouwer street (Stone street), at present between Broad and Whitehall streets. It was among the first streets built upon; and was in line of the first road laid out along the East river and ancient grants commonly termed it "the road," and spoken of as "east of the Fort."

The name Brouwer street, or Brewers street, came from the fact that two breweries were built on that street.

It was the first street in the city to be paved with stone. The ordinance for same was passed in 1657. After this it was called Stone street.

Frederick Philipse who resided on this street, on the north side, is said to have been the wealthiest man, at that time, in this country.

This street then was the Broadway of the town.

Hendrick Henderson Kip's two sons, Isaac and Jacob (the latter was clerk of the court for years, and his bold signature can be seen on all his old documents.) were brothers-in-law of our ancestor Jan and lived, the three families, side by side on Brouwer street.

They had a clear view of the East river and no doubt anchored their crafts there.

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE COLONIAL HISTORY OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK Vol. 2, p. 461.

Here is recorded a quantity of powder,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  bbs., when nine soldiers going from hence to the South River, Delaware.

Also same book on June 6, 1662, To 4 bls. of powder *fired* when Jan De Caper's (Wanshaer) sloop departed for the south river. Dingham Versterge says in his search (in this book), "It is evident that the above salute was fired upon the departure of Jan De Kaper's sloop because he took the above nine soldiers to the South River, or Delaware, as we know Jan Jansen Wanshaer Van St. Obyns was also named Jan De Kaper, so it was Jan Jansen Wanshaer who conveyed this detach-

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ment of soldiers." Hence, this shows that Jan Jansen Wanshaer was the first *naval officer* of America, if such he can be called, appointed by Governor Peter Stuyvesant to protect the city, New Amsterdam.

Washington Irving, in his Knickerbocker History of New York, mentions Jan in this connection. See Irving's History of New York Knickerbocker miscellanies by Co-Operative Publication Society, pages 177 and 178.

On Brouwer street our ancestor lived his whole life, and as we look back nine generations we see him,—a plain, generous-hearted man.

Evidently Jan died previous to 1674, as in a tax list published at that date his name does not appear.

Jan's wife, Bartje Kip, was daughter of Hendrick Henderson Kip, who was one of the *nine select men* of the colony. In fact, Hendrick Kip was one of the influential men of his time. See Wilson's history of New York, Vol. 1, p. 461.

Jan's widow married second,—see Dutch records of Reformed church, p. 43.

Dec. 25, 1677, Jan Deckizen Meyer married Baertje Kip, widow Wansart, both being of New York. No issue.

Note how Wanshaer is here spelled. It would seem that recorders were not particular to spell names correctly, as other records show this also.

She survived her second husband also, and was living July 12, 1702, when she was witness to a grand baby.

In book by James Grant Wilson, "The Memorial History of New York," Vol. 1, p. 337, is a picture of the Kip homestead. Page 508, fac-simile of first page of Dutch church records of births, deaths and marriages. Page 273, copy of letter of the nine men (select men) sending delegates to Holland. Hendrick Hendrickse Kip was one of the nine men and his signature is shown here.

Page 305, Jan Jansen (Wanshaer) was here recorded a citizen of New Amsterdam as one of the 204 residents there in 1657.

Page 339, copy of directory of New Amsterdam in 1665, on Brouwer street (now Stone) we find Jan Jansen Van St. Obin (Wanshaer), also Isaac Kipp.

Page 446, list of Dutch church members and their residences in 1686. Heriricus Selyus pastor. Same year recorded living on Brouwer street Jan Dicken Meyer as husband of Baertje Kip (Jan's widow).



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They, no doubt, were living in the Wanshaer homestead.

The Dutch church was organized in 1626 and meetings were held regularly after 1633. The first church was on the shore of the East river, a short distance from Fort Amsterdam, or now on north side of Pearl street, midway between Whitehall and Broad streets.

It was used as a place of worship for about ten years. Regular records were kept after 1639.

George Kieft caused a new church to be built in the S. E. corner of Fort Amsterdam in 1642. It was built by contract, of stone, and was 52 x 70 ft, 16 ft. high, and cost \$1,000.

Services were held in the Dutch and French languages, and subsequently in the English language also.

It was this latter church where Jan and his family were members.

The influence of this church has been far reaching, and its fruits are seen in every direction today.

The appearance of New Amsterdam, or New York City, when Jan Jansen Wanshaer arrived in 1642 was striking.

There were then about 150 houses, and these were mostly of wood covered with reed roofs.

The currency in general was composed of Indian money called wampum, or seawant, and the skins of animals, principally beaver.

Seawant consisted of small perforated shells, black and white, either loose or strung like beads on a string.

In 1650 it was ordered that six white or three black seawants were equal to one stuyver.

The brace—strung seawant—eight white or four black for one stuyver.

In spite of these government orders, seawant depreciated in value, so that in 1659 sixteen guilders in seawant, at the stated value, were required to exchange for one beaver skin of eight guilders value.

Beaver skins were valued at about eight guilders, or three dollars each, or when cut in half, their value was lessened.

Notes taken for this search of the Wanzer family would more than make three such volumes as this one, and one is at loss to decide what to discard.

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The best view of how New Amsterdam looked in 1650,—shortly after Jan arrived,—can be seen in an ancient etching published by Justus Dankers at Amsterdam, Holland.

### LASTLY

Much has been written by English enthusiasts to try and rob the Dutch of the honor of having established New York City.

Washington Irving, by his jesting, created a wrong impression, by his Knickerbocker history of New York.

Certainly these writings, have no historical value, and it seems unfortunate that a writer, of such note, should have chosen the Dutch for jest, who were the nucleus of the greatest people on earth.

In this search through the innumerable old records concerning the Dutch people of New Amsterdam the writer found them much like other people,—in fact much as may be found upon the island of Manhattan today, 1919.

About the only type that cannot be found is the “dunder-headed” Dutchman.

Writers of such nonsense seem to have ignored the fact that English Dutch, etc., came from the same Germanic origin.

Certainly the Dutch people laid the foundation and planted New York, the greatest city today in the world; which foundation was laid by them on solid Puritan principles.

The Hollanders—among which was Jan—who came to New Amsterdam, bore the flag of their country and were plain-spoken, earnest, yet unpretentious people, who left their native country to better their condition.

They brought their church, schools and Dominies, and their schoolmasters, and always present with them their large clasped Bibles, and these in many cases still remain as heir looms of present families, but we regret to say the Wanshaer Bible was lost, as it was known to have been prized and read by Abraham 1st, born in 1696.

Nowhere among the people of the United States can men be found excelling in honest industry or accomplishment than are the Dutch of New Netherland, and it is evident that the providence of God decreed to have the Dutch hand to posterity these virtues, and well should the Wanzer family be justly proud to know that Jan, our ancestor, was one of these.

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SEARCH OF NEW YORK OLD RECORDS BY DINGHAM VERSTERG, SECY. OF  
NEW YORK CITY HOLLAND SOCIETY, JAN. 31, 1908.

JAN JANSZEN WANSHAER, ETC.

*Calendar of Dutch manuscripts*, p. 30, Nov. 17, 1644.

Received of Jacob Stoffelien, for sundry pieces of plate left in his care by Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn.

Same book, p. 30, Nov. 26, 1644.

CONTRACT: Anthony Carol, Christopher Peterson, Abraham Philip, and Jan Jansen, part owners of the *Frigate La Grace*, to provide for Cornelius Deelee, afflicted with a cancer, and to pay his surgeon's bill.

The meaning of Kaper or Caper is *privateer*. It is probable that Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn, or Wanshaer, was part owner in the famous privateer *La Grace*, equipped in the port of New Amsterdam, against the Spaniards in 1644.

Same volume, p. 34, Sept. 20, 1646.

Note of Frederick Lubbertsen to Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn for 663 guilders, with receipt of payment.

MARRIAGE RECORD, REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, N. Y. P. 15.

*Married* 1649 Jan. 17. Jan Janszen, young man and Baertje Hendricks Kip, young woman of Amsterdam.

*Married* P. 43. Bans Dec. 12, mar. Dec. 25, 1677, Jan Dickzen Meyer wid'r. of Tryntje Greveriaet, and Baertje Kip wid. Jan Wansaert, both being at N. Y.

The above shows that Jan Janszen Wansaert and Baertje [Bertha] the daughter of Hendricks Kip, married here in 1649. Her father was very prominent.

Wansaert's will is not recorded in N. Y. City.

*Documents Relating to Colonial History of New York*, Vol. XIV, P. 94, Sept. 28, 1648.

Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn, 27 years old, testified that on Oct. and Nov., 1647, he made a trip with Govert Lockermann's bark to New Haven.

Same book, p. 151, Jan. 29, 1651:

Jan. Jansen Van St. Obyn had been fined by Director General and Council of New Netherland for having in his bark aided the flight of Brant Van Slechtenhort from New Amsterdam to Rensselaenswyck (Albany).

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*Vol. XIV, p. 152-3, Sept. 25, 1651.*

Colony of Rensselaerswick [now Albany] respectfully shows Brant Van Stehenthort, Director of the said Colony, that a few days ago he received a judgment passed by the Court of Manhattans against Jan Jansen St. Obyn, condemning him to a fine of 250 guilders, because he had carried me from the Manhattans to this Colony. It is quite unheard of, that an inoffensive skipper, a regular freighter plying his trade for the honest maintenance of himself and family, who so far has never injured nor obstructed the authorities or anybody else [should be punished] while the necessity of my departure by that opportunity was proved, not only by me, but also by the authorities here in their letters and requests.

Therefore the said Director ex-officio protests and appeals against all these unjust actions and injuries inflicted upon the said Slechtenhort his aforesaid quality also against what has been done to Jan Jansen, the skipper, and Jacob Jans Stol without law or right and contrary to the privilege of the Colony.

*Calendar of Dutch Manuscripts, p. 124, Jan. 29, 1652.*

Order of Jan Jansen St. Obyn to deliver up a bond of indemnity given him by Brant Van Slechtenhort, and to remain meanwhile under arrest.

*Same book, p. 57, July 30, 1654.*

Bond Thomas Moore of New Haven and Isaac Allerton, Sr., to Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn to restore a certain bark stolen by Thomas Baxter and sold to said Moore.

*Records of New Amsterdam, Vol. 1, p. 254, Oct. 19, 1654.*

Jacob Hay and Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn appointed arbitrators in a suit between Hendrick Van Nacarden and Hendrick Jansen, the farmer.

*Also p. 373, Oct. 12, 1655.*

Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn is taxed 12 guilders towards the defense of New Amsterdam against the Indians.

*Same records, Vol. III, p. 40, Sept. 9, 1659.*

Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn had in his employ a negro and a white boy.

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### SALUTE FIRED WHEN WANSHAER'S YACHT LEAVES!

DOCUMENTS RELATING to the *Colonial History of the State of New York, Vol. II. p 461, POWDER ACCOUNT.*

May 30, 1662. To powder 4½ bls. to 9 soldiers going from hence [New Amsterdam] to the south River [Delaware].

*Same book, June 6, 1662.*

To powder 4 lbs. fired when Jan De Kaper's sloop departed for the South River [a salute]. (It is evident that the above salute was fired upon the departure of Jan De Kaper's sloop because he took the above nine soldiers to the South River or Delaware, as we know Jan Jansen Wanshaer Van St. Obyns was also named Jan De Kaper so that it was Jan Jansen Wanshaer who conveyed this detachment of soldiers in his sloop or yacht to the South River or Delaware).

RECORDS OF NEW AMSTERDAM, Vol. IV, p. 270, July 31, 1663.

Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn was the owner and commander of a yacht used in coastwise and river traffic.

*Same record, Vol. V. p. 66, May 27, 1664.*

Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn sues Joannes Withart for a debt contracted on Oct. 10, 1661.

*Calendar of Dutch Manuscripts, p. 268, Sept. 1, 1664.*

Order to pay Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn for piloting the ship Gideon.

The above was almost the last public act by Governor Stuyvesant prior to the English robbery of New Amsterdam, and New Netherland a few days later.

From the foregoing entries it will be seen that Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn was the captain or owner of a yacht plying between New Amsterdam, Albany, the Delaware, Virginia and New England. Occasionally also he acted as pilot for ships coming from abroad.

*Documents relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York. Vol. II, p. 250, Sept. 5, 1664.*

Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn was one of the signers of the petition to Stuyvesant to surrender New Amsterdam to the English, as with the lack of soldiers and ammunition they would not be able to beat off the robbers.

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*Same record* Vol. III, p. 77.

Jan Wanshaer Van St. Aubin on Oct. 21 to 26, 1664, was one of the Burgers of New Amsterdam to take the oath of allegiance to the English robbers. (If he had not sworn allegiance he would have been expelled and lost all his property.)

*Records of New Amsterdam* Vol. V., p. 223, Apr. 19, 1665.

Jan Janzen Van St. Obyn lived on Brewer Street in New Amsterdam next to his brother-in-law Isaac Kip (The Brewer Street was then a fashionable street).

*Same book*, p. 320, Nov. 21, 1665.

Cabet Barton Martin Cregier and Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn appointed arbitrators in a suit about freight charges between Thomas Lewis and Hendrick Consterier.

Thomas Lewis, like Jan Jansen Van St. Obyn, was a proprietor and commander of a trading yacht.

*Same record* Vol. VI, p. 226, Mar. 15, 1670.

John Wantshair summons Wm. Smitton.

p. 230-3, May 10, 1670, Wm. Smitton is still absent.

p. 236, June 7, 1670. The case between John Wantshair and Wm. Smitton again adjourned.

p. 238, June 20, 1670. Wm. Smitton, not yet in town, adjourned.

p. 241, July 21, 1670. The above case is again adjourned.

p. 248, Aug. 12, 1670. John Wantshair, in March, 1669, had sold boards and bread to Richard Keane in Md. for 1364 lbs. of tobacco, for which Wm. Smitton became security. Wantshair made a voyage expressly to Md. to receive said tobacco, but Keane refused to pay it. Smytton (or Singleton) condemned to pay.

From the above entry it is evident that after the English usurpation of New Netherland Jan Jansen began to drop the Van St. Obyn and more continually used the name Wanshaer, anglicised to Wantshair.

It would appear that Jan Jansen Wanshaer had died prior to Apr. 10, 1674, for among the 16 sloop captains then mentioned, his name does not appear. Perhaps *Skipper Kip* mentioned on Mar. 6, 1674, who was Wanshaer's brother-in-law, had taken his business.

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<i>Child and Date</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Witnesses</i>
p. 26 Abraham Mar. 14, 1649	Jan Janzen Van St. Cubis [mother not given]	Hendrick & Toyntie Kip Janneken Molyus
p. 30 Johnnes Apr. 27, 1651	Jan Janzen Van St. Ubes [mother not given]	Isaac & Troyntie Kip
p. 35, Jacob July 13, 1653	Jan Janszen Van St. Obyn Baertie Kip	Jacob Kip Catalyntie Hendricks
p. 39 Hendrick Mar 21, 1655	Jan Janszen Van St. Obyn [mother not given]	Hendrick Kip, Sr. & Jr. Maria Dela Montague
p. 46 Anthony July 4, 1657	Jan Janszen Van St. Obyn Baertie Hendricks	Hendrick Kip and wife Jillis Pieteszen
p. 53 Robbert Aug. 31, 1659	Jan Janszen Van St. Obyn [mother not given]	Hendrick & Baertie Kip Abraham Janzen
p. 66 Johannes Sept. 30, 1661	Jan Van Sara Baertie Kip	Hendrick & Tryntie Kip
p. 66 Johannes Sept. 17, 1662	Jan Wanshaer Van St. Benen Baertie Hendricks Kip	Hendrick & Tryntie Kip
p. 71 Jan Dec. 5, 1663	Jan Wanshaer Baertie Hendricks	Hendrick Kip Evert Duycking
p. 83 Carel July 4, 1666	Jan Manshaer Baertie Kip	Johannes Delamontagnie Olof Stephenszen Van Courtland Annetje Kip
p. 87 Jaconnyntie July 13, 1667	Jan De Caper Baertie Kip	Hendrick & Fennietie Kip
p. 92 Metie Oct. 10, 1668	Jan Kipshaven Baertie Jans	Lysbeth Jans

The last record may be Wanshaer. Being the son-in-law of Hendrick Kip, he may have settled near Kippenberg, Kip's country seat on Manhattan, the little inlet being named Kipshaven and Jan Wanshaer on that account be called Jan Kipshaven. It was customary among the early Dutch, to name a man's wife by her husband's Christian name with *s* attached. Thus, Baertie Jans in the above instance may mean Baertie, the wife of Jan Wanshaer, may have used Kipshaven to harbor his yacht when in town.

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The names of Jan Jansen Wanshaer's children as taken from the *Reformed Dutch Church Books from the Baptismal Records*, are as follows:

- 2 Abraham baptised Nov. 14, 1649.
- 3 Johannes baptised Aug. 27, 1651.
- 4 Jacob baptised July 13, 1653.
- 5 Hendrick baptised Mar. 21, 1655.
- 6 Anthony baptised July 4, 1657, Wanzer line.
- 7 Robbert baptised Aug. 31, 1659.
- 8 Johannes baptised Sept. 30, 1661.
- 9 Johannes, baptised Sept. 17, 1662.
- 10 Jan baptised Dec. 5, 1663.
- 11 Carel baptised July 4, 1666.
- 12 Jacongntie baptised July 13, 1667.
- 13 Metic baptised Oct. 10, 1668.

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10 Jan Wanshaer, son of Jan, baptised Dec. 5, 1663, and joined the old Dutch church in New York, Feb. 26, 1696. Married Dec. 8, 1698, Susanna De Nys dau. of Peter De Nys and Gusje Idens. She was baptised Dec. 19, 1669.

Children:

- 14 Johannes baptised Oct. 6, 1700.
- 15 Abraham baptised July 12, 1702.
- 16 Pieter baptised Mar. 12, 1704.
- 17 Pieter baptised Mar. 21, 1705.
- 18 Johannes baptised Mar. 19, 1707.

12 Jacomjntie (Jemima) Wanshaer, bap. July 13, 1667, joined the Dutch church, New York, Sept. 3, 1696. Married Feb. 16, 1698, Andries Abrahamse J. M. of New York.

Children:

- 19 Franeyntje Abrahamse baptised Jan. 12, 1700.
- 20 Sara Abrahamse baptised Dec. 21, 1701.
- 21 Johanna Abrahamse baptised Aug. 29, 1703.
- 22 Jacob Abrahamse baptised Aug. 22, 1705.
- 23 Abraham Abrahamse baptised Aug. 22, 1705. } twins
- 24 Andres Abrahamse baptised Dec. 14, 1709.
- 25 Sara Abrahamse baptised Jan. 14, 1711.



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No doubt it will interest all the family to know that there was organized in New York city in 1885, THE HOLLAND SOCIETY of NEW YORK, and that all Wanzers are eligible to become members.

We print their circular entire, which follows:

The Holland Society of New York  
Secretary's Office

Henry L. Bogert, Secretary.  
99 Nassau St., Room 819,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The Holland Society of New York was organized in 1885.

It seeks to collect and preserve information, history, genealogy, documents, etc., relating to the early settlement of the Dutch in America, (including Huguenots and other nationalities who found homes in Holland,) to perpetuate the memory and foster and promote the principles and virtues of our Dutch ancestors, and provide for social intercourse among its members.

It was the first to mark, with memorial tablets, sites of historic interest in the City of New York. In 1890 eight such tablets in bronze were erected by the Society in the City of New York.

It issues a Year Book which contains, in addition to the By-Laws and List of Members, full accounts of the annual meeting and dinner, and such portions of our MS. records as space will permit.

The Society has translated and copied nearly all the early baptismal and marriage records of the ancient Dutch churches of the country, thus preserving from possible destruction these invaluable aids in tracing the original Dutch settlers. Some of these records have been fully published in the Year Books of the Society, and others in separate volumes, which are continually increasing in value and in the estimation of book lovers.

The annual meeting is held in April and is made the occasion of an interesting social gathering, during which a collation is served. The annual dinner usually takes place on the third Thursday of January and is attended by about four hundred members and guests.

The initiation fee is five dollars and the annual dues are five dollars.

Members may reside anywhere. To entitle one to membership he must be of respectable standing in society, and descended in a direct

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**MALE** line from a Dutchman who was a native or resident of New York, or of the American Colonies, prior to the year 1675. *This includes those of former nationalities who found in Holland a refuge or home, and whose descendants in the MALE line came to this country as Dutch settlers, speaking Dutch as their native tongue. This also includes descendants, in the MALE line, of Dutch settlers who were born within the limits of Dutch settlements, and descendants, in the MALE line, of persons who possessed the rights of Dutch citizenship within Dutch settlements in America prior to the year 1675; also any descendant in the direct MALE line of a Dutchman, one of whose descendants became a member of this Society prior to June 16, 1886. (CONSTITUTION, Article III.)*

It is quite possible that some who are eligible and who desire to unite with the Society have not sufficient family records to enable them to trace their lineage. The Society is in possession of copies of most of the older marriage and baptismal records of the ancient Dutch churches of this country, and from these and other sources the Secretary may be able in some cases to complete the genealogy of proposed candidates, when furnished with the proper starting point.

A blank application will be sent on request. A candidate must be proposed by a member of the Society and seconded by another member. Members are elected by the trustees, whose meetings are held on the second Thursdays of March, June, October and December, and application for membership must be delivered to the Secretary at least fifteen days previously.

## THE KIP FAMILY

The family originates with Ruloff De Kype, a Norman lord, whose estate was close to Alencon, France. He was a Roman Catholic, and fell in battle in 1562 and the Protestants, under Conde, burned his elegant Chateau.

He had a son, Jean Baptiste, who was a Priest, who arranged for his burial in a neighborhood church, where an altar was erected to his memory, on which his arms with two crests were surmounted. This altar, together with the church, was destroyed during the French Revolution.

Ruloff, the younger son, settled in Amsterdam, Holland, and became a Protestant, and dying in 1596 left one son, Hendrick, born in 1576, who removed to New Amsterdam (now New York city), in 1635,

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with his wife and children. He had at least three sons, Hendrick, Jr., Isaac, and Jacob, and one daughter, Baertje Hendricks Kip Wanshaer.

Isaac was prominent in the affairs of the city, and became afterward a Hudson River trader. Jacob was born in 1631 and seems to have been in public office nearly all his life. He was Secretary of Council in 1653. In 1659, he was elected alderman of New Amsterdam, and filled that place in the years 1662-3-5-73-74. He was given a grant of property on East river, known as Kips-Bay farm where he in 1655 erected the Kip residence.

He married Maria, daughter of Hon. Johannes de La Montaigne, a Huguenot, who was with Geo. Kieft, assisting in the government of the Colony.

The daughter Baertje (Bertha), married Jan Wanshaer Jan. 17, 1649.

J. H. Innis in his NEW AMSTERDAM AND ITS PEOPLE says on land adjoining Hendrick Kip's place on Stone St., his two sons Isaac and Jacob, and the son-in-law, Jan Wansaer, built themselves houses about 1655.

In 1677 Stuyvesant, the one-legged ruler of New Amsterdam, decided to recognize, to limited extent, the principles of "*taxation only by consent*," which the fatherland held, and at a public meeting called by him "*nine men*" were selected to advise with him in governmental affairs.

The following nine were chosen :

Augustave Heermans	Hendrick Henderson Kip	Everlsen Bout
Arnolds Vandeburgh	Jan Jansen Dam	Thomas Hall
Jacob Lockemans	Jacob Van Cowenhoeven	Michael Jansen

*Lamb says:*

Names are keys of family history, unlocking the secrets of ancestral lineage.

In many cases members of prominent families sought here in New Amsterdam a field of enterprise and action which they were unable to reach at home.

Kip seems to have put this in full force, and his coat of arms, cut upon stone, was used by his son Jacob over the front door of the new house at Kip bay, before mentioned, where it remained until the building was torn down in 1851. (See history by Mrs. Lamb for a picture of same.) The Kip arms were also emblazoned on the stained church

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windows of the Dutch church, which was built inside the enclosure of Fort Amsterdam.

The KIP ARMS, Azure, chevron, or between two Griffins, sejant aid confroutee in chief and a dexter hand coupled in point argent.

CREST a Demi-griffin argent, holding in the paws a cross gules.

The motto for same was,

“Vestigia Nolla Retrorsom”

No steps backward.

One authority says that Crests were anciently marks of great honor, because they were worn only by heroes of great valor and high rank.

Governor Stuyvesant's family, Mrs. Bayard and La Montagues, were Kip's frequent visitors.

Jacob Kip, the then newly appointed secretary, of the province, was notified to attend their meetings, and to do such writing as was deemed necessary. History says he was a young man of spirit and intelligence, tall, handsome, and extremely popular. The following year he married Marrie La Montague, the daughter of Dr. La Montague, a beautiful girl of sixteen. He owned a farm of 150 acres on the east river, and it was soon after his marriage he erected the famous Kip homestead. This locality is still known as Kip's bay.

This mansion subsequently became famous. It was twice rebuilt, and five generations of the Kip family were born in it.

It was, for a short time, during the American Revolution, the headquarters of General Washington.

We are indebted to history of New York by Mrs. Martha L. Lamb, and history of the Kip family, by Bishop Kip of Cal., a descendant of Hendrick Henderson Kip, and other sources for the above facts.

### ANTHONY BRANCH

Anthony Wanshaer\*, baptised July 4, 1657, was the fifth son of Jan'. This branch will now be followed.

The posterity of the *brothers* of Anthony\* are scattered throughout the United States, but a large portion are to be found on Long Island and New Jersey.

We find the name Wanshaer anglicized many ways. The following are the most common: Wanzer, Wanser, Wonsor, Wansor, and Wanzor.

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Regardless, however, of how the name is spelled, it is invariably pronounced the same, viz: Wanz er. The "a" in the first syllable as "a" in wander, to stray. The "er" as the "er" in the same word. It certainly is a difficult name for strangers to get quickly.

Anthony Wanshaer<sup>s</sup> married Maritje Herberts, or Hubbard, of Flatlands, June 8, 1681, (mention Flatlands' Dutch church.) Anthony seems to have left New Amsterdam at about the age of 24 and settled at this place, following the vocation of cooper. The following is from *Bergin Gen. Records early settlers of Kings Co., p. 19.*

Richardson John (English) bought Mar. 4, 1683-4 of Anthony Wanshaer his house and lot in Flatlands as per p. 157 of Lib C of Flatlands rec.

*Same book, p. 394.*

Jan Wonters, Aug. 16, 1680, sold to Anthony Wanshaer a lot and orchard in Flatlands as per p. 131 of lib aa of Flatlands rec.

*Same book, p. 384.*

Anthony Wanshaer, cooper, married June 8, 1681, Maritje Herberts or Hubbard of Flatlands mem of Flatlands in 1677. Aug. 16, 1680, he bought of Jan Jonterz a lot and orchard in Flatlands as per p. 131 of Lib aa of Flatlands rec. Mar. 4, 1683-4, he sold John Richardson his house and lot in Flatlands as per p. 157 of Lib. C of Flatlands rec. In 1698, he sold lands of Flatlands to Stoffel Longestrect and others as per p. 180 of Lib. 2, of con.

Record, *same book*, says he signed his name Antony Wanshaer.

But little is known of Anthony. He seems to have been a prosperous business man and likely spent his life at this place.

Flatbush, L. I., is in Kings Co., N. Y., about five miles from Brooklyn. The native population is largely Dutch descent.

The first Dutch church was formed at Flatbush in 1654, with Johnnes Therdarus Polhemus as first Domine.

The writer remembers numerous cooper tools about his grandfather's and father's places, and no doubt they were, some of them, handed down from Anthony.

One, a curious combination of two plane irons, which may have been invented to try to shave hoops.

Anthony's<sup>s</sup> children:

26 Catherine Wanshaer baptised Apr. 22, 1682.

27 Jan Wanshaer baptised Nov. 11, 1684 at N. N.

28 Abraham Wanshaer baptised Apr. 1, 1696 in N. Y.

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*Bergin GEN. Records KINGS Co. p. 148.*

Maritje Herberts, or Hubbard, Anthony Wanshaer's wife, was of the family of Hubbards of Kings Co.

John Hubbard of Gravesend, L. I., came from Langham, England, with Lady Moody and others, about 1643, who came to enjoy their peculiar religious views in peace. John was representative in Gravesend in 1665, and was brother of Anthony's wife, Maritje.

### THE FIRST CONNECTICUT WANZER

Lieu. Abraham Wanshaer<sup>m</sup>, or Wansher, Wansor, Wanzer, was born in Flatbush, L. I., and baptised in Dutch church in New Amsterdam, (New York city), Apr. 1, 1696. He was educated in the New Amsterdam Dutch school. The West India Co., which controlled the Island up to 1664, was bound to provide schoolmasters, as well as ministers, for the colonists, and for quite a long time afterward, the support, and control of the schools remained in the Dutch church.

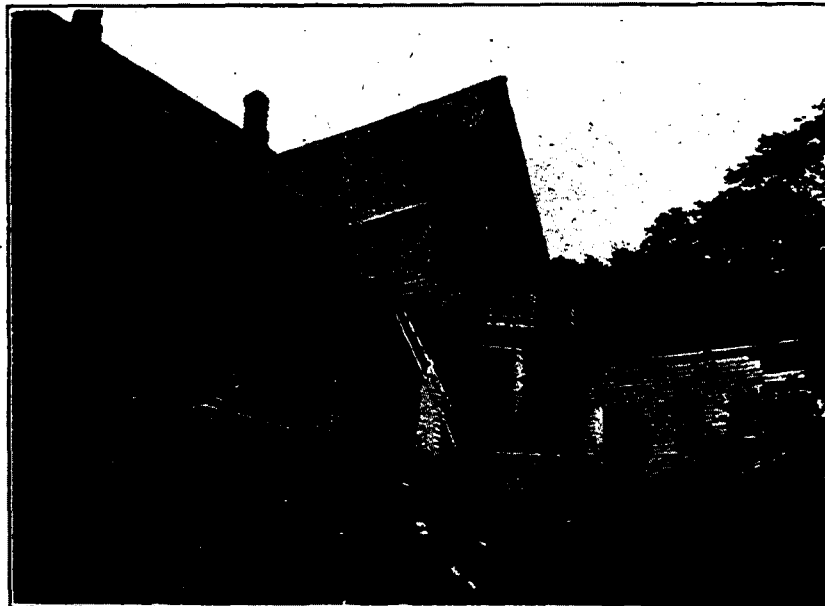
Abraham<sup>m</sup> started out early in life for himself, as we find him at 25 years of age in Greenwich, Ct., about 1721,

According to the Greenwich town records, Liber com. page 3, Abraham Wansher married, 7, Dec. A. D. 1721, Abigale Heusted of Horse Neck (i. e. Greenwich). She died between 1725 and 1727. It will be noticed that up to, and at this time, Abraham spelled his name Wanshaer or Wansher. There have been doubts expressed as to which Abraham was the one that went to Greenwich, there being two cousins, by the name of Abraham and nearly the same age. The other Abraham, son of Jan Wanzer<sup>n</sup>, was baptised July 12, 1702. But it is clear that the former, baptised Apr. 1, 1696, is the right line.

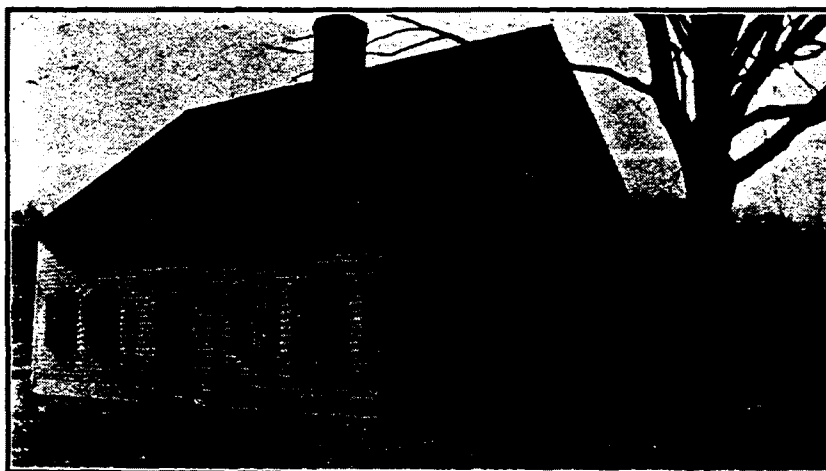
Of our subject's life at Greenwich, but little is known. In the town clerk's office at Stamford, Ct., is a record of a deed, under a date of 1727, for one-half of a certain home lot of nine acres and a half, given by Abraham Wansor<sup>m</sup> and Deborah Wansor or Clason to Daniel Lockwood of same place. The witnesses were John Betts and Jacob Wansor<sup>t</sup>, the latter being an uncle of Abraham<sup>m</sup>.

There are no records in probate court at Stamford, Conn.

The Husted family seems to have been a very old one. One Robert Husted is mentioned in Mead's history of Connecticut. He was made free under Charter 1663.



Abraham Wanzer<sup>28</sup> first homestead. It seems probable that the small part in rear was built about 1738.



The Anthony Wanzer homestead, Abraham<sup>28</sup> probably lived here the latter part of his life, also Eliud





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About the year 1672 twenty-seven proprietors purchased of the Indians what is now Greenwich; it was called Muschassekey.

Angel Husted was one of the 27 men whose names are mentioned. He probably was son of Robert.

One Moses Husted, in same line, was father of Abigail Husted of Greenwich, Ct., who married Abraham Wanzer<sup>29</sup>, 7 Dec., 1721 (Greenwich records).

Other references are American Ancestry 1st, p. 41; American Ancestry 2d, p. 175.

Here, no doubt, the names Moses and Abigail entered the Wanzer family.

Abraham<sup>30</sup> married 2d Deborah Clason of Stamford, Ct., about 1727.

Deborah was from the Clason or Cloyson family. The first of the family we find is Stephen Clason, who married Nov. 11, 1654, Elizabeth Periment (see Huntington History of Stamford).

Children:

Jonathon, B. 11-12-1655. Chil. Stephen and Sarah. D. 1685.

Samuel.

Stephen, B. 17-12, 1657.

Elizabeth, B. 3-1, 1659-6. Mar. Francis Daw.

David, B. 5-18, 1662. D. Nov. 29, 1721.

The last-named David married Mary ——— at Stamford, Ct. Chil. Mary Clason, b. Aug. 17, 1689; Deborah Clason, b. Nov. 2, 1695, mar. Abraham Wanzer<sup>31</sup>; Heplizibah Clason, b. Nov. 4, 1698.

The Clason family spelled their name many ways. Colonial records of Conn. IX page 368, gives the name Classon or Clason, coming from Scotland, and has a coat of arms.

An interesting record: "In Dec. 18, 1695, per vote outcry of town of Stamford it doth sell the fort wood about ye meeting house to Stephen Closon [brother of David] for 17 shillings and 9 pence."

By his first wife Abraham<sup>30</sup> had two sons:

29 Moses, born 25 Oct. 1722, Greenwich record.

30 Anthony, born about 1725, no record found.

By his last wife he had one daughter:

31 Deborah, who married Amos Leach, Jr., of New Milford, Conn., son of Amos Leach of New Fairfield, Ct. (See Leach family).

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Lieut. Abraham Wanzer<sup>3</sup> moved with his family to New Fairfield, Conn., about 1737. (See proprietors deed of 1737) at the time when the town was being surveyed, divided and settled. He was not one of the proprietors, but his name appears as a member of the proprietors' committee. He undoubtedly bought one or more of the divisions of land at that time.

Moses<sup>3</sup> and Anthony<sup>3</sup>, his sons, were mere youths at this period, being 15 and 12 years old.

At a session of the Connecticut Legislature in Oct., 1707, a grant was given to Nathan Gould and others as proprietors of New Fairfield. Trumbell, in his history of Conn., Vol II, P. 67-8, says that "reports of a large body of French and Indians from Canada alarmed the people," and thus settlement at that time (1707) was delayed.

Abraham and his son Anthony, according to an account published in the New Milford Gazette (Ct.), written lately by William H. Wanzer (He is gt. grandson of John Wanzer) were two of the proprietors of the Queensbury Patent, of land comprising 23,000 acres. Glens Falls, N. Y., is on a portion of this land. It seems to have been sold shortly after it was granted.

Abraham lived to a ripe old age and there are many accounts of his active life. His will which follows, was kindly sent us by Helen H. Wanzer of the Ebenezer branch, and shows some very interesting things.

In 1744 (Public Colonial records Conn. IX, P. 50) By the Assembly Abraham Wanzer was appointed *lieutenant* of the company or train band of south society in New Fairfield, Ct., and ordered commissioned accordingly. This gave him the title of *Lieutenant*. Many have said he was in the French and Indian war, but there is no record found to prove it.

At that age, at certain stated times and places, there were held "training days," which were very popular and largely attended by all the people.

In the same book, p. 368, is recorded as follows (only a few lines are given).

"Upon the memorial of Abraham Wanzer and others inhabitants of New Fairfield, Ct., showing the Assembly that the people of said town have fallen into great contention about their meetings for choice of town officers for Dec. last [1744] and praying for releaf, etc."

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Abraham<sup>2</sup> died near 1784, aged about 88 years. His will was probated in Danbury, Ct., in 1784, and was made 27 Apr., 1783.

He was buried in the oldest burying ground in Sherman, Conn. (at that time a part of New Fairfield). It is now nearly all plowed under. This yard was just across the road from the old saw mill and then also tan yard, which saw mill is just east of Sherman Centre, and the grave of Abraham<sup>2</sup>, as much as we dislike to write it, is near the right road bed, at this point, as you approach the village centre from the south. This fact was told writer by his grandmother Lucy Leach Wanzer.

The first despoiling of this graveyard, probably happened when the Sherman and Reading turnpike was built about 1850, and passed through the lower part of this yard.

Abraham, in religion, remained steadfast to the early teachings of the Dutch church.

The writer remembers hearing the older ones of the family tell of Abraham reading his old Dutch Bible.

Nearly all of his old papers and this Dutch Bible were allowed to pass into oblivion.

The writer made a trip in September, 1913, to the Wanzer neighborhood, taking in the towns of Brookfield, New Milford, Sherman and New Fairfield, Ct.

Twenty-eight photos were taken, many of which will appear in this book.

At the same time he cut on a good-sized boulder, just east of Sherman Centre, across the road from the sawmill before mentioned, and near where Abraham<sup>1</sup> was buried, the following inscription,— “1696 A. WANZER 1784.” There was not room to spell out the first name.

Also cut on a stone in the Picket burying ground, which is south of New Milford, Ct., on west bank of the Housatonic river, nearly opposite (north of) the falls, a record of Moses<sup>1</sup> as follows:

1722  
MOSES WANZER  
1772

It was cut on a low stone (the only one available). The stone is a little above the ground and probably near where Moses was buried,— at the right of foot of grave of Samuel Marsh, 1822. It being on east

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side of ground, overlooking the Housatonic river,—a grand place for this noble ancestor of the family to sleep.

The early Quakers or Friends seldom placed grave stones, but later did put up small ones of a regulation height.

THE NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 226 WEST 58TH ST., N. Y. CITY

New York, September 28, 1907.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

Your letters have just been referred to me, as the Society does not undertake research of this kind.

My copy of Greenwich town records, Liber com., page 3, shows that Abraham spelt his name "Wanshar or Wonshar." He was undoubtedly the son of Anthony Wanshare (Record VII 123) because he named a son Anthony, an almost invariable Dutch rule; 2nd, because he was of a more suitable age to marry in 1721 than Abraham who was born 1702.

Abigail Huested was no doubt the daughter of Moses Huested, whose father Angel and grandfather Robert were early settlers of Fairfield County.

There is no will of Anthony Wanshaer on record here.

Very truly yours,  
(Mrs.) Florence E. Youngs,  
Assistant Librarian.

COURT OF PROBATE

Greenwich, Conn., August 3rd, 1908.

Wm. D. Wanzer, Esq.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

In reply to yours of July 23rd, would say that I have spent no little time in trying to find some record of the Wanshar family. The following is on file in the Town Clerk's Office here: "Abraham Wansher married to Abigale Heusted the seventh day of December, A. D., 1721. He had a son born the 25th day of October, 1722, and called his name Moses Wonsher. I am unable to tell from the writing, which is very poor whether the second letter of the name Wansher is an "o"

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or "a," but presume it to be the latter. I took a trip over to Stamford and found the deed you mentioned in the Town Clerk's office, which was hardly legible. The instrument of 1727 was a deed from Abraham Wa(o)nsor and Deborah Wa(o)nsor or Clason to Daniel Lockwood, of Stamford. (One-half of a certain home lot nine acres and a half) The witnesses were John Betts and Jacob "Wansor." There is no record whatever in the Probate Court, Stamford, and the clerk there thought there might be something in Fairfield, where all records prior to about 1700 are on file.

Very truly yours,

W. S. M. FISKE.

### ABRAHAM WANZER WILL

The Last Will and Testament of Abraham Wanzer, copied from Vol. V, Page 126 and 127 of Probate Records at Danbury, Fairfield Co., Conn.

In the name of God, amen. I, Abraham Wanzer, of New Fairfield in the County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, being sick and weak in body but perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, calling to mind and memory the mortality of this body, and that it is appointed to all men once to die, so make and ordain this to be my last will and testament; that is to say, First, I recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executor; and as to my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world, I give and bequeath in the following manner and form, after all my just debts and funeral charges are paid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Deborah the use of all my estate both real and personal, during her natural life.

ITEM. I give unto my son Anthony Wanser twenty shillings lawful money.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto Eliard Wanzer, the youngest son of my son Anthony Wanzer, three acres of land, bounded north and easterly on highway, and southerly on my son Anthony's land, and westerly on my own land.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Sarah Leach, all my household goods and furniture after the decease of my wife Deborah, to be her own forever.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto the sons of Moses Wanzer, my eldest son deceased, one-third part of all my estate, both real and personal,

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excepting what I have above given to my son Anthony and his youngest son, and granddaughter Sarah Leach; and they paying twenty shillings lawful money unto their two sisters Abigail and Elizabeth, apiece; that is, forty shillings for each of them to pay to their said sisters.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my only daughter Deborah Leach, the wife of Amos Leach of New Milford, one-third part of my estate, both real and personal, excepting what I gave to my son Anthony and his son, and Sarah aforesaid.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto Eliard Wanzer, the aforesaid son of my said son Anthony, the other third part of all my estate, both real and personal, excepting what I gave to my son Anthony and his son, and Sarah Leach, as aforesaid mentioned, and in what I gave to my daughter Deborah.

And furthermore, it is my will that my land be divided equally in quantity and quality, and that it be divided lengthways north and south. Likewise, all my other land, divided and undivided, to be equally divided between the sons of my son Moses, and daughter Deborah Leach, and Eliard Wanzer, as aforesaid.

And I do hereby ordain and appoint Stephen Pepper, Senior, to be my sole executor of this, my last will and testament; and I do hereby revoke all former wills and testaments heretofore by me made, ratifying this and this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, and have published, pronounced and declared this to be my last will and testament, this 27th day of April, A. D. 1783.

ABRAHAM WANZER

In Presents of

[SEAL]

ISAAC HAWLEY

DAVID BARNUM, SEN. and

ANNE HAWLEY.

At a court of Probate held in Danbury for the District of Danbury, Feb. 19, A. D. 1784. Present Joseph P. Cook, Esq., Judge.

Stephen Pepper, the person appointed executor of the foregoing will exhibited the same for Probation, which being proved, is approved and ordered to be recorded; and the said Stephen Pepper declined accepting the trust.

*Test* JOSEPH P. COOK, JUN., *Clerk*.

A true record of the original, Test.

*(Signed)* JOSEPH P. COOK, JUN., *Clerk*.

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### OLD DEEDS AND PAPERS

Mrs. Grace Wanzer Hooper of Vamillion, South Dakota, daughter of Isaac Wanzer of the Abraham<sup>2</sup> branch kindly sent me some old papers and deeds.

It would seem that the most valuable is the proprietor's deed and no doubt describes the first lot of land bought by Abraham<sup>1</sup> when he reached Newfairfield (so written then), in 1737.

This deed was from a survey of Daniel Hawley and received for record in the proprietors' book No. 39, Feb. 24, 1737, by John Allen, Prop. clerk.

On account of the loss, by fire, of the New Fairfield, Conn., records in 1867, and the small number of deeds now available, it is difficult to determine much concerning Abraham<sup>1</sup> homestead.

It seems probable, however, that he lived in two places in this town during his life,—first at the Squantz Pond homestead, and later at what is called the Anthony home two miles west (perhaps not the same house), where he died.

This proprietor's deed was surely among his old papers and is for the farm east of Squantz Pond, his first homestead, and was for two hundred and eighty acres.

Keath Joice, who now occupies this old homestead, says when his grandfather Joel took down the old chimney he found a stone with 1735 cut in same. As this was given from memory it may possibly have been of a little later date.

One old deed, that follows, conveys 50 acres of land from Peter Eastman to Abraham Wanzer in 1750. It says this is near "homestead lot of land" and "part is bordered on crick." This land is surely near the Squantz Pond farm.

Later this Squantz Pond place was occupied by Nicholas,<sup>3</sup> and still later, about 1800, by his nephew Moses, whom Nicholas had adopted. The latter lived there until his death in 1860.

*Copy of deed.*

160, Dec. 13, A. D. 1737.

Surveye layed out to Daniel Hawley, one of the Proprietors of that Tract of Land called Newfairfield, a divifion of one hundred acres in said Newfairfield within seven miles of the south end, according to a vote of said Proprietors, Pafsed October ye 4th, A. D. 173— (the last figure is missing) to which was added about one hundred and

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eighty acres, running — — — (not readable) woods — — —  
and is bounded as follows, at tree markt with stones.

Beginning at a walnut tree at corner of David Judfons 100 acres, it being the South Eastern brook, thence northward by 100-acre Division at Squns Pond's east line; thence east one hundred rods to a walnut tree Allen's 270 acre Divifion by in the weft line of Gilden line, one hundred and nine rods to Wood crick, then south in said line markt with stones two rods to an elm tree east in eight rods to rock with stone on it; thence south twenty rods — — — (not readable) — — — south one hundred and twenty-two rods in said line to a rock with stones on it, being Allen's southweft corner; thence west twelve degrees, south one hundred and thirty rods to a white ash tree markt with stones on it, about twenty rods east from the south end of Squns Pond, being the northwest corner of Harah Brown's Division; thence northward a straight line to a burch tree by the northeast corner of said Pond, being the southeast corner of Gersham Burr's Division; thence northward — — — hundred and nine rods — — — northeast corner being a walnut tree, markt with stones on it, and from thence east forty rods to the first mentioned walnut tree.

Command youm 2E

Byns { JOHN READ  
JOHN FAIRCHILD  
SAMUEL GOULD

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Five old deeds before me are in fair condition. The first one was given by Peter Eastman to Abraham Wanzor in 1750. It was for fifty acres of land near the homestead lot of land and part of it bordered on "erick." The name Wanzer through the whole deed is spelled "Wanzor."

No. 2 (thus called for convenience) mortgage given by John Fuller to Moses Wanzer, March ye 16, 1752, to secure one thousand pounds current money of New York. Said document, which is very poorly written, witnessed by Noah Smith, and was on six hundred acres of land.

No. 3 deed given 7 day October, A. D. 1754, by Samuel Towner to Moses Wanzer for the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds and "laying in Newfairfield, lower seven miles socalled, and being part of that



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tract of land I bought of Abraham Wanzer. Witnessed by Equshm Hubbell, who was Justice of Peace, and David Ackerly. Price of recording same 8 shillings.

No. 4. A deed given 13, March A. D. 1759, by John Read to Moses Wanzer for the sum of three pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence for eight and one-half acres of the twenty-five acre division land, of the lower seven miles in said Newfairfield. In this deed the name Wanzer is spelled first with "e" and three times with "o."

No. 5. Deed given by Abraham Wanzer to his son Moses, 2d day of April; Anoqu Doming, 1763. On outside of deed the recorder made the following record:

"Moses Wanzer Deed from his Hon. Father. Entered ye 3d day A. D. 1763. Folio 235. Eqsh'm Hubbell Register 134."

This deed conveyed four acres of land, in the lower seven miles, "for and in consideration of the love and good will I have to my son Moses Wanzer." Abraham, in signing this deed, wrote in English in a small cramped hand while, when he signed his will in 1783, twenty years later, he signed in Dutch script each letter being separate as a printed page. The acknowledgement reads:

In Newfairfield, on day and date above, personally appeared Lieut. Abraham Wanzer, signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed, before me.

EQSH'M HUBBELL,  
*Justice of Peace.*

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*Old homestead sacred to all who can,  
Gladden or sadden the heart of man,—  
Over whose thresholds of oak and stone  
Life and death have come and gone.*

J. G. WHITTIER.

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### MOSES WANZER BRANCH

Moses Wanzer<sup>22</sup>, oldest son of Abraham (Wanshaer Wansher Wansor) Wanzer<sup>22</sup>, was born Oct. 25, 1722. Greenwich, Ct., records.

He died Aug. 10, 1772, of blood poisoning caused by a wound received from a sickle.

He was buried in the Picket grounds below New Milford on the west bank of the Housatonic River. But the grave is not marked. See an account of his death which follows copied from an old paper written by his son Nicholas:

He married Elizabeth G. Knapp of Danbury, Ct., daughter of Ebenezer Knapp and Elizabeth Benedict. She married the second time Benj. Carpenter of Scarsdale, Westchester Co., N. Y., being his fourth wife. See CARPENTER FAMILY OF AMERICA, Page 76. Her will, which follows, was probated Nov. 22, 1804, at New Milford, Ct., where they seemed to have lived. Moses<sup>22</sup> will also follows, and was probated in Danbury, Ct., Aug. 26, 1772.

He lived on what was called "the hill" and later this house, which Moses<sup>22</sup> built, was occupied by Abraham Wanzer, son of John Wanzer, youngest son of this subject. Moses<sup>22</sup> was a large land owner, and very successful in business and owned over a thousand acres of land.

A custom was carried out at his death which was then common.

The coffin was carried on what was called a bier (a wooden frame), by the neighbors, on their shoulders (having a change of men), over the hills, to the Picket grounds near New Milford, several miles to the east.

The writer has seen this bier, here spoken of, in the upper part of the horse shed at the Lanesville Quaker meeting house.

Moses<sup>22</sup> was a typical Quaker ancestor in every way, and one worthy of the good name he bore.

#### *Children:*

32 Abraham, b. Dec. 16, 1748.

33 Nicholas, b. Oct. 22, 1751; no children.

34 Jeremiah, b. Dec. 5, 1753; died young.

35 Moses, b. May 11, 1755.

36 Ebenezer, b. Feb. 10, 1757, d. Jan. 16, 1758.

37 Abigail, b. Sept. 6, 1758, mar., 1st, John Drinkwater; 2d, Richard Sudlow.

38 Ebenezer, b. Jan. 3, 1760.

39 Husted, b. Feb. 3, 1762.



Moses Wanzer<sup>29</sup> homestead in Sherman, Conn., just over the north line of New Fairfield, Conn.



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40 Elizabeth, b. June 17, 1764, mar. Thomas Haviland.

41 John, b. July 13, 1766.

42 Anna, b. Jan. 9, 1772.

The dates and records for the above are taken from the records of the first book of Friends or Quakers of Dutchess Co., N. Y., Folio 159, per Zebulon Ferriss clerk, furnished "by the mouth of Elizabeth Wanzer, their mother, in 1771."

This proves the Wanzer family, all of them, Colonial Quakers.

### REVOLUTIONARY RECORDS, ETC.

Moses Wanzer<sup>2d</sup>, born in 1722, (son of Abraham Wanzer<sup>2d</sup>) married Elizabeth G. Knapp of Danbury, Ct., daughter of Ebenezer Knapp and Elizabeth Benedict Knapp.

This Ebenezer Knapp served in the American Revolution as follows:

CONN. MILITARY RECORD, 1775-1778, P. 489.

Ebenezer Knapp of Danbury, time of marching, Dec. 9, 1776. Discharged Jan. 11, 1777. Of Captain Abraham Mead's company on command at the Saw Pitts under General Wooster.

General Wooster was killed at Danbury raid April, 1777.

*Same book, page 524, is recorded:—*

Ebenezer Knapp time of marching Oct. 5, 1777. Discharged Oct. 9, 1777. Under Cap. Bertram Company of Alarm list in a short campaign at Ridgefield and Horseneck [Stamford, Ct.] Brig. General Siliman.

BAILEY HISTORY OF DANBURY, CT., P. 52. Ebenezer Knapp sold land to Thomas Wildman  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres in said Danbury. The Benedict's and Knapp's are both prominent to this day in Danbury and vicinity.

It was this Ebenezer Knapp, Elizabeth's father, for whom the first Ebenezer Wanzer was named.

From an old manuscript written in 1847 by William Wanzer, born 12-10, 1807, youngest son of Ebenezer 1st, we copy the following:—

"Moses, 1st, married Elizabeth Knapp of Danbury about 1740. She was daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Knapp of Danbury. Her mother's name was Benedict.

The Knapp's and Benedict's were among the first settlers of Danbury. The latter were from Norwalk. This is as far back as I am able to trace their history.

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Moses removed soon after his marriage to Nine Partners, Dutchess Co., New York, where he remained but a short time.

He next settled in Sherman on the farm now owned by Abraham Wanzer and the house where Abraham now lives was built by him. [This Abraham was son of John<sup>u</sup>].

They had six sons and two daughters that lived to have families, viz.:—Moses, Abraham, Nicholas, Ebenezer, Husted and John. The daughters were Abigail and Elizabeth.

He died in Sherman in 1772, aged 50 years. His widow afterward married Benedict Carpenter whom she survived several years and died in Sherman in 1804.

Moses' oldest son had two wives. The first was Darmaris Hendrick, the second Sarah Hill. He removed with his last wife to Fairfield, Vt., where they both died. He several years first. He had one child by his first wife, and five sons and three daughters by his last, most of whom are now living.

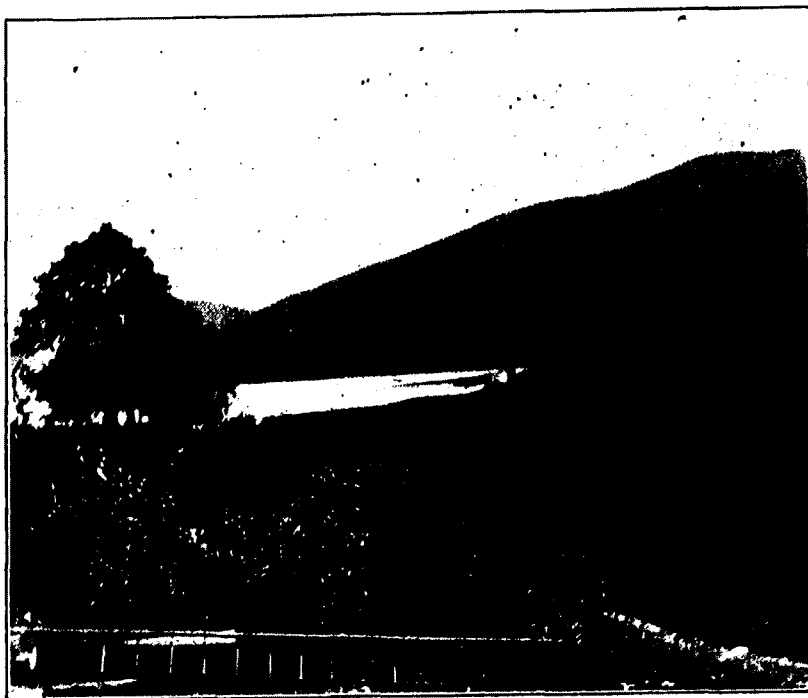
### WANZER HILL

The home of Moses Wanzer<sup>u</sup>, a portion of it, is still standing and is on a cross road between the Sherman and Reading turnpike and the Danbury and Sherman road, that passes Neversink and Squantz Ponds, and this cross road is just over the north New Fairfield line in Sherman, Conn. The photo. of this house in this history does not do this large structure justice, as only a small part is shown. Tall, dense shrubbery nearly surrounded the house and it was impossible to get a better view.

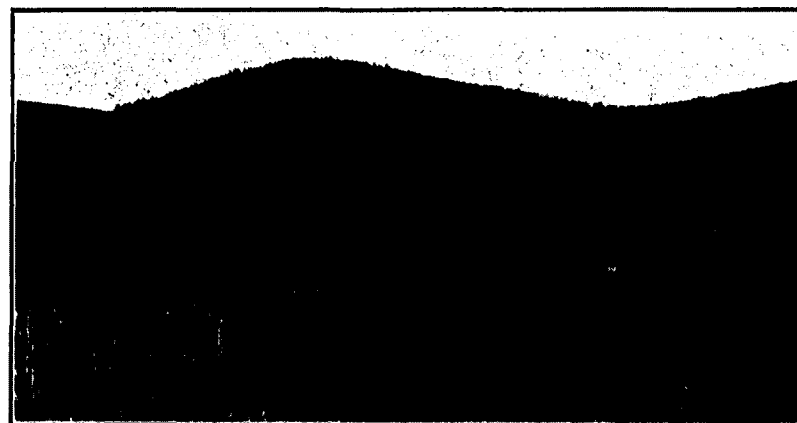
This house stands on high ground, over 700 feet above the sea level.

Here were born Moses<sup>u</sup> children, viz.:—Abraham, Nicholas, Moses, Ebenezer, Abigail, Husted, Elizabeth, John and Anna, whose posterity are to be found in nearly every state in the Union.

As you leave this old home, and go west a short distance, and just before reaching the Danbury and Sherman road the mountain peak WANZER HILL—not over an eighth of a mile distant—faces you with tall imposing grandeur. It rises to almost a sharp peak, to a height of 1,100 feet (see U. S. Survey). It is covered with beautiful trees, the foliage of which, changes to nearly every color during the year, and as it is viewed, at this distance, one is charmed with its magnificent splendor.



North end of Squantz Pond and Pond Mountain.  
View taken from the veranda of Abraham's homestead,  
looking a little west of south.



Wanzer Hill, which joins Pond Mountain on the north.  
The two oldest Wanzer homesteads were nearly on each side  
of this hill, viz:— Squantz Pond, Abraham's first home,  
east side, and on west side, Anthony homestead





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Certainly, Abraham 1st chose a paradise when he settled in this section.

It is hoped that some Wanzer will yet encircle this mountain with an automobile road, and erect a summer home on WANZER HILL Summit.

### HEADS OF FAMILIES FIRST CENSUS OF UNITED STATES 1790. STATE OF CONN.

The following names are found in the above and represent the heads of the Wanzer family at that time:

Nicholas Wanzer, New Fairfield, 3 white males, 4 do. under 16, 3 females.

Moses Wanzer, New Fairfield, 4 white males, 1 do. under 16, 3 females.

Ebenezer Wanzer, New Fairfield, 2 white males, 2 do. under 16, 3 females.

Abraham Wanzer, New Fairfield, 2 white males, 1 do. under 16, 4 females.

Husted Wanzer, New Fairfield, 1 white male, 2 do. under 16, 3 females.

Eliud Wanzer, New Fairfield, 2 white males, 0 do. under 16, 3 females.

This list names all of Moses 1st children male except John, who was not then married, and was probably with one of his brothers.

Anthony, brother of Moses 1st, was then living, and was at his old home with Eliud, last named.

Moses 1st daughter Abigail (Wanzer) Sudlow, her second husband is mentioned, viz. :—

Richard Sudlow, New Fairfield, 2 white males, 2 do. under 16, 4 females.

Moses 1st second daughter Elizabeth (Wanzer) Haviland, viz. :—

Thomas Haviland, State New York, town Southeast Dutchess Co., 2 white males, 3 do. under 16, 2 females.

John Hendricks, who was father of Betsey (Hendricks) Wanzer, who married Ebenezer Wanzer 1st, New Fairfield town.

Ebenezer Knapp, father of Elizabeth (Knapp) Wanzer of Greenwich Town, who married Moses Wanzer 1st.

There are 47 heads of families of "Kipp's" in this census of New York state of 1790.

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### DAUGHTERS OF MOSES<sup>2</sup>

37 Abigail Wanzer, oldest daughter of Moses<sup>2</sup>, was born Sept. 6, 1758. Married John Drinkwater of New Milford, Ct., 2-18-1778. She married 2d time Richard Sudlow. She died 8-13-1813.

#### *Children:*

Elizabeth, George, Susanna, Joseph, Phebe, Richard.

40 Elizabeth Wanzer, second daughter of Moses<sup>2</sup>, was born 17-6-1764. She married Thomas Haviland.

#### *Children:*

Horace, Jane, Sophia, Nancy, Willis, Phebe, John, Elizabeth.

### WILL OF MOSES WANZER

I Moses Wanzer of the township of New Fairfield in the County of Fairfield and government of Conn. being somewhat weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, but considering the mortality of man, do ordain and make this my last will and testament.

First it is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be fully paid and satisfied.

*Item.* First it is my will that whereas I owe I had F. Burr one hundred and fifty pounds lawful money, this debt shall be paid in manner following, that is to say, all my estate shall remain together and my family all work together as if I was alive for two years and pay the debt, thereby if they can and if not, then to be paid out of my estate.

*Item.* I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Wanzer all my household goods, also my riding mare that I ride and her side saddle. Also twenty five pounds lawful money also the use of one half of all my homestead or back of lane. I mean that I bought of Barnum and all that joins together excepting a piece I shall give to one of my sons hereafter, with the buildings, the use of the land and buildings. I give to her during she remain my widow, until my son Moses comes of age, then she to have but one half of the house and barn and the use of one quarter of the lands, and my son Moses the other, all the use above mentioned, of the said land, live on with Barnums, all that joins to it and the movable estate to be hers forever, all of which I give in lieu of her dowery.

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*Item.* It is my will, that the money and other movable estate I give my wife shall be given to her before any legacies or debts excepting the above debt.

*Item.* I also give my wife the use of 30 good sheep during she remains my widow.

*Item.* I give unto my son Abraham Wanzer all that tract or farm of land I bought of Joseph Wheeler, all the said land and buildings thereon, I give unto him and his heirs and assigns forever. He paying the legacy to my daughter hereinafter mentioned.

*Item.* I give unto two sons Nicholas and Moses Wanzer all my homestead I live on, as above described, that is to say, all the old farm where I live, with the farm I bought of Barnum and other lands joining to it, excepting a piece I shall have given to my son hereafter, all the said mentioned farm of land with all the buildings and improvements, I give unto them to be equally divided between them, so that my son Moses shall have the buildings and orchard where I live in his half and my son Nicholas to have the buildings I bought of Barnum in his part, to them their heirs and assigns forever, when they come to lawful age. Moses to have his part of his share as I have mentioned in what I gave to his mother and the next when she has done with it.

It is also my will my son Nicholas shall have use of quarter of the orchard where I live for seven years.

*Item.* I give them use also of the two tracts of land I shall give to my two sons Husted and John, the use of only the grass until they come of age severally, that is to say until Husted is of age, then to have John's till he comes of age and they to enter unto the possession of use as they come to age, they paying the legacy to my daughter Elizabeth, as I shall order hereafter.

*Item.* I give unto my son Ebenezer Wanzer all that farm or tract of land I bought of that said Burr in with all the improvements unto him his heirs and assigns when of lawful age, he paying my son John what I shall mention hereafter.

*Item.* I give unto my son Husted Wanzer all the lands I am possessed of in the place called Coban, about 107 acres, I suppose it to be more. I give it all unto him his heirs and assigns, when of lawful age forever.

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*Item.* I give unto my son John Wanzer all that land I have north-east of my dwelling house under the hill, great part of it known by the name of the meadow under the hill south of John Page's formally part of said farm. Also 30 acres I laid out with the right given for higher say, lying north of the road that comes to my house.

Also ten acres south of said road running southerly on Allen's line to my improvements in the line, then west 25 rods the w. westerly to above highway to make it 35 rods at the north end let it be more or less, which I give him his heirs and assigns forever when of lawful age. Also I give him twenty pounds lawful money to be paid him when of age, by my son Ebenezer out of said Ebenezer's part of my estate.

*Item.* I give unto my daughter Abigail Wanzer 900 pounds York money to be paid her at the expiration of the two years I gave to pay the above said debt to be paid out of what stocks shall be left at that time, and if there is not stock enough left my executors shall choose a couple of men looked on to be honest men, and they shall choose as much land as may pay the said sum and take it in the best manner they see proper so that it may not hurt one legacy more than another in their parts, as I have given them.

*Item.* I give unto my daughter Abigail W. 300 pounds York money to be paid her by my son Abraham out of his part of my estate, he giving security for said money if required. To be one half on the day of marriage if she should marry before she is 21, and the other half at twenty one years. If not married the whole at 21 years.

*Item.* I give unto my daughter Elizabeth W. 100 pounds York money to be paid by my two sons Nicholas and Moses W. out of their parts of my estate. They giving security when they come of lawful age if required to be paid by my two sons, each paying  $\frac{1}{2}$  as they come to age. Each paying fifty pounds of the said 100. To be paid her at the age of 21 years unless she marry, then one half, and then other at 21.

*Item.* It is my will, that after all my debts and legacies are paid what remains shall be equally divided between my three eldest and youngest sons.

*Item.* It is my will that my beloved wife Elizabeth Wanzer and my son Abraham W. shall be executor and Executrix to my last will and testament, and I do entirely disannull all other will or wills by me

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before made or done only alone owning and allowing this to be my last will and testament in writings whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this present eighth day of first month called January A. D. 1771.

Moses Wanzer.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared in the presence of Dodson Wheeler.

*Codicil.* This is certify all people whereas I Moses Wanzer of New Fairfield, and County of Fairfield in government of Conn. some time ago made a will bearing date of 8th day of January, A. D. 1771, since that time I having one other daughter born which I have named Anna I being weak of body, and she not mentioned in my will, I do ordain and make this codicil and addition to my will. It is my will that my daughter Anna W. shall have Sixty pounds York money to be paid her out of my movable estate after my debts and when that twenty pounds and the movables I gave my wife in said will is taken out, then what remains to go toward paying the 50 £ and if that is not enough then my three sons Abraham, Nicholas and Moses shall pay rest each paying alike and equal. Also give her all the sheep my wife has the use of to be paid her on day of marriage or when of age this with my above said will I constitute to be my last will and testament in witness thereof I have set my hand and seal this present 5th day of eight mo called August 1772. In the presence of Dodson Wheeler, James Gregory.

Moses Wanzer.

### ELIZABETH WANZER WILL

The will of Elizabeth (Knapp Wanzer) Carpenter, WIFE OF MOSES WANZER<sup>22</sup>.

I Elizabeth Carpenter of Sherman in the County of Fairfield and State of Conn. although weak in body yet through Devine goodness, of a sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Firstly, my mind and will is that I do hereby order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate by my executors as soon as may be after my decease.

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I give and bequeath unto my son John Wanzer all my lands wherever lying, being to him, his heirs assigns forever, together with all my stock of cattle, horses and sheep that may remain at my decease.

Now I deed my son John Wanzer in consequence of what I have given him to pay unto my daughters Abigail Sudlow and Elizabeth Haviland to each of them one hundred and sixty dollars and seventy five cents.

I also direct him to give unto my other five sons namely, Abraham Wanzer, Nicholas Wanzer, Moses Wanzer, Ebenezer Wanzer and Husted Wanzer to each of them one dollar.

Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two sons Abraham and John Wanzer executors of this my last will and testament, revoking, disallowing and making utterly void all other wills and testaments before heretofore made, or named, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereto set my name and affixed my seal this twelfth day of the second month in the year Eighteen Hundred and three in presence of

Jonathan Nickerson  
Timothy Hoag  
Martha Knapp

Elizabeth Carpenter (Seal)

Feb. 12, 1803.

*Probated* Nov. 22, 1804.

### NICHOLAS WANZER OLD DOCUMENT

The following account was copied from an old paper written by Nicholas Wanzer telling of the accident and death of his father Moses<sup>3</sup>, in 1772. It is written on small note paper, and one-half of the first sheet is torn off and missing.

The part printed in italics, has been supplied by the writer.

*I hereby write the following account of the last days of Moses Wanzer, showing he was prepared for death.* Written by Nicholas Wanzer, son of Moses.

I give it as a duty, I owe my mother, brothers and sisters, and also a duty to our God, and giving time for retirement and contemplation of our future state and present good: An instance have I seen of light;

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that is the loss of a most near and loving Father and Friend who in a prosperous and flourishing situation in the world both of state and family, all in as beautiful a condition as heart could wish or desire, was taken from all these blessings, and most loving wife and children, to their utmost sorrow and grief, and I do believe to his Eternal gain. May times of grief and sorrow and mourning never be forgotten by us fatherless children, and a mother bereft of her head and husband, and you, my most near and tender brothers and sisters, may we consider these things to our benefit and advantage; and we that are arrived to years of understanding, may we be helpful to the little ones that are left, without a father, to advise and guide them, in the way of duty. But to say something concerning my father when in health, and at his decease; about two years before he died he often said "the time draws near that I must leave the world, *and* when he was advised to increase his business, his reply would be, "I have not long to live; it is not worth the while to fatigue myself." I am well satisfied that he was sensible of his latter end, when in health and strength. O, may the way and manner that he received his mortal wound and death wound, be a warning to us all, that may never be forgotten; how he appeared weltering in his own blood, with his heart full of sorrow, and distress, saying, "I must die," with some reflections on himself, saying, "I was to blame," *and* praying the Lord to forgive him, and being sensible of his end, and great trouble and sorrow of heart, with hearty desires to be at peace with his Maker, which lasted for several days, which was a sorrowful time to him, being sensible that his stay here was short, and the parting of all that was near and dear was come, and mourning over his wife and children, saying, "I must leave you all to God to guide and direct you through this world of sorrow and trouble."

About four days before his departure, being somewhat reconciled to his condition, and giving comfortable satisfaction of his peace with the Lord and appearing with a loving disposition of mind, forgiving all his enemies, and praying for them, and the man that wounded him, saying, "his condition is worse than mine." He called his family all around him, and said, "I am going to leave you all, and shall die an untimely death." He said, "I am afraid that the manner of my death will bring reproach on the society that I profess." [Friends or Quakers]. He said to his family, "I have been a passionate man. I desire you all to forgive me; I am afraid when I am dead and gone, you will ramble after the fashions and the customs of this world, and I leave it as my dying testimony that you never wander after these hireling priests, for they are wrong; for I knew it twenty years ago, and see

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it now; but have an eye to that blefsed light which is in your own heart, and it will lead you all in the right way to peace and happiness."

Being in such a condition that he could not eat or drink a morfel of anything, he said, "I have labored and fatigued myself to get a portion in this world, and now it can't afford me so much as one pint of milk and water," with prayers and tears for his family.

He was asked if he was willing to die. He said, "No." They asked him if he was afraid to die; he said, "No," putting his hands on the hands of his children, saying, "it is hard parting with thefe." He said to his aged father [Abraham, 76 years] "thou wilt soon come after me. To one of great business, the world is a snare, for I know it." The day before he died, *he* called his children to him, taking them by the hand, saying, "Farewell, for I have done with you all. I can do no more for you and may the Lord blefs you and guide you through this world of sin and sorrow."

The day that he died he called me to him, taking me by the hand, but almoft spent, he pointed upwards and put his hand on his breaft, says, mind that which signifies to me, to mind the guide in my own heart; being wholly resigned to the heavy hand of the Lord, that was upon him, with patient waiting for his change to come, to leave all sorrow and pain and be at rest, and so he continued in patient refignation while about eight o'clock in the evening he departed this life, in the fiftieth year of his age, in the tenth of eighth month, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-two. [1772].

NICHOLAS WANZER.

The above account is on small note paper and covers six pages and is well written. Nicholas Wanzer, the author, was the second son of Moses. He was then only 21 years old. Abraham, his older brother, 26 years old, and the rest of the family's children's ages as follows: Moses 17, Abigail 14, Ebenezer 12, Husted 10, Elizebeth 8, John 6 and Anna 7 months, when their father, Moses, died. Surely, as you read the foregoing account, and see in your mind the sorrowing family—mother and her nine children, the most of whom were small—around the death bed, it must have been a sad time indeed.



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### ANTHONY WANZER BRANCH

30 Anthony Wanzer, second son of Abraham<sup>2</sup>, was born about 1725 in Greenwich, Conn. He married Mary, dau. of Mehitable (Peck) Stephens.

He died May 4, 1804. He lived in the south part of Sherman. He was buried in the same old cemetery with his father, and W. C. Platt, of Patterson, N. Y., writes: "His tomb was covered by a large slab resting on four posts, like a table."

#### *Children:*

- 43 Abigail, mar. John Marsh Mar. 2, 1772.
- 44 Esther, mar. Stephen Pepper, Dec. 9, 1779.
- 45 Gideon, b. Oct. 11, 1764; d. July 24, 1857; mar. twice:
  - 1st Lucy Pepper, one dau. Mary, mar. Eli Jennings.
  - 2d, Susan Darow, one dau. Electa, mar. Henry Pepper.
- 46 Eliud, b. Nov. 29, 1770; d. June 27, 1803; mar. Lucy Leach.
- 47 Daniel, said to have been carried off by Tories and never heard from afterward.
- 48 Doreus, died young.

Eliud Wanzer<sup>4</sup> mar. Lucy Leach, dau. Amos and Deborah (Wanzer) Leach, b. Aug. 14, 1769, d. Sept. 29, 1844.

#### *Children:*

- 49 Huldah, b. June 27, 1791; d. July 8, 1863; mar. John Whaley. She was gt. grandmother of Wilford C. Platt, of Patterson, N. Y.
- 50 Jarvis, b. Dec. 19, 1792; d. July 9, 1829; mar. Samantha Hawes.
- 51 Olive, b. Dec. 31, 1793; d. July 10, 1865; mar. Joel Durgy.
- 52 Hannah, b. Sept. 22, 1794; d. July 31, 1842; mar. Francis Durgy.
- 53 Almira, b. Dec. 28, 1796; d. May 8, 1829; mar. David Hawes.
- 54 Daniel, b. Jan. 29, 1799; d. May 14, 1879; mar. Hannah Briggs.
- 55 Esther, b. Aug. 26, 1800; d. July 31, 1842; unmarried.

Jarvis Wanzer<sup>5</sup>, son of Eliud, son of Anthony; mar. Samantha Hawes, Mar. 3, 1814.

#### *Children:*

- 56 Emeline, mar. Geo. Briggs; b. Sept. 3, 1816; d. Oct. 18, 1863.
  - 57 Electa, mar. Delos Barnum; b. May 3, 1818; d. Jan. 13, 1912.
  - 58 Elizebeth, mar. Hamstead Briggs; b. Nov. 27, 1819; d. Oct. 19, 1905.
  - 59 Hiram, mar. Esther C. Wanzer; b. May 22, 1822; d. June 22, 1872.
  - 60 Lucy Ann, mar. Gershom Barlow; b. June 15, 1824; d. Mar. 8, 1903.
  - 61 Almira, mar. Joshua Mead Vail; b. Dec. 8, 1826; d. Apr. 3, 1907.
- Mary L., died at 3 years; b. Oct. 22, 1828.

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Daniel Wanzer<sup>54</sup>, son of Eliud, mar. Hannah Briggs Oct. 25, 1824.

*Children:*

- 62 Edward died young.  
63 Esther mar. Hiram Wanzer<sup>55</sup>, son of Jarvis<sup>56</sup>. } twins  
Ann died at four years.  
64 Hannah mar. Ebenezer Marsh, New Milford, Ct. } twins  
65 Eunice P. mar. Stanley L. Warner, New Milford, Ct. }  
66 Daniel E. mar. Anna Akin. } twins  
67 Louisa mar. Edwin P. Seeley, Roxbury, Ct. }  
Hiram Wanzer<sup>57</sup> mar. Esther Wanzer<sup>58</sup>.

*Children:*

- 68 Ida mar. Chas. L. Leach.  
69 Lillian A. mar. Edwin Hungerford.  
70 Minnie mar. Edwin G. Emmonds.  
Daniel E. Wanzer<sup>59</sup> mar. Anna Akin, one child.  
71 Edna mar. Walter Thompson.  
72 Ebenezer B. Marsh mar. Hannah B. Wanzer<sup>60</sup>.

*Children:*

- 73 Frank Wanzer Marsh mar. Mary Clark.  
74 Edwin O. Marsh mar. Carrie Wildman.  
75 Stanley L. Warner mar. Eunice P. Wanzer<sup>61</sup>.

*Children:*

- 76 Henry D. Warner mar. Hattie Sabin, Pawling, N. Y.  
77 Harriet L. Warner mar. John F. Addis, Lawyer, New Milford, Ct.  
78 Edith Warner mar. Franklin B. Dailey, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.  
79 Edwin G. Seeley mar. Louisa A. Wanzer<sup>62</sup>, Roxbury, Ct.

*Children:*

- 80 Edwin W. mar. Belle Bailey, Roxbury, Ct.  
81 Benj. died young.

We are indebted to W. C. Platt of Huldah<sup>63</sup> branch and Stanley L. Warner<sup>64</sup> for the record of the Anthony branch; also Mrs. Otis W. Durgy.

Daniel E. Wanzer<sup>65</sup> was representative for Sherman, Ct., at Hartford, in 1855; also Jarvis Wanzer<sup>66</sup> in year 1809.

The Anthony branch runs out with Daniel Edward Wanzer<sup>67</sup>, there being no male issue.

Huldah Wanzer<sup>68</sup>, daughter of Eliud<sup>69</sup>, married John Whaley.

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### *Children:*

Eliud W. Whaley, b. Dec. 5, 1806, d. Jan. 9, 1807.

Lucy L., b. May 16, 1808, d. Aug. 17, 1888, mar. Dec. 19, 1832,  
Montgomery S. Platt.

Eliza, b. Oct. 3, 1811, d. April 4, 1897, mar. Sept. 25, 1837, Des-  
mond Williams.

Lavinia, b. March 9, 1813, d. Oct. 1, 1912, mar. Jan. 1, 1843, Benj.  
Jones.

Willis, b. Nov. 30, 1814, d. May 9, 1849, unmarried.

Moses, b. Nov. 22, 1817, d. Nov. 20, 1860, unmarried.

Daniel W., b. Jan. 4, 1820, d. Aug. 19, 1872, mar. Julia Davis.

Phebe Jane, b. July 2, 1827, d. Nov. 26, 1890, mar. Jan. 28, 1856,  
Eleazer B. Brown.

Children of Eli and Mary (Wanzer) Jennings, dau. of Gideon<sup>4</sup>:

Electa, b. Mar. 24, 1805, mar. Thomas Haviland.

Clarissa, b. Mar. 17, 1807, died June 14, 1890, mar. Silas Barnum.

Chil. of Stephen and Esther (Wanzer) Pepper, dau. of Anthony<sup>3</sup>:

Dorcas Pepper, b. Sept. 27, 1780, d. Nov. 14, 1854, mar. Reuben  
Osborn.

Pauline, b. May 9, 1783, d. Aug. 6, 1846, mar. Joseph Stedwell.

Maranda, b. May 21, 1785, d. July 28, 1871, mar. David Hoag.

Stephen, b. Feb. 25, 1787, d. Feb. 25, 1874, mar. Maria Morehouse.

Esther, mar. Wm. Atwell.

Nehmiah, b. July 5, 1791, d. Oct. 31, 1884, mar. Minerva Peet.

One dau. Anna J. mar. Harrison Crane, who had dau. Carrie M.,  
who mar. F. S. Phelps, who has assisted with history.

David, b. Dec. 25, 1794, d. Sept. 24, 1880, mar. Suviva Daley.

Charity, married Eli Jones.

Maria, died in 1821, mar. Abraham Birdsell.

Chil. of David and Almira (Wanzer) Hawes, dau. of Eliud<sup>4</sup>:

Edward V., b. Aug. 23, 1823, d. Mar. 15, 1888, married, 1st, Mary  
Green; 2d, Huldah Marsh.

Mary Eliza, mar. John Lawrence.

Nancy, died Jan. 3, 1887, aged 65 years, mar. Nicholas Whle.

Susan Samantha, died Aug. 11, 1875, aged 49 years, mar. David  
W. Leach.

Almira, b. Feb. 8, 1828, d. May 17, 1901, mar. Henry Briggs.

Vinson, d. Feb. 23, 1821, aged 14 mos.

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Children of Joel and Olive (Wanzer) Durgy, dau. of Eliud\*:

Clarissa Durgy, born Jan. 25, 1815, died Oct. 15, 1861, mar. Dec. 10, 1839, David Canfield.

Diamon Durgy, born Feb. 25, 1816, died May 27, 1897, married Lucy Ann Hurd.

Lucy L. Durgy, born July 10, 1817, died Oct. 14, 1899, mar. Nov. 11, 1841, Stephen Whitehead.

Eliud W. Durgy, born Sept. 23, 1818, died Apr. 30, 1867, married Betsy Ann Pepper.

Caroline Durgy, Jan. 18, 1820, died May 11, 1836.

Susan A. Durgy, born Aug. 25, 1821, died April 27, 1917, mar. Dec. 27, 1843, George Barnum.

John Durgy, born Jan. 23, 1823, died June 5, 1897, mar. Oct. 4, 1853, Mary J. Davis; one son, E. N. Durgy, Macon, Mo.

Joel J. Durgy, born Oct. 9, 1824, died Dec. 27, 1901, unmarried.

Lewis Durgy, born Feb. 11, 1826, died Sept. 19, 1902, married Helen Bacon.

Luther Durgy, born Apr. 19, 1827, died young.

James L. Durgy, born Apr. 12, 1833, died June 24, 1909, mar. Mary Smith; one son, Otis W. Durgy, who married Minnie Barnum.

Charlotte C. Durgy, born Aug. 2, 1834, died April 24, 1914, mar. Nov. 15, 1853, William B. Pepper.

Children of Francis and Hannah (Wanzer) Durgy, dau. Eliud\*:

Elias Durgy.

Fordyce Durgy married Rachel Rogers.

Wanzer Durgy married Sarah Allen.

Malvina Durgy married Joseph Converse.

Abby Durgy married Eliakim Barnum.

Emily Durgy married Rufus Bissell.

Ruamah Durgy.

Children of George and Susan A. Barnum:

Eliud D., born Aug 14, 1847, died Oct. 23, 1849.

Charlotte R., born Oct. 25, 1849.

Josephine, born July 10, 1851.

Buckley, born June 19, 1854, died Nov. 6, 1881.

L. Starr, born Sept. 27, 1856.

Minnie, born Jan. 23, 1861.

Twin brother to Minnie lived only a few days.

Geo. Barnum was born June 23, 1818, died July 2, 1882, was married Dec. 27, 1843.



E. N. DURG  
Macen, Mo.



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The Durgys were from Wales and the Barnums were English.  
Josephine Barnum married Lewis G. Pugsley Nov. 2, 1870.  
Charlotte R. Barnum married Edwin G. Betts Oct. 6, 1875.  
L. Starr Barnum married M. Elizabeth Paddock May 17, 1881.  
Minnie Barnum married Otis W. Durga Nov. 5, 1890; no children.  
We are indebted to her for nearly all of this line of history.

Josephine's children:

Susan B. married William O. Taylor.

Minnie B. not married.

Edgar A. married Dorothy Akin, have a son Kenneth.

Josephine B. married Towner Kent, and her twin brother is the next.

Lewis G. married Z. Jane Boynton. Have a daughter, Margaret.  
Sterling P. married Bessie M. Rundall.

Charlotte R's (Betts') children:

George B. married Alice Barnes. Have a daughter, Evelyn.

Horace B. married Emily L. Price, in Boston, at 46 Clinton St.

Hanford B. married Alva Bobst; have a daughter Betty and a son, William Hanford, of Philadelphia.

L. Starr's children:

George P. married Marjorie Smith; two daughters, Vivian and Marjorie.

Elizabeth married Frederick Storm; daughter Ruth, son William.

Warren S. married Marion Ballard; daughter Mariom Louise.

### ABRAHAM WANZER BRANCH

Abraham Wanzer<sup>2</sup>, son of Moses<sup>2</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Ct., Dec. 16, 1748. He married first Phebe Ferris, Sept. 1771, one son, Zebulon, born 1773. He married 2d Lydia Ferris, Nov. 1776. He died Apr. 14, 1813; Lydia died 1783.

*Children:*

82 Zebulon, born 1773.

83 Anna, mar. William Sweet Olmsted; 7 chil.

84 Benjamin, born Sept. 1779.

85 Moses, born Mar. 10, 1781.

Moses Wanzer<sup>3</sup>, third son of Abraham, was born Mar. 10, 1781, and died Apr. 10, 1860. Mar. Sarah Akin 10-22-1806. She was born Oct. 2, 1788, and died Oct. 2, 1861. Dau. of Benj. Akin and Martha Palmer. He spent his whole life in the old Wanzer homestead at Squantz Pond, which home he owned.

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### *Children:*

- 86 Nicholas, b. 2-25, 1808; d. 12-22, 1826; not married.
- 87 Phebe, b. 9-3, 1809; d. 4-7, 1847; mar. John Hoag; one son, Nicholas, died Haveford College, 1852.
- 88 Benjamin, b. 3-16, 1811; d. 4-4, 1825.
- 89 Elizabeth, b. 7-14, 1813; d. 1-2, 1904.
- 90 Martha, b. 2-14, 1815; d. 9-14, 1834.
- 91 Jane, b. 4-20, 1817; d. 9-17, 1841.
- 92 Anna, b. 8-19, 1819.
- 93 Sarah, b. 3-24, 1821; d. 5-7, 1895.
- 94 Lydia, b. 1-3, 1823; d. 6-5, 1900.
- 95 Moses, b. 5-31, 1824; d. 1919, aged 95 years.
- 96 Margaret, b. 3-3, 1826; d. 12-19, 1891.
- 97 Edward, b. 4-11, 1828; d. 5-8, 1899.
- 98 Mary, b. 8-4, 1829; d. 2-12, 1840.
- 98 Mary, b. 8-4, 1829; d. 2-12, 1840.
- 99 Harriet, b. 3-24, 1831; d. 11-26, 1863.
- 100 Martha, b. 9-5, 1855; d. 1, 1909.

Elizebeth Wanzer<sup>86</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Joseph Griffin and had two sons, Benj. and Moses. The latter died at 13. The former, Benj., mar. Angeline L. Kellogg, dau. of B. B. Kellogg, of New Fairfield, Ct.

Jane Wanzer<sup>91</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Gurden Swift and died at the age of 24. Her husband died 10 days later.

Anna Wanzer<sup>92</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Wm. Swift, who died in 1850. Two sons and one daughter. Thomas lives at Mountain Park, Mexico, and William at Jefferson, Ohio. The dau. Mary mar. Dr. Elbert Barney who died in 1895. She mar. 2d Hiram Howland. No issue. She now lives at Erie City, Penn.

Sarah Wanzer<sup>93</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Daniel J. Congdon, who died 1867. Three chil: Phebe who died 1870 at 18 years, James G. who died 1871 at 22 years, and Edward, the oldest, still living, by latest news, at Empire, Canal Zone.. Sarah died 1895.

Lydia Wanzer<sup>94</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. James H. Haght, who died 1866. Two dau.: oldest Sarah, who mar. S. P. Hallock; Emily who mar. Franklin Shapter and died in 1897.

Moses Wanzer<sup>95</sup>, son of Moses<sup>95</sup>, mar. twice; 1st Anna Height, d. 1872; mar. 2d. Mary C. Jones, one dau., with whom Moses<sup>95</sup> was living at the present time (1909) in Chappaqua, N. Y. Later died in 1919, aged 95 years.



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Edward Wanzer<sup>\*</sup>, son of Moses, mar. Hannah Taber. They had five children. Four died in infancy. The remaining daughter died Oct. 1906.

Margaret Wanzer<sup>\*</sup>, dau. of Moses, mar. Dr. Wm. F. Holsombe of New York city. He died in 1905; she in 1891. No. chil. Of his history we take the following from book 35 New York Gen. Society, Page 233:

It was W. F. Holcombe, M. D., who found the coat of arms and the Holcombe Crusader Knight in the Abby Church of Devonshire, Eng. This genealogy he provided for in his will, but as yet it has not been published. He was Sec'y and Librarian of the New York Gen. Society for a long time.

Mrs. Holcombe had a history of the Wanzer family well under way, which was stopped by severe illness, which resulted in her death in 1891. Their home was destroyed by fire shortly afterward and it is said her notes of the family perished then. We copy the following from same book just quoted, pages 230-31 and 32, in part:

MRS. WM. THEODORE HOLCOMBE, M. D. (MRS. MARGARET WANZER HOLCOMBE)<sup>\*</sup>

Mrs. Holcombe (whose maiden name was Margaret Wanzer) was not only an accomplished woman, in the ordinary sense, but a woman of wide reading, and conversance, with men and women. Coming of good old Quaker stock, she possessed a certain serious sweetness of feature and manner and an easy dignity, which invited a closer acquaintance, and to those who were really admitted to her confidence, she proved a charming and most reliable friend in all the vicissitudes of life, especially to those of her own sex. \* \* \*

Several letters written by her in the early eighties are here given. They were kindly sent us by D. C. Wanzer, of Morris, N. Y.

Nov. 21, 1880.

Mr. Ab. Wanzer,

Dear Cousin:

Many times I have intended to write and ask after your welfare and then deferred it to some convenient season. But now a Miss Holcombe from your town is our guest for a day or two, and has been telling me about you and your family. I knew your mother when a school girl and your father was once at my father's house, as he was

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going to see his sisters in Conn. I am Margaret, daughter of Moses Wanzer, the brother of your grandfather. I have been married to Dr. Wm. F. Holcombe of N. J. for 28 years and have lived in the city of N. Y. all the time since, when I have been in America. I have gathered many particulars of the History of the Wanzer family since it has existed in America, and hope sometime to write it all out, and therefore I shall want to put you and yours down in their proper place in it. I wish also to hear all about you because we are cousins. I should like you to tell me the dates of birth of both your father and mother, of their marriage and death. Also the names of all their children, ages, and if you or they are married and have children, and as much about yourself as you will. I have always talked of and hoped to go and see you, but perhaps I never shall. If you have time, will you give me the names and ages of your aunts and their children, the living and the dead, if they are not living. I have seen Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Carr I think once, and I have also seen one of your cousins, Mr. Levi Castle, years ago. What has become of him? If you care to have it, I will send you a genealogical account as far as I know it. Have you any pictures of your grandfather and mother, or of your father? I should much like to see them and also of yourself and brothers and sisters. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am very truly,

Your friend,

M. W. H.

54 E. 25th St., N. Y., Jan. 6, 1881.

Mr. Dillwyn C. Wanzer,

Dear Cousin:

I thank you most heartily for the care you so kindly take in sending me the records and notes of the family. I have also received this A. M. a letter from your aunt, Mrs. Warner, giving dates, etc. She says the Bible belonged to grandfather Abraham, your great-grandfather, and is in possession of Lydia Smith's daughters. Will you not be kind enough to try to find where it is? If you find it please get an exact copy of every word written in it. This is the only way to be certain, you know. I thank you most heartily for the signatures and autograph of my grandfather. What was the book from which you took it? Are you willing to part with it. I will give you the dates and names of his wives, dates of marriage and children.

Abraham Wanzer, son of Moses Wanzer and Elizabeth Knapp, was born in New Fairfield, Conn., in a house in which his father, Moses W. died Aug. 10, 1772. A part of the house is still in existence. Your

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great-grandfather, Abraham, was his oldest child, born Oct. 16, 1748, died April 4, 1813, as you know. He married first, Phebe (b. 3-24, 1753) daughter of Zebulon Ferris, Sept. 1771 (he died in 1778). They had one son, Zebulon, born in 1773 or 4. He married Sybilla Wing, Dec. 21, 1796. Abraham Wanzer 2d married for his second wife, Lydia daughter of Reed Ferris and Anna Kipp, in Nov. 1776. Their children were Annie who married William Sweet Olmstead; Benj., born Sept. 1779, married Eunice Knapp in 1800; Moses, born as you know, married Sarah Akin. Lydia Ferris Wanzer died in 1783. Abraham Wanzer 2d. married his first wife Phebe Ferris, daughter of Zebulon Ferris, Sept. 1771. Zebulon and Reed Ferris were brothers. They had one son Zebulon, born in 1773 or 4. This son married Sybilla Wing, daughter of Elihu Wing and Kezia Hoag, Dec. 21, 1796. Their children were Michael, Elihu, Reuben, Elizabeth, Sarah and Jane. This first wife Phebe died (am not quite sure of the date). Abraham Wanzer 2d married his second wife, Lydia, daughter of Reed Ferriss and Anna Kipp, in Nov. 1776. Their children were Anna, born, (have not exact date). She married William Sweet Olmstead. Their children were *Abraham, Bezaleel, Phebe, William, Lydia, Jane, Ebenezer*. Their children all lived and those who died, died near Ravenna, Portage Co., Ohio. Second child, Benjamin, your grandfather; third child Moses, my father, born Nov. 10, 1781. He married Sarah Akin. Had *\*Nicholas, \*Phebe, Benjamin, Elizabeth, \*Martha, \*Jane, Anna, Sarah, Lydia, Moses, Margaret, Edward, \*Mary, Harriet, Martha*; those marked with a star are now dead. Moses, my father, died April 10, 1860; my mother, Oct. 2, 1861. Abraham Wanzer's first wife Phebe died in the town of Sherman, Conn., then a part of New Fairfield. She is buried in a field belonging now to Kirby's; then it belonged to Reed Ferris and he lived on the place. It is in Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y. Lydia Ferris Wanzer was buried in the same ground as her cousin, on her father's, Reed Ferris, land. She died in 1783 at the age of 27 years, my father being in his third year. The clover leaf I enclose to you grew on her grave. Abraham Wanzer married third time, Jane, daughter of Nath'l. Stevenson, Apr. 1786; as you know, no children. I have seen a copy of the first Abraham Wanzer's will and also of Moses Wanzer's will. Abraham's was probated in Feb. 1784, and Moses' in Aug. 1772, twelve years before the death of his father. The wills were recorded in Danbury, Conn.

I am very truly,

Your friend and cousin,

M. W. H.

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March 9, 1881.

Dillwyn C. Wanzer,

Dear Cousin:

Your letter mailed yesterday arrived this A. M. I am very much obliged for the portraits, indeed. I remember seeing Uncle Benj. once at my home and recall his face very clearly. I cannot remember ever seeing Aunt Eunice. Your father came once to see us with his sister Jane, I think, and there was another young girl with them, perhaps one of Lydia Smith's daughters. It is many years ago. Your father was a much better looking man than many of the Wanzer's. He was much taller and larger than either his father or my brothers, who are both small, light short men, as was my father. My father was born in New Fairfield, either in a house which stood about 100 rods north of the house where I was born, or at "Leach Hollow," about two miles north near a mill, which once belonged to my grandfather, Abraham<sup>2</sup>.

I think I have told you he (Abraham<sup>2</sup>) was a miller. He lived in both the houses spoken of, but I cannot tell in which one the children of his second wife were born. Nicholas was the second son of Moses, your great-great-grandfather. He married Phebe, daughter of Dobson Wheeler, a Dr. of Medicine from London, Eng., and Hannah, daughter of Benj. Ferris and Phebe Beecher. He first kept house in a log house on a farm given him by his father. Then he built the house where I was born in New Fairfield\* and lived there many years, just how many I cannot tell, but he was living there when my grandmother died and left her three little ones, my father being the youngest. He and his wife took him and reared him as their own son. There were no children of their marriage. About 1799 or 1800, this Nicholas bought a farm, mill and store at New Milford, Conn., and went to live there in a dwelling which was at the "Four Corners," near the Friend's Meeting House, and is now occupied and owned, I think, by a man named Knowles. When my father was 17 years old, he was placed in charge of the first farm in New Fairfield, which belonged to his uncle Nicholas, at Squantz Pond; this in 1799.

He continued in charge of it till he was 25, when he married my mother at the age of 18. Then his uncle gave him the half of that property; it was called \$3,000 value. He at least paid \$3,000 for the half, or agreed to and did. There were about 300 acres of it, mountain and meadow. I think you will call it a "big price." He afterwards bought a farm which joined him on the south for which he

\*This was the Wanzer homestead at Squantz Pond, and the part built, likely by Nicholas, was the second oldest or middle part.

W. D. W.

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paid \$2,800. He also bought a good many acres of mountain woodland. To this home he took my mother in October 1806, and there they had fifteen children born to them, four sons and eleven daughters. The first and third children were sons, Nicholas, Akin and Benj. Nicholas died at 18 and Benj. at 14 years of age. My brother Moses was born in 1824, Edward in 1828, and I in 1826. They never had any other home or lived in any other house. After 54 years of marriage my father died, April 10, 1860; my mother followed him October 3, 1861. Now the property belongs to a stranger.

I think I have already told you that the adjoining farm north belonged to Moses Wanzer, your great-great-grandfather, and part of it was given him by his father, Abraham<sup>1</sup>, who lived and died two miles away, west. Both these properties have been in the hands of Wanzers for 160 years.

My father and mother, grandfather, great-grandmother, with a great many of the connections, are buried in Friend's burying ground at New Milford, Conn. My great-grandfather is buried in an older ground, also in New Milford. My great-great-grandfather Abraham lies in an old ground in the present town of Sherman, formerly a part of New Fairfield. I have seen a woman who knew him and saw him stand by the death bed of his son Moses, who died in 1772 at the age of 52.

I do not know anything of your grandfather's early life. I think his wife must have been related to him. His grandmother you may recall was Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Knapp and Elizabeth Benedict. As for the pictures, I will get some made of myself. I have none now, and will send you as soon as I can one of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, if I can get them. I should greatly like to have the book you speak of with grandfather's autograph. And I thank you most sincerely for your willing interest in all this family matter, and I am certain you will find still more interest in your own children the more you know about it. I am proud of my father and grandfathers on both sides and if I had children would take all possible care that they should have no reason to despise me.

Very truly your friend and cousin,

M. W. HOLCOMBE.

P. S.:

I will give some of the Wanzer Genealogy. Abraham was born in New Amsterdam, 1699, and was, I think (though I cannot prove it), the son of John Wanzer and Susannah De Nys who were married in New Amsterdam, Dec. 8, 1698. He married, about 1719, Abigail Husted of

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Horse Neck, N. Y., and had by her two sons, Moses and Anthony. He married second time Deborah Classon, and had two daughters\*. Both married men named Leach. He died in 1784 and is buried in Sherman, Conn. Moses married Elizabeth, daughter of Ebenezer Knapp and Elizabeth Benedict of Danbury, Conn. Their children were Abraham, Nicholas, Moses, Abigail, Ebenezer, Husted, Elizabeth and John.

It is no little work to ferret out all this family business, but it is almost clear now back to Holland and the beginning of the 17th century, 1600. I have found their home in Holland and hope to find the two names I need, between the John of 1644 and the John of 1698, with dates and days. We shall know at any rate who our fathers were. Hoping you can find the old Bible, I am very truly,

Your friend and cousin,

M. W. HOLCOMBE.

Zebulon Wanzer<sup>2</sup>, oldest son of Abraham <sup>1</sup>, was born 1773. Married Sylilla Wing Dec. 21, 1796. He was born in New Fairfield, Conn; was only child of Abraham's<sup>1</sup> first wife, Phebe Ferris.

### *Children:*

- 101 Michael
- 102 Elihu
- 103 Reuben
- 104 Elizebeth
- 105 Sarah
- 106 Jane

Michael Wanzer<sup>101</sup>, son of Zebulon <sup>2</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Ct., July 8, 1801. Married Lavina Peck of Armenia, Dutchess Co., N. Y., Jan. 4, 1834. He died Feb. 13, 1890. His wife died Oct. 7, 1884. He lived a long and useful life at Zanesfield, Ohio, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

### *Children:*

- 107 Abram, born Oct. 27, 1834.
- 108 Jane, mar. E. H. Brosins, Alliance, Ohio.
- 109 Emily, mar. Prof. Mills, who was Pres. Oberlin College.
- 110 David, died 1860, at the age of 14.

Abram Wanzer<sup>107</sup>, eldest son of Michael<sup>101</sup>, married Hannah W. Picknell, Oct. 23, 1856.

\*Abraham says in will, "my only daughter Deborah."



MICHAEL WANZER<sup>101</sup>





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### *Children:*

111 Chas. Michael, born Sept. 7, 1857.

112 Edwin Peck, born Mar. 31, 1863.

Chas. M. Wanzer, M. D.<sup>111</sup>, son of Abram<sup>109</sup>, married Amanda R. Cratty, Sept. 17, 1879. He graduated in 1883 from the University of Cincinnati, a medical college.

For many years he practiced in Zanesfield, Ohio, moving to Urbana, Ohio, in 1904. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature for five sessions, beginning Jan. 1890.

He is now Assistant Supt. of the State Hospital at Parsons, Kan.

### *Children:*

113 Hattie Martha, born June 18, 1881.

114 Mary Emily, born May 16, 1886.

115 Winfred Clair, born Feb. 4, 1897.

Edwin Peck Wanzer<sup>112</sup>, born May 31, 1863, second son of Abram Wanzer<sup>109</sup>.

He is a lawyer of prominence at Armour, South Dakota; was district attorney for several terms; also State senator.

Mrs. E. P. Wanzer was very actively engaged just before the war in connection with the *National Association for the Study of Prevention of Tuberculosis*. A long article in the Ladies' Home Journal tells of quick work done by her in selling 200,000 Red Cross seals in only 35 days. During the war she spent her energies in helping the government, and certainly deserves all the praise that was given her.

Reuben Wanzer<sup>108</sup>, third son of Zebulon<sup>8</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Ct., in 1803. Moved to Wapello, Iowa, in 1833. He married Nancy Hagans of Fulton Co., Ill., in 1837. Reuben died in 1849.

### *One son:*

116 Henry, born near Wapello, Iowa, Sept. 21, 1841. Served in Civil War, first in Co. C. 14th Iowa Inf., reenlisting in the 7th Iowa Cavalry. Served five years and discharged in 1866. Married Cyrenan Eveline Wilson in 1866. Died Jan. 13, 1887.

### *Children:*

117 Lizzie Irene, b. Oct. 6, 1867; mar. Chas M. Erving 1891, and she died 1902. *Children* Harriet E. b. 1892, Chas. D. b. 1897, May R. b. 1899, John Arthur b. 1901. May married Mr. Coleman.

118 Cora C. b. Aug. 17, 1869; mar. F. W. Crossley 1892. She died 1906. *Children* Grace b. 1893, Lulu b. 1894, Winnie b. 1896, Paul b. 1899, Clarence M. b. 1901, Nellie R. b. 1903, John S. b. 1905, d. 1905.

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- 119 Minnie May b. July 14, 1874; mar. F. W. Crossley 1908, Muscatine, Iowa. *Children* Gladys R. b. 1910, John S. b. 1912, Chas. L. b. 1914.
- 120 John Henry b. Jan. 20, 1876. Single, lives at Rudyard, Montana.
- 121 Arthur b. Mar. 14, 1878. Married Ina Odle, 1906. *Daughter*, Margaret b. 1908.
- 122 Oscar Anthony, Valley Home, Cal., b. June 3, 1880; mar, Edna Johnson 1901. *Daughter*, Gertrude Helen b. 1903.

Benjamin Wanzer<sup>24</sup>, second son of Abraham<sup>23</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Ct., Sept. 1779. He married Eunice, daughter of Johnathan Knapp and Adah Couch Knapp of Reading, Conn., in 1800. He died June 5, 1854. His wife, Eunice, Jan. 14, 1864. Both were buried in the Friend's cemetery at Morris, N. Y., where they lived.

### *Children:*

- 123 Lydia Wanzer, born in New Fairfield, Ct., Jan., 1802.
- 124 Ann Eliza Wanzer, born in New Fairfield, Ct., May, 1804.
- 125 Emeline A. Wanzer, born in Brookfield, Ct., Apr. 20, 1808.
- 126 Abram Wanzer, only son, born in Brookfield, Ct., Dec. 31, 1814.
- 127 Jane E. Wanzer, born in Brookfield, Ct., Feb., 1818.

Ann Eliza Wanzer<sup>24</sup>, second daughter of Benjamin<sup>24</sup>, married Nelson Warner of Watertown, Conn., in 1826. They had one daughter Julia, who died when 2 years old. Her husband, Nelson, died in the 30's, and she died in 1878.

Emeline A. Wanzer<sup>25</sup>, third daughter of Benjamin<sup>24</sup>, married James W. Carr in 1842. They have one son, Geo. N. Carr, born June 30, 1846.

James W. Carr died Aug. 21, 1855. Emeline W. died July 27, 1874.

Abram Wanzer<sup>26</sup>, born Dec. 31, 1814, only son of Benjamin<sup>24</sup>, married Lois T. Furman Jan. 10, 1845. He married second Nebijal Frone Mar. 23, 1863. He died May 24, 1863. Lois, his first wife, died Nov. 19, 1857.

### *Children:*

- 128 Dillwyn C. Wanzer, born Dec. 1, 1845.
- 129 Ann Eliza Wanzer, born July 18, 1848.
- 130 William F. Wanzer, born Mar. 23, 1852.
- 131 Charles Wanzer, born July 8, 1854.

Jane E. Wanzer<sup>27</sup>, fourth daughter of Benjamin<sup>24</sup>, married Isaac Castle of Thompson, Ct., 1840. One son, Levi, born 1842, who died young. One daughter, Sarah, born in 1849, who married Jerry Clemmens.

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Dillwyn C. Wanzer<sup>128</sup>, Morris, N. Y., mar. Oct. 27, 1899, Mary E. Culver.

### *Children:*

- 132 Martha, born June 15, 1893; married Howard Bundy, Nov. 22, 1905. Living at Mendale, Del. Co., N. Y.
- 134 Lois, born Apr. 29, 1882; married Rev. Edward Rimps. Now living at Croton Falls, N. Y.

Wm. F. Wanzer<sup>129</sup>, born Mar. 23, 1852; mar. 1st Emily Brown. She died July 27, 1876; 2d wife Sophia Rockwell; third wife Adelia Whitman. One dau. by 2d wife, Elnora, born 1884, now living at Sidney, Del. Co., N. Y.

Chas. Wanzer<sup>131</sup>, third son of Abraham<sup>128</sup>, was born July 8, 1854. Mar. Clara Fuller Dec. 25, 1879. Daughter Nathalie born Feb. 22, 1893. Lives at Sidney, N. Y.

Ann Eliza<sup>129</sup>, only daughter of Abram<sup>128</sup>, born July 18, 1848; mar 1st Oct. 10, 1867, Samuel Brown, who died Sept. 13, 1873. Mar. 2d William Garratt. One son, Fred, now living No. 2 Seminary Ave., Binghampton, N. Y.

### NICHOLAS BRANCH

Nicholas Wanzer<sup>32</sup>, second son of Moses<sup>2</sup>, was born Oct. 22, 1751, and died Mar. 20, 1836.

He was very active in business, and a thoroughly good man. He married first Phebe, daughter of Dobson Wheeler, a doctor of medicine from London. Married second Hannah, daughter of Benj. Ferris and Phebe Beacher.

He lived first in New Fairfield at Squantz Pond and after 1800 at Lanesville, Ct., at "four corners," now called Still River. He was partner at one time with Daniel Sherwood in the ownership of the iron works and grist mill at Great Falls, on the Housatonic river. This was about 1806. This site is now occupied by the Bridgeport Wood Finishing Co. He also conducted a general store.

Nicholas<sup>32</sup> had no children but adopted his nephew, Moses<sup>33</sup>, son of Abraham<sup>32</sup>.

From the old New Milford records we find, "Silas Hill sold to Nicholas Wanzer for £32 of lawful money, Oct. 3, 1788, one acre of

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land to set a meeting house on, and for a burying ground and other conveniences, belonging thereto, and for no private use."

This land is where the Lanesville (New Milford, Ct.) Quaker, or Friend's meeting house now stands, and the graveyard is just north, adjoining, and here rest many of the first Wanzers of this country. See Olcott's history of New Milford, Ct., for a list of same.

The oldest Quaker meeting house, built about 1740, stood near what is called the Picket burying ground, north about a mile on the west bank of the Housatonic river, but this was torn down and removed to this lot just spoken of. And not long afterward, this was replaced by a new building. This was about 1805. This building is standing today (1919).

The old Picket meeting house is where the Moses' whole family joined the Friends.

The Friends of this quarter also had a large meeting house just over the line in New York state, five miles east of Pawling, N. Y., at Quaker Hill. This house was built about 1742, but was rebuilt in 1760.

In this house Washington and his troops encamped and tradition says troops hid in the attic. In just what connection it is not known. Here were laid the wounded and dying heroes, who shed their blood for the liberty they craved. The grim old rafters of this ancient building resound to their cries and groans, and the oaken floors bear the crutch marks of the crippled and maimed who sought the shelter of its friendly roof.

Across the street slumber the dead of that memorial time, and the stirring days have passed, but this old church still remains a monument of the patriotism of those trying times.

The first effective action against slavery was taken here in 1767. This building of two stories cost two hundred and thirty six pounds.

A huge stone boulder was placed on these grounds in 1904, on which is a copper tablet, with the following inscription:

### OBLONG MEETING HOUSE

of the society of Friends. Erected in 1742, south of this road. Present meeting house erected in 1760. First effective action against slavery taken here in 1767.

Occupied as a hospital in 1778 by Revolutionary soldiers, many of whom are buried south of this road. Meeting divided in 1828. Meetings discontinued in this house.

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In sight of this building just mentioned, north, is the Orthodox meeting house that was built about 1828, when the society divided, caused by the preaching of Elias Hicks. In this instance, the Hicksites were the stronger, and forced the other branch to build.

Stephen M. Osborn, a Friend, living near, found in 1885, a cannon ball under the old building, first mentioned, which he still had in his possession in 1914.

The Wanzer family attended these three churches and a search of the old records of the meetings, which follows, contains many interesting facts.

*Search of Friends' records by John Cox, Jr.*

### JOINT COMMITTEE ON RECORDS OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

JOHN COX, Jr., Chairman, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York  
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New York, 10 Mo. 18 1909.

The records, documents and papers belonging, or relating, to the meetings and their allied organizations throughout the two New York Yearly Meetings (one held at Fifteenth Street, New York, and sometimes called "Hicksite," the other held at Twentieth Street, New York, and elsewhere, and sometimes called "Orthodox") were brought together in 1904 and placed in the care of this Joint Committee at the Fifteenth Street meeting house, entrance, 226 East Sixteenth Street.

All volumes are numbered and catalogued, to facilitate examination, in the descriptive "Catalogue of the Records of, or relating to, New York Yearly Meeting and its subordinate branches, and a history of the meetings," by John Cox, Jr., begun in 1897. It includes all known records from 1663.

Many lost volumes and papers have been found and restored. We earnestly request all who have any such books or papers in their possession, or who know of such, to notify the Committee of the fact, and if not ready to send them promptly to give information as to their nature and period, so that they may be properly listed in the Catalogue.

The Records may be seen in the presence of the Custodian by members of either New York Yearly Meeting without fee. Other persons are charged a fee of \$1.00 per hour, minimum fee, \$1.00. All applications to see the records should be addressed to the Custodian, John Cox, Jr., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York (telephone connection). Examinations to be made at convenience of Custodian by previous appointment, or John Cox, Jr., will make the examination and report thereon at the same rate.

William D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.  
Esteemed Friend:

Replying at last to thy inquiry as to Wanzer's, I have the following important data for thee.

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Oblong M. M. First Register "Births and Deaths of the children of Moses and Eliza Wanzer.\*

- 1 Abraham, born ye 16. 10mo. Decr. 1748
- 2 Nicholas, born 22. 8mo. Octr. 1751.
- 3 Zeruiah, born 5. 12mo. Decr. n. s. 1753.
- 4 Moses, born 11. 5mo. n. s. 1755.
- 5 Ebenzer, born 10. 2mo. n. s. 1757. dec'd 16. 1mo. 1758.
- 6 Abigail, born 6. 9mo. n. s. 1758.
- 7 Ebenezer, born 3. 6mo. n. s. 1760.
- 8 Heustead, born 3d. 2mo. n. s. 1762.
- 9 Elizabeth, born 17. 6mo. n. s. 1764.
- 10 John, born 13. 7mo. n. s. 1766.

The above account was taken from the "Mouth of their Mother."

### Oblong Marriage Certificates

Abraham Wanzer, son of Moses (dec) and Elizabeth, New Fairfield  
Jane Stevenson, dau. of Nath'l and Susanna, Oblong

4.26.1786 at Oblong

Zebulon Wanzer, son of Abraham and Phebe (dec), New Fairfield  
Sibila Wing, dau. of Elihu (dec) and Kezia, Pawlingston

12.21.1796 at Pawlings

Husted Wanzer, son of Moses (dec) and Elizabeth, New Fairfield  
Mary Osborn, dau. of Stephen and Sarah, New Milford

2.25.1802 at New Milford

Henry Briggs, son of Edward and Anna, Pawling  
Elizabeth Wanzer, dau. of Husted and Orilla, Sherman

2.27.1812 at Valley

David Merritt, son of Daniel (dec) and Sarah, Pawlings  
Anna Wanzer, dau. of Ebenezer and Betsy, New Fairfield

6.27.1811 at New Milford

Moses Wanzer, son of Abraham and Lydia (dec), New Fairfield  
Sarah Akin, dau. Benjamin and Martha, of Pauldings

10.22.1806 at Pawling

Ebenezer L. Wanzer, son of Husted and Lucy (dec), Sherman  
Sarah Irish, dau. of Amos and Esther, Pawlings

2.23.1820 at Oblong

Ebenezer Wanzer, son of Ebenezer and Betsy, New Milford  
Lucy Leach, dau. of William and Charlotte, Sherman

10.26.1820 at New Milford

Nicholas Wanzer, son of Husted and Mary (dec), New Fairfield.

\*First book Friends records. Dutchess Co., N. Y. folio 159. Date 1771.

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Almira Irish, dau. of Jedediah (dec) and Lydia, Pawlings  
3.26.1828 at Oblong  
Andrew A. Skidmore, son of Andrew and Elizabeth, Beekman  
Eliza Wanzer, dau. of John and Grace, New Fairfield  
10.21.1829 at Oblong  
Jacob Wanzer, son of John and Grace, New Fairfield  
Phebe Leach, dau. of William and Charlotte, Sherman  
10.26.1826 at New Milford  
Abraham Wanzer, son of John and Grace, Sherman  
Anna Leach, dau. of William and Charlotte, Sherman  
11.2.1815 at New Milford  
Richard S. Downing, son of Coe S. (dec) and Susanna, Lagrange  
Abby Jane Wanzer, dau. of John and Grace, New Fairfield  
11.13.1843 at New Fairfield  
Daniel Wanzer, son of Husted and Lucy, Sherman  
Hannah Haviland, dau. of Daniel and Sarah, Franklin  
11.26.1807 at meeting in Franklin  
Lewis Haviland, son of Thomas and Tamer, Patterson.  
Phebe Wanzer, dau. of Ebenezer and Betsy, New Fairfield.  
10.24.1816 at New Milford  
William P. Gerow, son of Daniel and Lucy, New Fairfield  
Sarah Wanzer, dau. of Ebenezer L. and Esther (dec), Pawlings  
1.18.1847 at late residence of Abraham Wing, Quaker Hill  
Jedediah I. Wanzer, son of Nicholas and Almira, Danbury.  
Phebe T. Pierce, dau. of David Irish and Martha, Pawling  
5.14.1866 at David Irish's, Pawling

This is the last certificate received. The record after 1828 is Hick-site. The Orthodox record since 1828 is still at Quaker Hill, but will soon, I trust, be sent in.

The Oblong M. M. men's minutes 1757 to 1815 show the following m. intentions and dealings.

Abraham Wanzer, son of Moses, and Phebe Ferris, dau. of Zebulon, m. int. 7.18.1771, 9.19.1771. Reported accomplished 10.17.1771. (The date of m. is between the last two dates).

Nicholas Wanzer, son of Moses (dec) and Elizabeth of New Fairfield, and Phebe Wheeler, dau. of Dobson and Hannah, of New Milford. m. int. 8.19.1773, 9.15.1773. Reptd acc. 10.21.1773.

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Abraham Wanzer and Lydia Ferriss m. int. 10.16.1776, 11.20.1776\*  
John Drinkwater of New Milford and Abigail Wanzer, m. int. 1.14.1778,  
2.18.1778. Deptd. acc. 3.18.1778.  
Moses Wanzer disowned for m. out 1.19.1780.  
Abraham Wanzer and Jane Stevenson M. int. 3.13.1786, 4.17.1786.  
Reptd. acc. 5.15.1786.  
Husted Wanzer ack. m. out bef. 5.15.1786 accepted 6.12.1786.  
Ebenezer Wanzer ack. m. out bef. 5.14.1787. Accepted 9.17.1787.  
John Wanzer m. out bef. 5.14.1792 and then disowned. Reinstated  
on ack. 8.17.1795.  
Zebulon Wanzer and Sybilla Wing, m. int. 11.14.1796. 12.12.1796.  
Reptd acc. 1.16.1797.  
Husted Wanzer and Mary Osborn, m. int. 1.18.1802, 2.15.1802. Reptd.  
acc. 3.15.1803.  
Benjamin Wanzer m. out bef. 1.17.1803. Disowned 5.16.1803.  
Moses Wanzer and Sarah Akin m. int. 9.15.1806. 10.13.1806. Reptd.  
acc. 11.17.1806.  
Daniel Wanzer and Hannah Haviland m. int. 10.12.1807, 11.16.1807.  
Reptd. acc. 12.14.1807.  
Husted Wanzer m. out bef. 5.16.1808. Disowned 6.13.1808.  
Abraham Wanzer reinstated 9.18.1809.\*

I have not yet extracted the m. int. and dealings later than 1815. You will note that this data supplements and adds largely to that obtained from the marriage record, as some certificates through carelessness are not recorded, and the "dealings" are found only in the minutes. It would take you several days to read through these five volumes of minutes. I have had you in mind since receiving your order, and in searching for other data I found the following in these same minutes 5.16.1803 "Elihud" Wanzer through Valley P. M. requests membership. Accepted 6.13.1803.

Nicholas Wanzer on com. confer with Oswego M. M. as to setting off  
Oswego P. M. to that M. M. 9.12.1803.  
Zebulon Wanzer app. Overseer for New Milford 9.12.1805.  
Grace Wanzer received on request 7.16.04.

John and Grace Wanzer of New Milford P. M. request membership  
for their children Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Thamar and Abigail ac-  
cepted 4.15.1805.

\*He had requested reinstatement through New Milford P. M. 6-12-1909 (probably married "non member")



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John Wanzer appointed Overseer for New Milford 4.18.1808.

Zebulon F. Wanzer, wife Sybilla and children Phebe, Elihu, Michael,

Reuben, Elizabeth, Sarah & Jane took cert. to Stanford 6.13.1814.

In a "List of Heads of Families in Oblong M.M. 1761, I find no Wanzer.

Nine Partners M.M. established 1769, First Register 1769-1798.  
No Wanzer birth, death or marriage.

Very truly thine,  
John Cox, Jr.

### MOSES<sup>2</sup> WANZER BRANCH

Moses<sup>2</sup> Wanzer, third son of Moses<sup>1</sup>, was born May 11, 1755.

He married first Darmaris Hendrick, married second Sarah Hill of New Milford, Ct., Jan. 16, 1783. She was daughter of Silas Hill.

Early in life he moved with his family to Fairfield, Vt., where he seems to have spent the remainder of his life. He was a Quaker or Friend.

#### *Children:*

- 136 Hill
- 137 John
- 138 James
- 139 Moses
- 140 Nicholas, also three daughters.

Hill Wanzer<sup>136</sup>, oldest son of Moses<sup>2</sup>, married Abigail Northrop. They lived at Fairfield, Vt.

#### *Children:*

- 141 Thomas, who had 5 sons and 4 daughters.
- 142 Silas, 2 sons and 1 daughter.
- 143 Sidney, not married.
- 144 Hollis, one son and two daughters.

This is all we are able to get of this branch.

John Wanzer<sup>137</sup>, b. Jan (14?), 1790, second son of Moses<sup>2</sup>, m. Dec. 3, 1818; Jerusha Colburn, b. Aug. (11?) 1800, d. Dec. 11, 1869, aetat 69 y. 4 mos.; d. May 14, 1873, aetat 83 y. 4 mos.

#### *Children:*

- 145 Willard, b. Nov. 16, 1819. Could not find any further history.
- 146 Jay, b. Sept. 14, 1821; not married; d. June 6, 1893.

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- 147 Daniel C., b. April 18, 1823; son (156) Newton Wanzer, of Allerton, Mass., who is very prominent there, being building inspector. No children. Daniel<sup>147</sup> m. Nov. 22, 1854, Diantha B. Ford, of Dundee, Ill.; d. Mar. 17, 1863.
- 148 Helen M., b. Feb. 15, 1825; m. May 23, 1850, William Hoadley, of Wisconsin, d. Fall 1874. She died May 1, 1892.
- 149 Alfred K., b. Jan. 15, 1827; m. Aug. 30, 1851, Sarah Webster of Swanton, Vt.; m. June 6, 1888, Jennie Lawrence of Swanton, Vt. (still living); d. Oct. 2, 1908.
- 150 Theoda, b. July 20, 1829, (schoolteacher) unmarried; d. Mar. 10, 1880.
- 151 Jerusha, b. Feb. 13, 1831; d. April 24, 1889, unmarried.
- 152 John, Jr., b. Mar. 25, 1833; d. Mar. 2, 1834, aetat 11 mos, 7 days.
- 153 John, Jr., b. May 31, 1836; never married; d. June 22, 1906.
- 154 Sarah H., b. May 15, 1838; m. Nov. 17, 1858, to Noel Byron Payne of Cambridge, Vt., b. 1834?, d. Feb. 28, 1911, aetat 77 yrs. Sarah<sup>154</sup> died March 21, 1909.
- 155 Marceline, b. June 3, 1841; m. June 3, 1872 to Smith W. Cofran of Boston. Daughter.
- 157 Jessie, b. 1873; m. J. G. Melendy of Wilmington, Del.

James Wanzer<sup>158</sup>, third son of Moses<sup>33</sup>, was born in Fairfield, Vt. He was a Union soldier, and died of shot wound at the battle of Shilo.

### *One child:*

- 158 Albert

Moses Wanzer<sup>159</sup>, fourth son of Moses<sup>35</sup>, moved from Fairfield, Vt., to New York City in 1838, early in life, and engaged in the clothing business, 51 Cedar Street.

### *Children:*

- 159 James Olin, Santa Clara, Cal. *Child* James, Jr., not living.
- 160 Harry S., of Sacramento, Cal. Is head of the U.S. Fibre Products Co., of that city. *Children*: Theo, Dorothy, Margaret.
- 161 Horace, died Nov. 14, 1903.
- 162 Albert, died Nov. 14, 1904, Hurly, Wis.
- 163 Charles married O. Whitmore. Civil engineer for Union Pacific R. R. Lives at Omaha, Neb. *Chil.*
- 164 Mary A., married a Mr. Young. Is a widow; lives (1907), at 1735 Crapsey Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Her eldest daughter, Mrs. George A. Gunthre, lives near.
- 165 Charles, Jr. Robert, not living.



SIDNEY WANZER

Born June 17, 1834. Died January 6, 1906.

A Pioneer Dairyman in Northern Illinois and Milk Dealer in Chicago, Illinois from 1856 until his death.



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Nicholas Wanzer<sup>146</sup>, youngest son of Moses, was born in Fairfield, Vt., in 1786. He married Betsey Hill, of same place in 1813. Moved to Dundee, Ill., in 1839. He died, Mar. 1859. He was the first abolitionist, and untiring exhorter for the cause in Northern Illinois.

### *Children:*

- 167 Moses A.
- 168 Caroline M.
- 169 Hiram
- 170 Isaac H.
- 171 Sarah A.
- 172 James
- 173 Sidney
- 174 Charles

Moses<sup>147</sup>, oldest son of Nicholas<sup>146</sup>, was born in Fairfield, Vt., June 28, 1814, died 1888. He married Amanda Cochran, Jan. 5, 1841, who was born in Cambridge, Vt. She died, 1883. Married 2d. Mrs. Mary Walker, 1884. She died, June 1888.

- 175 Sidney L., son by first wife. Union soldier, came home to die. He died April 22, 1864.
- 176 Moses Albert, son of Moses, was born in Kansas or Iowa, Oct. 18, 1847. Married Louisa Agnes Underhill, still living at Eureka, Cal. He died June 24, 1893.

### *Children:*

- 177 Herbert Moses Wanzer, Eureka, Cal., married Eleanod Winzler, no children. Is first deputy county clerk, Humboldt Co., Cal.
- 178 Bruce, died at age of three.
- 179 Ralph Wanzer, living Loleta, Cal.; born Nov. 5, 1890; married Shirley Clara Pine of Eureka, Cal.; one daughter, Shirley Jane. He is Asst. Manager, Libby, McNeill & Libby Condensery at this place.
- 180 Ray K., died at age of nine.

Moses<sup>147</sup> had three daughters, Mary Abigail, Sarah Amenda and Caroline Matilda.

Hiram Wanzer<sup>148</sup>, second son of Nicholas<sup>146</sup>, born Fairfield, Vt., Jan. 24, 1822. Physician; died, June 24, 1882.

Isaac Hull Wanzer<sup>149</sup>, third son of Nicholas<sup>146</sup>, was born in Fairfield, Vt., Dec. 11, 1829; mar., Mary Jane Herrick, Oct. 10, 1853; died, May 29, 1899.

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### *Children :*

- 181 Charles Edward Wanzer, born Mar. 9 1867, died Nov. 2, 1884.
- 182 Grace married Mr. Hooper Vermillion, So. Dakota.
- 183 Mary

Charles<sup>174</sup>, son of Nicholas<sup>140</sup>, was born in Fairfield, Vt. Was a Union soldier, and died during the war in hospital.

Sidney Wanzer<sup>175</sup>, fifth son of Nicholas<sup>140</sup>, was born at Fairfield, Vt., June 17, 1834; married Jane C. Bradley at Dundee, Ill., Oct. 12, 1856. She died Apr. 7, 1891. Married second Elenor B. Guernsey Nov. 1, 1893. She died Jan. 6, 1907. He died Jan. 6, 1906.

He was a very prominent and successful business man of Chicago, established the large dairy business of Sidney Wanzer and Sons.

### *Children :*

- 184 William B.
- 185 Howard H.
- 186 Sidney
- 187 Arthur Grant
- 188 Charles
- 189 Bessie

William B.<sup>184</sup>, oldest son of Sidney<sup>175</sup>, was born in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20, 1863; married Flora B. Bridge of Elgin, Ill., Dec. 26, 1886.

He is engaged in the dairy business with his brother Howard, under the firm name of Sidney Wanzer and Sons. The main offices are at 19 and 21 East 30th St., Chicago. They operate over one hundred milk wagons and are the largest concern of the kind in the city.

### *Children :*

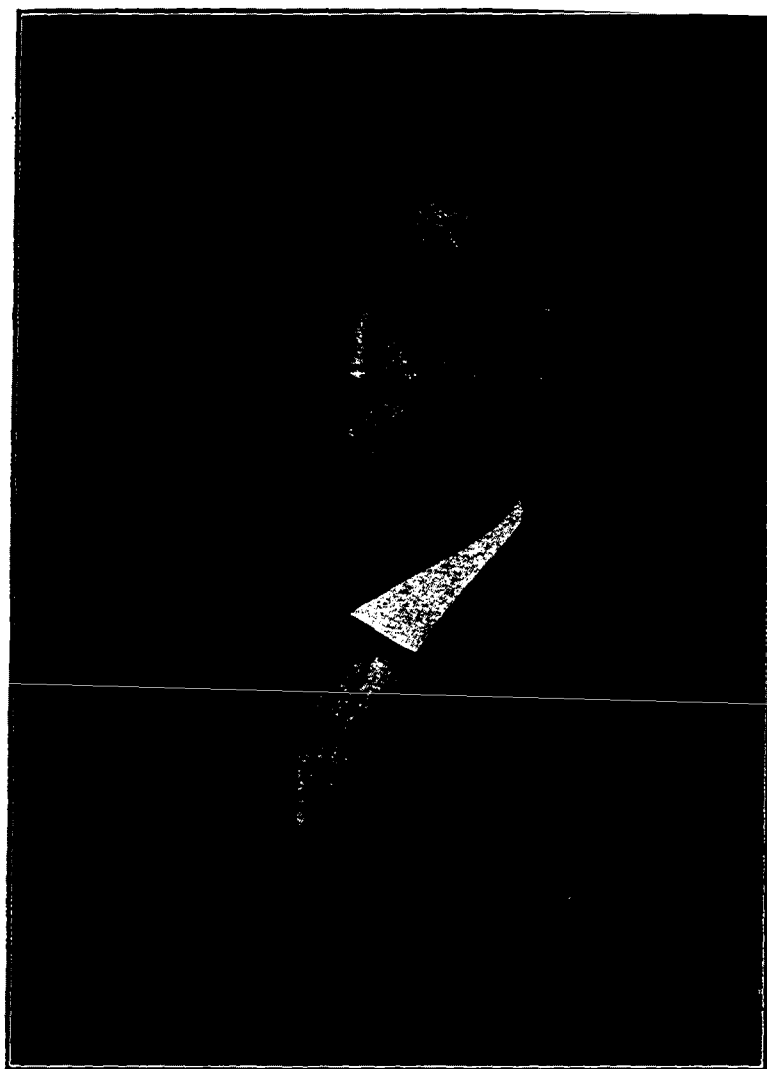
- 190 Sidney W., third, born May 5, 1897.

Howard Hill<sup>185</sup>, second son of Sidney<sup>175</sup>, born Aug. 13, 1868; mar. Elma J. Bridge, Elgin, Ill., June 20, 1892. He is engaged with his brother in the dairy business, just mentioned in Wm. B's history.

### *Children :*

- 191 Howard Stanley, b. Nov. 26, 1894.
- 192 Graham Bradley, b. June 10, 1900.

Sidney Wanzer, Jr.<sup>186</sup>, third son of Sidney<sup>175</sup>, was born in Dundee, Ill., Apr. 24, 1872, bachelor; lives on the edge of Wisconsin.



**WILLIAM BRADLEY WANZER**  
of Chicago, Illinois; oldest son of Sidney Wanzer, born Dec. 20, 1863. Member the Sidney Wanzer & Sons Dairy Company of Chicago, Illinois.







HOWARD HILL WANZER

of Chicago, Illinois; second son of Sidney Wanzer, born Aug. 13, 1868. Member of the  
Sidney Wanzer & Sons Dairy Company of Chicago, Illinois.



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Arthur Grant Wanzer<sup>188</sup>, fourth son of Sidney<sup>172</sup>, was born Mar. 18, 1880, in Chicago, Ill.; married Mabella Smith, Jan. 29, 1905.

Bessie Wanzer Peterson<sup>189</sup>, daughter of Sidney Wanzer<sup>173</sup>, was born 1867, in Chicago, Ill. She married F. C. Peterson. We are very much indebted to her for her willing assistance in getting this branch of the family, which would have been incomplete but for her labors.

### HUSTED WANZER BRANCH

Husted Wanzer<sup>20</sup>, fifth son of Moses<sup>2</sup>, was born in the old homestead in Sherman, Conn., May 3, 1763. He died Apr. 10, 1825. He married Lucy Leach, born Aug. 4, 1766, who died Oct. 25, 1797. See Leach family for connection.

They lived at one time in Coburn, town of Sherman, Ct. He married second Mary, dau. of Stephen Osborn, by whom they had two sons, Nicholas and George.

#### *Children:*

- 193 Daniel Wanzer born Oct. 16, 1786.
- 194 Elizabeth Wanzer born May 12, 1793.
- 195 Ebenezer L. Wanzer born Dec. 20, 1795; died June 16, 1874.
- 196 Nicholas Wanzer born Jan. 8, 1804.
- 197 George Wanzer born Feb. 8, 1820.

Daniel Wanzer,<sup>195</sup> first son of Husted<sup>20</sup>, moved from New Fairfield, Ct., when young, to Poplar Ridge near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was a life long Quaker, of the society of Friends; was born 10-16-1786; died 5-18-1859. He married Hannah Haviland, daughter of Jacob Haviland. She was born 10-10-1787; died 8-10-1843.

#### *Children:*

- 198 Husted
- 199 Haviland
- 200 Henry
- 201 John T.
- 202 Richard Mott
- 203 Sarah
- 204 Isaac
- 205 Anne Eliza

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Husted Wanzer<sup>198</sup>, oldest son of Daniel<sup>193</sup>, had two

*Children:*

206 George, who resides at Rochester, N. Y.

207 Lewis, who lives at Cleveland, Ohio.

The author of the book published shortly after the Civil War, entitled FOOL'S ERRAND, took the name "Wanzer" on page 72 from this Husted Wanzer, but the real name of the person alluded to was Worth.

Haviland Wanzer<sup>199</sup>, second son of Daniel<sup>193</sup>, married Mehitable Shourds.

*Children:*

208 Thomas Daniel born Dec. 14, 1837

209 Sarah born Aug. 1, 1839. She married William Woods, Oct. 29, 1885, and died without issue, Nov. 23, 1898.

Thomas Daniel Wanzer<sup>208</sup>, son of Haviland, of Hamilton, Ont., married Dec. 29, 1875, Ellen, daughter of Rev. John Philips, of Bangor Carnarvonshire, North Wales; died Dec. 23, 1891.

*Children:*

211 Haviland Philips born Oct. 29, 1876.

212 Marion Bulkley born Mar. 7, 1882, and died Oct. 31, 1885.

Haviland Philips Wanzer<sup>211</sup> mar. Sept. 21, 1904, Alicia Pierce, dau. James and Elizabeth Walker, of Hamilton, Ont. He is connected with the Bank of Hamilton, Toronto, Can.

*Children:*

213 Elizabeth Margaret born Aug. 14, 1905.

214 Mary Walker born Mar. 18, 1908.

John T. Wanzer<sup>201</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>193</sup>, lives at Ypsilante, Mich, and has two sons, William<sup>215</sup> and George<sup>216</sup>.

Richard Mott Wanzer<sup>202</sup>, born 1818, fifth son of Daniel<sup>193</sup>, lived first in Buffalo, N. Y. He was born near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He married Electa Ann Lyon, Pike Co., N. Y.

Early in life he taught school and later went into the book business in Auburn, N. Y. He moved this business to Rochester and then to Buffalo, N. Y., and became a book publisher. He was a Quaker, but after marriage both joined the Presbyterian church. He was a strong anti-slavery advocate and was active in helping negroes over the line.

In 1858 he moved to Hamilton, Can., and started to manufacture sewing machines, which developed into a machine called The Wanzer A. B. C. F. Sewing machine.

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He put the first electric plant in Hamilton for public service. He died 1902. The writer saw this sewing machine on exhibition at Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. It was a fine machine and did most excellent work.

### *Children:*

- 217 Frank Lyon Wanzer
- 218 Ida Smith Wanzer, died young
- 219 Lillian Haviland Wanzer, lives in Kansas City, Mo.
- 220 Marion Electa Wanzer, not living

Frank Lyon Wanzer<sup>217</sup>, only son of Richard Mott Wanzer<sup>222</sup>, married Alice Bartlett, Toledo, Ohio, Mar. 16, 1876.

### *Children:*

- 221 Richard
- 222 Arthur
- 223 Helen, who is the only one living, married Percival Chas. Allsworth, Winsor, Ont.

George Wanzer<sup>197</sup>, fourth son of Husted<sup>39</sup>, was living in Sherman, Ct., in 1900 near the old homestead of Anthony, brother to Moses<sup>2</sup>.

Ebenezer L. Wanzer<sup>195</sup>, second son of Husted<sup>39</sup>, born Dec. 20, 1795, and died June 16, 1874. He had three wives. First Sarah Irish, married Feb. 21, 1820; born Sept. 13, 1799; died Dec. 20, 1823. He was a prominent Quaker preacher and a thoroughly good man.

### *Children:*

- 224 Lucy B. born Aug. 15, 1821; died Feb. 22, 1842.
- 225 Elias born Dec. 12, 1823.

Second wife, Esther Irish, married June 25, 1825. She was born Feb. 22, 1797 and died Oct. 3, 1838.

### *Children by Esther:*

- 226 Sarah born June 7, 1826
- 227 Charles born Feb. 26, 1828
- 228 James M. born Sept. 9, 1829
- 229 Elizabeth born July 12, 1831
- 230 Mary born Feb. 16, 1833; died May 23, 1841
- 231 Caroline born Apr. 29, 1835
- 232 Daniel H. born Mar. 12, 1837

Third wife, Eliza Boughton, born Oct. 14, 1811; died Aug. 7, 1883. No children.

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Elias Wanzer<sup>228</sup>, son of Ebenezer L.<sup>225</sup>, married Hannah Haight, Dec. 18, 1849, who was born Dec. 18, 1828.

### *Children:*

- 233 Clarence H. Wanzer born Apr. 22, 1855.
- 234 Edwin T. Wanzer born Sept. 21, 1859. He married Nov. 5, 1890, Etta Finch, born Dec. 5, 1864.

### *Children:*

- 235 Alice born Nov. 13, 1891.
- 236 Irving born Dec. 28, 1893.

Sarah Wanzer<sup>226</sup>, dau. of Ebenezer L.<sup>225</sup>, married Jan. 12, 1847, Wm. Gerow, born Nov. 1820, died June 14, 1859. Married second John Hart. Daughters by last husband Mary Eva and Helen. She died Sept 21, 1907. John died Feb. 12, 1883.

Chas. Wanzer<sup>227</sup>, married Oct. 25, 1855, Emeline Wibley. Their child, Etta, born Jan. 1, 1869, married first Weeks, second Bacon.

James M. Wanzer<sup>229</sup>, Chicago, Ill., second son of Ebenezer L.<sup>225</sup>, married Oct. 4, 1854 Julia E. Keese, born May 29, 1835, died Dec. 29, 1870; married 2d Mar. 20, 1872, Mary Thomlinson Finch, born June 13, 1832; died Mar. 16, 1884; married 3d Aug. 8, 1885, Ella Badger born Mar. 4, 1845.

### *Children by first wife Keese:*

- 237 Walter K. born Apr. 9, 1856, d. Aug. 31, 1856.
- 238 Eva Gulia born Sept. 5, 1861, d. Nov. 1911.
- 239 Willets Garrison born Jan. 8, 1866.
- 240 Carrie born Feb. 24, 1870, d. 10-14, 1880.
- 241 Lizzie born Feb. 24, 1870, d. July 19, 1870.

One daughter by Mary T. Finch named Emma<sup>242</sup>, born Apr. 3, 1855, and a step-daughter Sarah Finch<sup>243</sup>.

Eva Gulia Wanzer<sup>238</sup>, dau. of James M.<sup>229</sup>, was born Sept. 5, 1861; married June 1, 1905, Chas. Hayward, born Oct. 15, 1837. She most faithfully furnished this branch of history of the family.

### *Children:*

- 244 Mary Alice born Apr. 18, 1872.
- 245 Clara Eliza born Dec. 8, 1882, married June 10, 1907, Wm. J. Roberts born Jan. 4, 1883.

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Willets Garrison Wanzer<sup>229</sup>, son of James M.<sup>228</sup>, married Mar. 3, 1890, Florence Loveday born Mar. 3, 1867.

*Children:*

- 246 James Marshall born Aug. 7, 1893.
- 247 Elenor born Oct. 30, 1896; d. Nov. 4, 1896.
- 248 Elizabeth Heady born Sept. 8, 1899.

Elizabeth Wanzer<sup>230</sup> married Oct. 25, 1855, Chas. C. Wakeley; lives at Levanna, N. Y.

*Children:*

- 249 Geo. W., born July 4, 1861; mar. Fanny Easton, two sons.
- 250 Wm. A. born Jan. 23, 1863.
- 251 Esther A. born Jan. 29, 1866; mar. Paul Poullir.

Caroline Wanzer<sup>231</sup>, dau. of Ebenezer L.<sup>195</sup>, married Mar. 24, 1857, John W. Beard. He died Mar. 30, 1883.

*Children:*

- 252 Albert Beard, mar.; lives in Auburn, N. Y.
- 253 William P. Beard, King Ferry, New York.

Daniel H. Wanzer<sup>232</sup>, third son of Ebenezer L.<sup>195</sup>, was born Nov. 12, 1837. He married Nov. 21, 1858, Kate Hopper. Her grandparents came from Holland. He built the famous Sleepy Hollow church. Much of the material for same came from Holland. A personal letter from Daniel H. in Jan. 1915, said he was in good health.

*Children:*

- 254 Elmer H. Wanzer born Sept. 29, 1861; married Eva Preswick, born May 29, 1861. He is a prominent merchant of Ithaca, N. Y.
- 255 Chas. Vernon born Aug. 1, 1874; d. May 27, 1897.

Nicholas Wanzer<sup>196</sup>, third son of Husted<sup>39</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Conn., Jan. 8, 1804, and died Oct. 27, 1875. He married Almira, dau. of Jedediah and Lydia Irish, of Quaker Hill, N. Y. They had seven children, but am unable to give record of but two, viz:

Henry B. of Haviland Hollow.

- 256 Jedediah I., the oldest.

Jedediah I. Wanzer<sup>236</sup>, born May 13, 1829; mar. May 6, 1858, Frances Arabella Sawyer, daughter of John F. and Mary J (Gilbert) Sawyer. He lived most of his life at Pawling, N. Y., where he had a very large place, and was president of the Pawling Savings bank for a long period.

He died Apr. 26, 1907.

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### *Children:*

257 Henry S. Wanzer born May 26, 1859, has two children, Helen and Henry, Jr.

258 Helen Wanzer born Aug. 29, 1860; died June 16, 1885.

Henry B. married 1st Sylvia Sheldon and 2d Phebe Haynes of Pawling, N. Y.

### *Children:*

Richard, died young

A. L. Wanzer, Washington Depot, Ct., born May 28, 1865; mar. Annie Gibson. No children.

## EBENEZER BRANCH

Ebenezer Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, son of Moses<sup>m</sup>, was born at the old homestead, on the hill, (see picture of Moses<sup>m</sup> house) in Sherman, Conn., June 3, 1760.

He massed a large fortune and at his death owned over 1200 acres of land, besides other property.

He married Betsey Hendricks, born June 3, 1766, daughter of John Hendricks, a Revolutionary soldier (see Hendricks' record which follows, was one of the soldiers present at the burning of Danbury, Conn.)

Both Ebenezer<sup>m</sup> and his wife were very active Orthodox Friends or Quakers.

Being a public spirited man, he did many things for the benefit of his neighborhood. He had built the causeway on the Sherman and Reading turnpike near his home. It was a large undertaking for that day, being over 1,000 ft. long and seven ft. high and consisted of two heavy stone walls parallel with each other, about twenty-five feet apart, and filled between with earth and stones, and was made to enable teams to cross when Wood creek was swollen in the spring and fall.

To each of his five sons he gave a large farm and built also large substantial houses on same, nearly all of which are standing today.

John Hendrick, father of Betsey Hendrick, who married Ebenezer Wanzer 1st was in the Revolutionary War.

*See Conn. Military Records 1775-1848, Page 70.*

John Hendrick 1775, 9th company. Nemiah Beardsley of New Fairfield, Ct., Captain. Enlisted May 9. discharged Oct. 10.

### *Ebenezer's Children:*

259 David born 15-8-1787; d. 12-11-1855; unmarried.

260 Phebe.

261 Anna b. 16-18-1793<sup>?</sup> d. 22-4-1819; mar. David Merritt 1-27-1811, of Pawling, N. Y.





Ebenezer Wanzer<sup>1</sup> homestead in corner of New Fairfield, Conn.  
Built about 1790.



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- 262 Ira  
263 Ebenezer  
264 Hiram b. 1-3-1803; d. 3-6-1834; married 1st Flora Leach, who died 8-13-1829; mar. 2d Anna Treadwell. One child 1st wife, Levi, who died 23-7-1842.  
265 William

Phebe Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, first daughter of Ebenezer<sup>m</sup>, born 17-9-1790; died 14-1-1827. She married Lewis Haviland 10-24-1816.

### *Children:*

- 266 Ebenezer W. Haviland born 6 mo. 14, 1818.  
267 Betsey P. Haviland born 3 mo. 13, 1823; married Robert Post

### *Children:*

- 268 Edmund L. Post born 1-30-1852; mar. Aurelia Hoag, one son Robert.  
269 Isaac R. Post born 6-2-1856; mar. Mary L. Arnold, three children: Amy Lydia Post, Levi Arnold Post, Lewis Edmund Post.  
270 Phebe A. Post born 4-17-1861; unmarried.

Ebenezer<sup>m</sup> was son of Ebenezer<sup>m</sup>, and was born in New Fairfield, Conn., 3-11-1799.

He married Lucy Leach, daughter of William Leach. (See Leach family), Oct. 26, 1820.

He was a large land and property owner and a leading man of his day. He and his only son William were partners all their lives. They did a very extensive business, having one of the first Buckeye mowing machines manufactured by the Adriance Pratt Co., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Also had one of the first grain thrashers. This was given power by the old fashioned sweep, to which was hitched a team that traveled in a circle. This thrasher the writer and his brothers Arthur and Walter helped to run when they were youths. It did excellent work.

The grain and farm produce was nearly all marketed at Bridgeport, 30 miles distant, to which place heavy loads were taken with horses.

Ebenezer<sup>m</sup>, wife and family were among the first in the Friends or Quaker church at Lanesville.

He was representative of the town of Brookfield, Conn., at Hartford in 1834, and served as selectman of same town for years 1848-49-50-51.

He settled numerous estates and occupied envied positions of trust all his life.

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### *Children:*

- 271 William Leach Wanzer.
- 272 Phebe Leach Wanzer b. 4-3-1824; unmarried; d. May 25, 1899.
- 273 Betsey Ann Wanzer b. 26-11-1832; d. 8-27-1849.

### LEACH FAMILY

Amos Leach, the first of the family in New Fairfield, was of English extraction. He married Mercy ———, and died in 1762. His widow married again in 1767, John Prindle.

### *Children:*

Mercy Leach mar. Mar. 11, 1751 Ebenezer Wright.  
Amos Leach, Jr.<sup>1</sup> mar. Nov. 25, 1752, Deborah Wanzer, dau. Abraham<sup>1</sup>.  
Sarah Leach mar. Jan. 4, 1757, Silas Hill.  
Joanna Leach mar. Aug. 25, 1757, Thom. Northrop.  
John Leach mar. first, Apr. 2, 1760, Martha Wanzer\*; second, Jan. 9, 1772, Hanna Page.  
Ebenezer Leach mar. ——— Mary Marsh.  
Ephram Leach mar. Feb. 8, 1762, Dorothy Benedict.  
Jemima Leach mar. Jan. 19, 1763, David Prindle.  
Simeon Leach mar. Jan. 22, 1766, Elizabeth Prindle.  
James Leach mar. ——— Mary Prindle.  
Miriam Leach mar. Nov. 13, 1771, Samuel Marsh.  
Icabad Leach mar. Jan. 1, 1776, Ruth Marsh.

\*In a list of marriages performed by Ephram Hubbell, Justice of the Peace, are the following:

Abraham Heneris and Elizabeth Wanzer, mar. Dec. 5, 1751.  
John Leach and Martha Wanzer, mar. Apr. 2, 1760.

It will be seen that the latter is the record of first wife of fifth child, John, of Amos Leach. It would seem that these two Wanzers were nieces of Abraham<sup>1</sup> and daughters of Jacob<sup>4</sup>.

In census of 1790, this John Leach evidently had died or moved. There is only one Heneris recorded and that Elizabeth Heneris is living alone in Danbury.

Chesher Wanzer<sup>501</sup> (not classified), one of the 18 mounted men of New Fairfield, was probably brother of Elizabeth and Martha above.

Amos Leach, Jr., Nov. 25, 1752, mar. Deborah Wanzer, daughter of Abraham Wanzer<sup>1</sup>. Their children were:

Abraham Leach  
Johannah Leach mar. Silas Peet.



Ebenezer Wanzer<sup>2</sup> homestead in Brookfield, Conn., near New Fairfield line. Built about 1820



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Mercy Leach mar. Jonathan Wright.  
Sarah Leach mar. Dan. Pepper.  
Abigail Leach mar. first Seth Pepper; second Asa Reed.  
Lucy Leach mar. Eliud Wanzer.  
Amy Leach mar. Wessel Tenbrook.  
Amos Leach mar. Eunice Choppell.  
Naomi died young.  
Deborah Leach mar. Elijah Fairchild.

Ebenezer Leach, son of Amos<sup>1</sup>, mar. Mary Marsh.

*Son:*

Wm. Leach b. 7-11-1771; d. Nov. 20, 1860; mar. Charlotte Stedwell,  
25-10, 1792. Charlotte S. was born 19-5, 1772.

*Children:*

Anna Leach b. Sept. 27, 1793; d. Jan. 6, 1841; mar. Abraham Wanzer.  
Mary Leach b. Oct. 11, 1795; d. Nov. 30, 1875; mar. Philo Worden.  
Moses W. Leach b. Mar. 18, 1798; d. Oct. 18, 1848; mar. Phebe Akin  
Lucy Leach, b. July 4, 1800; d. May 28, 1885; mar. Ebenezer  
Wanzer<sup>2</sup>.  
Susan Leach b. Jan. 21, 1803; d. Feb. 27, 1885; mar. Geo. Mooney.  
Phebe Leach b. June 13, 1805; d. Jan. 16, 1867; mar. Jacob Wanzer.  
Ira Leach b. Oct. 4, 1807; d. May 7, 1857; mar. Elizabeth Haviland.  
Merritt H. Leach b. Nov. 12, 1809; d. Oct. 15, 1850; mar. first Phebe  
Purdy, second Susan Merritt.  
Pauline Leach b. Dec. 26, 1811; d. July 14, 1882; mar David Sands\*,  
New York City.  
William Leach b. Jan. 4, 1815; d. Oct. 19, 1874, mar. Catharine Peck.  
Jane C. Leach b. Jan. 31, 1818; d. Mar. 9, 1852; mar. David S. Dun-  
comb.

William Leach, born 7-11, 1771, was a very prominent man of his day. He settled in what is now known as Leach Hollow in Sherman, Ct. The place was named after him. He was a very extensive business man. He had a saw mill, grist mill, carding machine (for carding wool into rolls preparatory to spinning). Beside this he manufactured the carding machines, and also made the old fashioned flour grist mill stones. This was before the day of railroads, and with four horses he brought the rough blocks of stone from then Paltz, (now New Paltz) New York, from the Shawgunk mountains, and made them into

\*The writer was named for his second name, David, from this party.

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round mill stones. My grandmother, his daughter Lucy, said he received \$500 per pair for the finished product.

From the Fairfield Co. history, 1881, we take the following:

### GREEN POND, SHERMAN, CT.

In the southeast part of Sherman, three-quarters of a mile in length and half a mile wide is the body of water called Green Pond.

The remarkable feature of it, is its great elevation above the valley below—more than 100 ft. on the spur of a mountain (or three mountains). Prof. St. Johns of Western College said it was remarkable in high feature and knows of but one other such body of water,—that in Canada.

There is an item of history connected with this pond which I will mention.

It used to overflow its banks at the south end and pass below, watering the lands in that direction. At an early day, some seventy years ago, Mr. William Leach, a man of much enterprise, who resided in the valley on the west side, conceived the idea of blasting a tunnel through the rim of the solid rock, on the northwest end and draw off the water to be used for mill purposes, three fourths of a mile below.

This was quite an expensive undertaking, but was accomplished. By the means of a gate at the artificial outlet, which he could close and open as he pleased, or as he needed the supply at the mills. The water passed down the mountain side, just above his mills, and he built an embankment and formed a mill pond. From this reservoir, in a race, he carried it to his mills at the bottom of the valley. It made a fine water power.

Three overshot wheels, one below the other, were used: one for a carding machine, and two for his grist mill. Also a saw mill.

The farmers on the south side brought suit in court to restrain Mr. Leach from using the water. Mr. Leach did not stop here. He got up a petition in State Legislature signed by many persons, that his was the only grist mill and indispensable. He plead his own case at the trials and succeeded in getting a perpetual grant of the use of this water.

He died in 1860, but these mills bear testimony of his energy and perseverance, which were crowned with everlasting success.

I. R. Post, of the Ebenezer<sup>2</sup> branch, sends "*The American Monitor*" of 1861, published by the Society of Friends of New York



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Yearly meeting, from which we copy in part the following: William Leach, Sherman, Ct., 89 years, 12-20-1860 \* \* \* Quite early in life he joined the Society of Friends, and continued firmly attached to their principles and testimonies. His health for some years rendering it difficult for him to attend meetings—a duty which he carefully endeavored to instill into the minds of his children.

His last illness was frequently attended with much suffering and physical prostration, which he bore with Christian resignation. He spoke of himself as being in full faith, peacefully awaiting the Lord's time. His mind continued clear to the close of his earthly pilgrimage. He was calm, loving, and joyful in the hope of a happy immortality.

W. C. Platt, of Patterson, N. Y., kindly sent me the following interesting receipt, bearing date Sherman, 6th mo., 18, 1814:

Received of John Whaley Three Dollars and sixty four cents, being for carding forty-five pounds and 14 oz. of wool for himself and Lucy Wanzer this present year, and for carding 30 bls. 8 oz. for Lucy Wanzer in the year 1813.

WILLIAM LEACH

Ira Wanzer<sup>3d</sup>, son of Ebenezer<sup>3d</sup>, was born in New Fairfield, Ct., 17-4-1796; died 5-3-1879. He married Laura Hayes, who died Apr. 30, 1880. He resided his whole life at his home in the S. W. corner of the town of New Milford, Ct. He was a thorough scholar and worked all his spare time at astronomy and mathematics. Early in life he had published the Wanzer Arithmetic, which was used in the schools of that day.

J. M. Bailey in his history of Danbury, Ct., 1684 to 1896, page 194, speaks as follows:

From advertisements in the oldest newspapers of the place we learn that there were quite a number of books and pamphlets published in Danbury in the beginning of the present century, and even as early as 1790. The most important book published in Danbury was "A System of Theoretical and Practical Arithmetic" by Ira Wanzer, published by W. & M. Yale in 1831. It was a book of about 400 pages, was well gotten up, and must have been quite a herculean task for a country place, at that early date.

Ira was a member of the American Association for the advancement of science, which is located at Washington, D. C.

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The letter which follows shows how far he had advanced in astronomy :

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

L. O. Howard, Permanent Secretary

Washington, D. C.

July 23, 1908.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer, 61 Bainbridge Street, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir :

I have your letter of the 16th instant. I have succeeded in locating a copy of the proceedings of this Association for its 18th meeting, held at Salem, Mass., during August, 1869.

In this volume, I find in the list of members who joined the Association at this meeting the following :

Wanzer, Ira, Lanesville, Conn.

I also find the following as the title of the paper submitted by him :

“Formula for Computing the Time of Axial Rotation of any Primary Planet, its Density, and the Relative Force of Gravity at its Surface, being Given.”

Yours very truly,

L. O. HOWARD.

From a copy of the Wanzer Arithmetic before me we copy the following, from p. 366, example 46. This arithmetic was the one owned by author.

When first the marriage knot was tied

Between my wife and me,

My age in years was to my bride's

As three times three to three ;

But now when ten, and half ten years,

We man and wife have been,

My age to her's exactly bears

As three times six to nine :

Now tell, I pray, from what I said,

What were our ages when we wed ?

Ans.—Thy age when married must have been

Just forty-five ; thy wife's fifteen.

*Children :*

274 Mary married Dr. Grant, both not living.

275 David

276 Flora, unmarried and living in 1913.

277 Betsey, unmarried, died about 1900.

278 Hiram, unmarried, died in 1907.



Homestead of William Wanzer, youngest son of Ebenezer<sup>1</sup>, now owned and occupied by the grandson, William D. Wanzer.<sup>39</sup>



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David H. Wanzer<sup>278</sup>, oldest son of Ira, born Feb. 28, 1838; died Jan. 25, 1904; married Charlotte T. Hawley Oct. 29, 1873. He spent his whole life at his father's homestead, and was prominent in all public affairs.

### *Children:*

- 279 Belle M. mar. James H. Dodd, Dec. 1902. She died Jan. 9, 1904. No children.  
280 Fred I. Wanzer born Dec. 12, 1876; married Edna Caroline Northrop, daughter of Edward L. and Lena F. Northrop, of New Milford, Ct. One child, Marion Belle, born July 16, 1911.

William Wanzer<sup>285</sup>, youngest son of Ebenezer<sup>38</sup>, was born on the old homestead, 12-10, 1807; died 7-3, 1889.

He married Hannah Ferriss and lived all his life near Lanesville, Conn.; was a member (and his family) of the society of Quakers or Friends.

### *Children:*

- 281 Charles H. born May 31, 1834; died Mar. 20, 1871.  
282 Laura C. born Oct. 30, 1837; died Nov. 10, 1837.  
283 Hannah C. born July 3, 1839; mar. Frederick Starr.  
284 William Henry born Mar. 8, 1841; died Oct. 26, 1850.  
285 Ellen Hendricks born Apr. 20, 1850; teacher, unmarried; died Apr. 20, 1917. She did much to help with this history.  
286 Anna born Nov. 30, 1855; graduate of instrumental music; unmarried.

Charles H.<sup>281</sup>, oldest son of William<sup>285</sup>, married Carrie E. Treadwell, May 4, 1858.

### *Children:*

- 287 Mary T. born June 23, 1859; mar. George W. Durgy, b. Aug. 11, 1854, d. Mar. 4, 1910. *Children:* Dwight W., Caroline and Alice Elinor.  
288 Edward, died young.  
289 William David.  
290 Alice C., unmarried.  
291 Elizabeth, died young.

William David Wanzer<sup>289</sup>, only son of Charles H.<sup>281</sup>, and grandson of William<sup>285</sup>, was born Sept. 14, 1860. He married Adella Haviland McMahon, Nov. 3, 1886.

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### *Children:*

- 292 William McMahon born Feb. 2, 1906.  
293 Wheeler Treadwell born Mar. 6, 1909.

William Leach Wanzer<sup>291</sup>, only son of Ebenezer<sup>288</sup>, was born 14-12-1821; died 20-3, 1878.

He married Lydia Loretta Weaver of New Milford, Ct., 3-28, 1850. See Weaver family which follows.

He spent his life at his home near his father's in Brookfield, Conn., with whom he was a partner. Both he and his wife were life-long members of the Friends or Quakers, and were known by a large circle of friends. Their house was always open to all who came, and both bore rare sterling characters.

He held many places of trust, and was much esteemed by all who knew him.

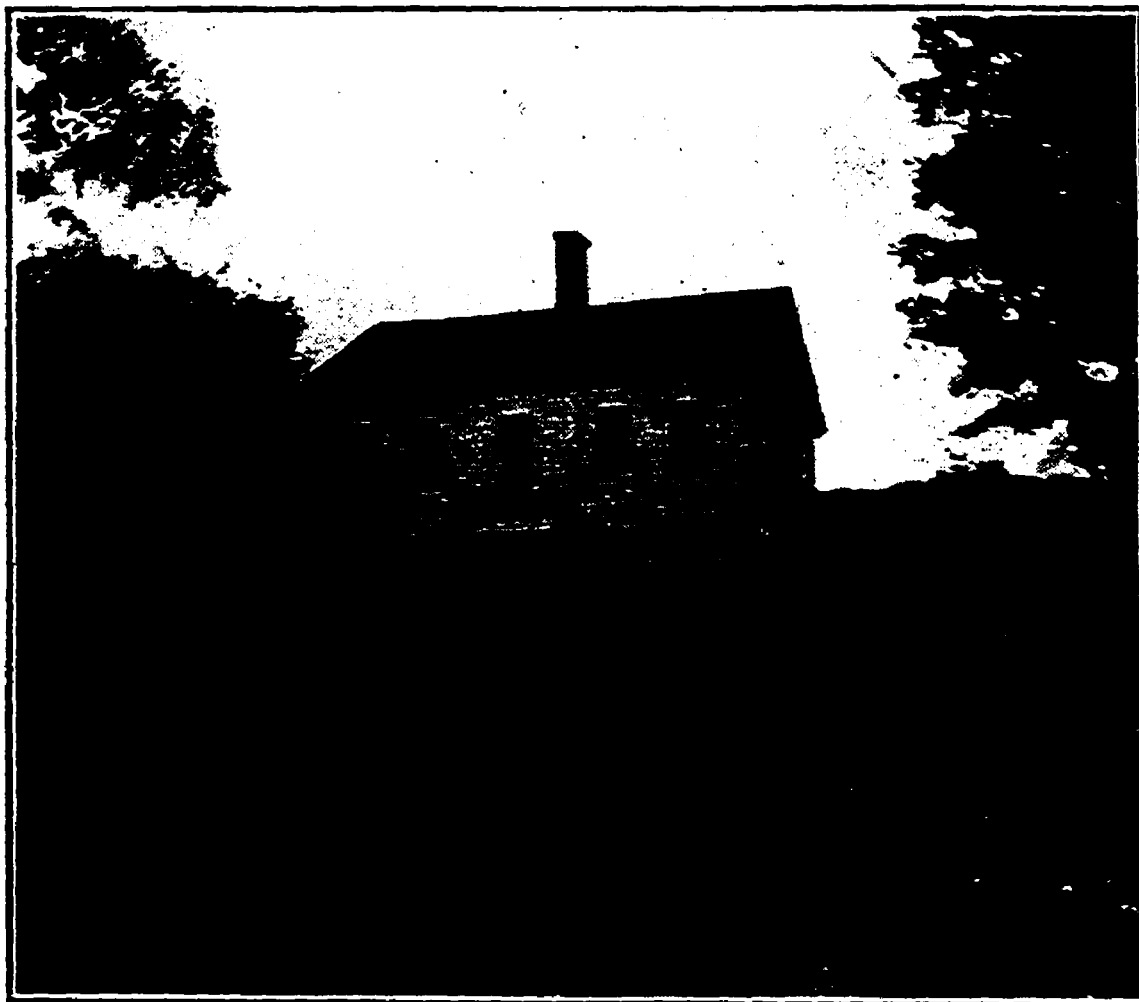
Following the names of his children is a copy of the marriage certificate and witnesses which is finely written on parchment, and is in a fine state of preservation. This marriage was a full Quaker affair and people were then said to have "married themselves."

### *Children:*

- 296 Pauline Martha  
297 Arthur Ebenezer  
298 William David  
299 Walter Peter

### Copy of certificate of Marriage of *William L. Wanzer and Lydia Loretta Weaver*

William L. Wanzer of the town of Brookfield, County of Fairfield, State of Conn., son of Ebenezer Wanzer and Lucy, his wife, and Lydia L. Weaver of the town of New Milford, County of Litchfield and state aforesaid, daughter of Peter Weaver and Margaret, his wife, the former deceased, having laid their intentions of marriage with each other, before two monthly meetings of the religious Society of Friends, held at New Milford, and Oblong, the former in the state of Conn., the latter in the state of New York; they having consent of parents and



Homestead of William L. Wanzer. Brookfield. Conn., only son of  
Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>. Built about 1850.





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nothing appearing to obstruct their proposal of marriage, was allowed by the meeting.

These are to certify that for the accomplishment of their intentions this twenty-eighth day of third month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, they, the said William L. Wanzer and Lydia L. Weaver appeared in a public meeting of said society held at New Milford, and the said William L. Wanzer taking the said Lydia L. Weaver by the hand, did on this solemn occasion declare that he took her to be his wife, promising through Divine assistance to be unto her a faithful and affectionate husband, until separated by death, or words to that effect; and then the said Lydia L. Weaver, did in like manner declare that she took the said William L. Wanzer, to be her husband, promising through Divine assistance to be unto him a faithful and affectionate wife, until separated by death, or words to that import.

And they, the said William L. Wanzer and Lydia L. Weaver, she according to the custom of marriage, assuming the name of her husband as a farther confirmation thereof, did then and thereto these presents set their hands.

*Signed* WILLIAM L. WANZER.  
LYDIA L. WANZER.

And we being present have subscribed our names as witnesses thereof:

Charles Sterling	Lewis Haviland	C. Wanzer
John D. Norton	Merritt L. Wanzer	Daniel P. Haviland
Cornelius McMahon	Jane Wanzer	Willis H. Wanzer
Frederic S. Crosby	Anna Leach	Mercy Haviland
George Sherwood	Ruth M. Akin	Betsey P. Post
Edward F. Morehouse	Julia Wanzer	Robey Osborn
Helen Agard	Abigail A. Haviland	Guilia E. Sterling
Ebenezer W. Haviland	Lucy Wanzer	Emily Weaver
Betsey A. Haviland	Ebenezer Wanzer	Elizabeth D. Hoag
Phebe W. Haviland	Brice W. Weaver	Olive Hoag
Orrin S. Haviland	Cyrus C. Sterling	Elizabeth Haviland
Merritt M. Haviland	Moses Wanzer	Margaret Wanzer
Robert Post	Ira Wanzer	Virginia Reed
Mary I. Wanzer	William Wanzer	Harriet M. Warner
Martha Wanzer	Miles Bronson	Mary Wanzer
William P. Haviland	Richard T. Osborn	

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### THE WEAVER FAMILY

The history of the Weaver family must be necessarily brief here, for several reasons. First, it is hard to get at the true line of the family, and space will not admit of the various arguments of all who have studied into the various branches.

Lucius E. Weaver, of Rochester, N. Y., is working on a complete history and will soon give a full line of the family.

He says that the Weaver family is English and can trace it back to 1200 A. D.

Clement Weaver was born about 1590 and died 1683, nearly 100 years old. He married Mary Freeman, b. 1627.

He came to this country in 1650, and was a freeman of Newport, R. I., in 1655; Deputy of General Assembly of Rhode Island in 1678.

He settled in Middleton, R. I., three miles from Newport. His descendants in direct line to Catherine Godard Weaver. The old estate at Middletown is still in possession of the family. They were Quakers and lived up to the strict requirements of that religion, possessing the respect of the entire community.

The line is as follows:

Clement<sup>A</sup>, Clement<sup>B</sup>, Clement<sup>C</sup>, William<sup>D</sup>, Benjamin<sup>E</sup>, Peter W. Weaver<sup>F</sup>.

Peter Wing Weaver<sup>F</sup>, born 2-9-1790; d. 24-2-1824. Married Margret Arnold 6-24-1813, b. 9-4-1794, d. 24-4-1858.

*Children:*

Brice Weaver b. 4-1814; mar. Emily Sterling. *Children* Lucy, Elizabeth, Margaret, Carrie, Cyrus, Vincent and Newton.

Gulia Elma Weaver b. 19-4-1817; married Sterling. *Children* Albert, Vincent, Belle and Mary.

Lydia Loretta Weaver b. 27-12-1821, married William L. Wanzer<sup>21</sup>. *Children*, Pauline, Arthur, William, and Walter.

The Weaver family had one coat of arms, Sable two bars argent, on a canton of the first, a garb of the second.



ARTHUR E. WANZER HOME, Dorchester, Mass.



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Martha Pauline Wanzer<sup>300</sup>, b. 24-8-1851; m. William Jasper Edwards of Lake City, Fla., at Brookfield, Conn., Oct. 12, 1871.

### *Children:*

- 300 Walter Leroy Edwards b. Sep. 8, 1873; d. Oct. 22, 1873.
- 301 Flore Belle Edwards b. Aug. 2, 1875.
- 302 Ernest Eugene Edwards b. Mar. 8, 1877.
- 303 Wm. Wanzer Edwards b. Apr. 21, 1878; d. May 1, 1879.
- 304 Arthur Carl Edwards b. Oct. 29, 1879; d. Apr. 17, 1907.
- 305 Alvis Scott Edwards b. Feb. 24, 1881.
- 306 Eliza Loretta Edwards b. Mar. 20, 1884.
- 307 Frank Appell Edwards b. July 28, 1887.
- 308 Pauline Vera Edwards b. Apr. 13, 1890; d. July 13, 1890.
- 309 Agnes Eulalie Edwards b. July 25, 1893.

Flore Belle Edwards<sup>301</sup> mar. George Stewart Watts at Lake City, Fla., Apr. 7, 1897. *Children:* Sterling Edwards Watts, b. July 21, 1899 at Washington, Conn.; residence Revonah Mannor, Stamford, Conn. Pauline Nancy, b. 1910.

Ernest Eugene Edwards<sup>302</sup> mar. Dora Viola Burch, Jan. 7, 1901, at Eastman, Ga. *Children:* Marion Pauline Edwards, b. Aug. 8, 1905; Benjamin, Louise.

Scott Alvis Edwards<sup>305</sup> mar. Mittie E. Lucas.

Eliza Loretta Edwards<sup>306</sup> mar. Lucian Brinson.

Frank Appel Edwards<sup>307</sup> mar Johnine Thorton, Dec. 31, 1913.

Arthur Ebenezer Wanzer<sup>297</sup> b. Brookfield, Conn., July 20, 1853. He was educated in the town schools and at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He mar. first, Aug. 22, 1881, Alice May Hoyt, dau. of Lewis Stebbins and Mary Elizabeth (Palmer) Hoyt of New Haven, Conn. She was born Sept. 27, 1858 and was a descendant of Simon Hoyt. In the fall of 1883, Arthur Ebenezer<sup>297</sup> moved with his family to Boston, Mass., and entered the grocery and provision business. In 1897, he and Mr. F. S. Whitcomb started the firm of Wanzer and Whitcomb, wholesale provision dealers, located at 21 John and 22 Barrett Sts. This became a large and flourishing business and, in 1908, Mr. Wanzer bought out his partner. He is one of the members of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange. While he lived at the South End he and his wife joined the People's Temple and he became one of the official members. They moved to Cambridge in 1890, where they lived until after the death of his wife. She was buried in Ridgefield, Conn.

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### *Children :*

310 Menia Hoyt Wanzer b. Brookfield, Conn., Sep. 2, 1883.

311 Lucy Alice Wanzer b. Boston, Mass., Dec. 4, 1885.

Mr. Wanzer mar. second, Oct. 30, 1893, Alice Gertrude Fuller of Roxbury, Mass., dau. of Andrew Jackson and Annette (Woodward) Fuller and a descendant of Ensign Thomas Fuller of Dedham, Mass., 1636. She was born in Roxbury, Dec. 30, 1868, and was educated in the city schools. She joined the Ruggles Street Baptist Church in Apr., 1883, and was a teacher there in the Sunday School for six years. They have a pleasant home at 28 Thetford Ave., Dorchester. In 1894, they joined the Stanton Avenue M. E. Church, his two older girls joining in 1897. Mr. Wanzer is one of the members of the official board and has been active in the work of the church, holding many offices.

### *Children :*

312 Nettie Pauline Wanzer b. Dorchester, Sep. 28, 1895; d. Mar 21, 1896.

313 Belle Eulalie Wanzer b. Dorchester, June 25, 1897.

314 Eva Gertrude Wanzer b. Dorchester, Mar. 2, 1899.

315 Arthur William Wanzer b. Dorchester, Feb. 9, 1904.

Both Belle E. and Eva G. Wanzer graduated from the Boston University College, June 16, 1920, with Bachelor of Arts degree.

Miss Menia H. Wanzer<sup>310</sup> was graduated at the Girls' High School, Boston, and afterward studied five years at the New England Conservatory of Music, where she was educated for a soloist and vocal teacher. She has a beautiful soprano voice, strong and clear, and has sung in many churches in the city and suburbs. In 1907-8 she was supervisor of music in the Vermont State Normal School at Castleton. She held the same position in Saluda Seminary, Saluda, N. C. Is now missionary at Foo Chow, China, where she has been seven years.

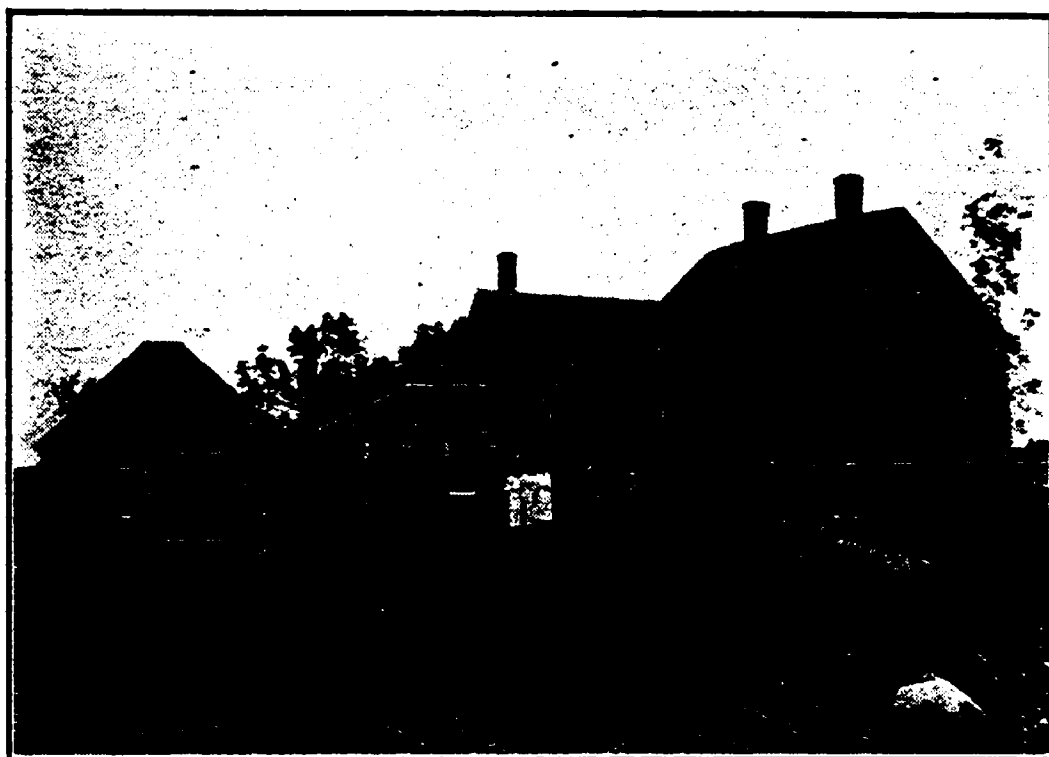
Miss Lucy Alice Wanzer<sup>311</sup> was graduated at the Dorchester High School. She has studied some years at the New England Conservatory. She married Charles R. Joy, of Harvard '08. He is a minister located at Pittsfield, Mass.

### *Children :*

316 Alice

Twins

317 Lucy



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William David Wanzer<sup>235</sup>, second son of William Leach Wanzer<sup>231</sup>, was born in Brookfield, Conn., Aug. 20, 1855. He married Adelaide Hallock Carpenter, Oct. 19, 1881, at Clintondale, New York, daughter of Rev. George A. Carpenter and Martha Palmer, daughter of Henry and Anna Roberts Palmer. *See Palmer history.*

She was born Jan. 4, 1864, and descended from Alexander Carpenter of 1623, an early settler of America. *See history of Carpenters of America, Page 4.* Was educated at Friends Seminary, Union Springs, New York, and is a birthright member of the Friends, and is engaged actively in all work pertaining to that body.

William D.<sup>236</sup> attended district school in early life and afterward select school in New Milford, Conn., and finally finished his education at Union Springs, New York, at Oakwood Seminary.

He taught school during the years 1875 to 1882, and was superintendent of Reformed church Sabbath school several years in the 70's.

He was special correspondent for the Danbury (Ct.) News, and U. S. census enumerator for Brookfield, Conn., in 1880.

At Clintondale, New York, where he settled in 1882, he entered the mercantile business with George W. Hull, under the firm name of Hull and Wanzer. Mr. Hull dying shortly afterward, he formed a partnership with his partner's brother, John J. Hull, which was continued for several years. In 1895, he dissolved partnership and built a large store and dwelling at Clintondale, N. Y., and continued in the same business.

He was postmaster of Clintondale, N. Y., under President Harrison from 1889 to 1893. Was chairman of the Grand Jury at Kingston, N. Y., in 1896; also chairman of the first district Assembly Convention of Republican party of Ulster Co., in the years 1895-6.

In 1898, he moved to New York City, and after two years, to Boston, Mass., where he continued in the same business, and at which business he is still engaged.

He and his family have been life-long members of the society of Friends, the church in Boston being situated on Townsend St. He has occupied many places of trust, having served on the official board, as treasurer, also as trustee of same society for eight years. This much has been written for the information of those who follow.

### *Children:*

- 319 Walter Raymond Wanzer
- 320 George Carpenter Wanzer
- 321 Ethelyn May Wanzer, b. Feb. 22, 1890; d. Aug. 2, 1890.

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Walter Raymond Wanzer<sup>319</sup>, oldest son of William D.<sup>306</sup>, was born Oct. 20, 1884, at Clintondale, N. Y.. He was educated in the village school, New Paltz (N. Y.) Normal School, the Gunnery School for boys at Washington, Conn., and Boston High School, graduating from same.

He married Agnes D. Brown of Boston, July 31, 1906. They settled in Jamaica Plain, Mass., where he conducted a large mercantile business on Centre St.

At present he is at Allerton, Mass., where he is a prominent merchant.

*Child*: One son:

322 William Raymond, born Nov. 3, 1908.

George Carpenter Wanzer<sup>320</sup>, second son of William D.<sup>306</sup>, was born July 31, 1887, at Clintondale, N. Y. He was educated in Clintondale village and New York city schools and Boston High school, graduating from same.

He married first Abbie Adams Gough, June 23, 1909, in the Friends' meeting house, Townsend St., Boston. She died Dec. 6, 1916.

*One child*:

323 George Carpenter Wanzer, Jr., born Dec. 6, 1916.

He married second Josephine Frances Lord, Mar. 23, 1918. He is connected with a large mercantile house in Boston, Mass.

Walter P. Wanzer<sup>321</sup>, third son of William L.<sup>311</sup>, was born in Brookfield, Ct., 7-14-1857; died Aug. 29, 1882. He married Phebe C. Carpenter of Clintondale, New York, Nov. 20, 1878. No issue.

Their married life, while short, was a very happy one. He was an exceptional person and was mourned by all who knew him. The widow, Phebe C., married second Myron H. Clark, of New Haven, Conn. The latter is not living.



HOME OF WILLIAM D. WANZER<sup>2ND</sup>, 61 Bainbridge Street, Boston, Mass.  
Where This History Was Written



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### JOHN WANZER BRANCH

John Wanzer<sup>1</sup>, youngest son of Moses<sup>2</sup>, was born in Sherman, Ct., July 13, 1766, and died June 6, 1839.

He married Grace Swords, born Sept. 11, 1774, and died July 15, 1840. She was daughter of Francis D. Swords and Annietti Graves.

They lived in the extreme northeast corner of New Fairfield at the foot of Great or Rainbow Mountain, during their whole life, on the place later occupied by their son, Willis, and next by their grandson Homer. He owned a large tract of valuable land, and reared a large family.

They were Friends or Quakers and prominent in that Society.

#### *Children:*

- 324 Abraham born Apr. 12, 1793.
- 325 Isaac born Nov. 26, 1795.
- 326 Jacob born Apr. 8, 1798.
- 327 Ithamer born Sept. 18, 1800; died Aug. 6, 1823.
- 328 Abigail born Sept. 5, 1802; died July 7, 1809.
- 329 Amelia born Aug. 1, 1805.
- 330 Elizabeth born Aug. 26, 1807.
- 331 John J., born Dec. 13, 1809.
- 332 Francis born June 2, 1812.
- 333 Abby Jane born Jan. 16, 1815.
- 334 Willis H., born Aug. 20, 1818.

Abraham Wanzer<sup>324</sup>, oldest son of John<sup>1</sup>, was born 5-12-1793; died 6-29-1878. He married first Anna Leach, July 27, 1815. She died Jan. 6, 1842. He married second Phebe Hathaway, a widow with two children, one boy and a girl. The former died young. The latter, Elizabeth, married Seeley B. Kellogg of New Fairfield, Ct., and had seven children. His last wife died Jan. 2, 1900. No issue by either union.

He was a Friend or Quaker minister and the writer sat under his preaching at the old meeting house at Lanesville, Conn., many, many times. This building is still standing and in the graveyard adjoining are the last resting places of numerous Wanzers.

Abraham was also principal at one time of the old Nine Partners boarding school, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., just previous to its being removed to Union Springs, Cayuga Co., N. Y., where there is at present a very successful Friends' school.

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Isaac Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, second son of John<sup>u</sup>, was born Nov. 26, 1795. He married twice.

*Children, first wife:*

- 335 John J., said to be living at Newburgh, N. Y.
- 336 Andrew S., born 8-30, 1835.
- 337 Jane, born 3-29, 1829; died Sept. 13, 1875.
- 338 Lucy Eliza, born 3-15, 1833; died 3-15, 1911.

*Children, second wife:*

- 339 Elizabeth
- 340 Margaretta
- 341 George M.
- 342 Sarah Cornelia
- 343 Grace

Jacob Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, third son of John Wanzer<sup>u</sup>, was born Nov. 3, 1798. He married Oct. 26, 182—, Phebe Leach, born June 13, 1805.

*Children:*

- 344 Lucy Ann, born Dec. 1, 1827; died 1900. She married Carlos Kellogg. No children.
- 345 Mary, born Mar. 3, 1829.
- 346 Abigail, born Dec. 9, 1830.
- 347 Jane and Julia, twins, born May 2, 1834. Latter missionary to Honolulu; died there 1917.
- 348 Merritt L., born Aug. 19, 1832; married Mary L. Clark.

*One son*, Howard, born Jan. 11, 1869. Lives in Cal., but has not been heard from for a number of years.

Abby Jane Wanzer<sup>m</sup> married Richard Downing and had four children: John, Gideon, Henrietta, Mary Elizabeth.

John and Mary E. both married and had families. Mary married Walter Arnold and had two children, Gideon and Henrietta, both unmarried.

Amelia Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, second daughter of John Wanzer<sup>u</sup>, married Homer Leach. *Children*: Daniel, Frank, Abbie, Jane. The latter married Samuel Laudio of Pennsylvania, and had *three sons*: Homer, Frank and Jay.

Elizabeth Wanzer<sup>m</sup>, third daughter of John Wanzer<sup>u</sup>, married Andrew Skidmore; *one son*, James. He married and had three sons. One sister of James married a Mr. Dean. They had two children, a son and daughter.

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Francis Dawson Swords Wanzer<sup>349</sup>, born in 1812, died 1875. He was the son of John Wanzer<sup>34</sup>. He married, in 1838, Lucia Sophia Osborne, born 1818 and died May 24, 1882.

He lived in the northeastern part of the town of New Fairfield, Ct.

### *Children:*

- 349 Harriet A., born Apr. 13, 1840; mar. Daniel Jennings; *one dau.*: Sarah, mar. Chas. Turner.
- 350 Sarah J., born Oct. 13, 1841; died young.
- 351 Mary E., born Feb. 22, 1843.
- 352 Abbie J., born Aug. 5, 1844; mar. Burr Hall Sherman; three chil.
- 353 Richard D., born Nov. 21, 1846.
- 354 Franklin P., born June 10, 1850.
- 355 Thalia G., born Dec. 17, 1852.
- 356 Geo. T., born Sept. 18, 1854.
- 357 Charlotte E., born Oct. 22, 1856; mar. Daniel Akin Patterson, both dead.

Francis Wanzer's<sup>349</sup> grandfather, Francis Dawson Swords, came from Canada about 1750, and located in Greenfield, Ct. Served in the French and Indian war. His education was unusually good for those days. Taught school for some time. Second wife was Armietti Graves from Boston. *One child*, Grace Swords, born Sept. 1774.

Franklin P. Wanzer<sup>354</sup> was born June 10, 1850. He married Susan Elizabeth Knapp, of Danbury, Ct., Mar. 14, 1883.

### *Children:*

- 358 Carrie Emma, born Mar. 5, 1884.
- 359 John Franklin, born May 5, 1886.
- 360 Nellie Osborne, born Nov. 15, 1888.
- 361 Chas. Lucas, born Apr. 21, 1891.
- 362 Alice Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1893.
- 363 Grace Knapp, born Aug. 6, 1896.
- 364 Frank Abraham, born Feb. 21, 1901.

John Franklin<sup>359</sup> married Huldah E. Johnson, So. Manchester, Conn.; *children*: Louis Franklin, born June 17, 1911; Harry Johnson, born Sept. 27, 1913.

Nellie Osborne<sup>360</sup> mar. Walter E. Light, Danbury, Ct.

### *Children:*

- 365 Douglas Wanzer, born Jan. 23, 1912.
- 366 Dorothy Anna, born Mar. 4, 1914.

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Richard D. Wanzer<sup>363</sup>, fifth child of Francis D. S. Wanzer, mar. Ella Morehouse. Lives in Mesopotamia, Ohio.

### *Children :*

- 367 William.
- 368 Susie.
- 369 Lucia.
- 370 Lottie.

George Monson Wanzer<sup>341</sup> was born Aug. 25, 1845, in Beekman, Dutchess Co., N. Y.; was the son of Isaac Wanzer<sup>326</sup>, who was the son of John Wanzer<sup>31</sup>, who was the youngest son of Moses<sup>1</sup>. His history is best given in his own words :

“On my mother’s side my grandfather’s name was Bradley Treadwell, my great grandfather’s name was Benj. Treadwell; my great great grandfather’s name was David; and my great, great, great grandfather was Benjamin.

“I attended school in my district at Arthursburgh, N. Y., until I was 15 years old, when my father died. After remaining on the farm for one year, my mother moved to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with the entire family, consisting of Elizabeth, Margaretta, Geo. Monson, Sarah Cornelia and Grace. I entered the Bryant and Stratton college in the city, and after graduating accepted a position in a carpet and dry goods store, remaining there three years, when John Falconer, the Great Seamless Clothing Co. manufacturer, having heard of me, came to Poughkeepsie, and engaged me to take charge of his skirt and druggist department in the then Mattewan (now the city of Beacon). I have held positions of shipping clerk, cashier, and now accountant for over 47 years. The firm now is Wm. Carroll & Co., manufacturers of men’s, ladies’, and children’s straw hats.

“I was married to Miss Amelia Kenney, daughter of William and Harriet Marsh Kenney, on Nov. 27, 1878; have no children.

“We are both members of the First M. E. church of Beacon, N. Y., quite extensive property holders, and live in our beautiful home, corner of Liberty and Centre St., 27 Liberty St., where any one by the name of Wanzer is welcome.”



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Willis Haviland Wanzer<sup>sm</sup>, youngest and eleventh child of John Wanzer<sup>sn</sup> (the son of Moses Wanzer and Elizabeth Knapp, the son of Abraham Wanzer and Abigail Husted), and Grace Swords (the daughter of Francis Dawson Swords, a Revolutionary soldier, and Amittai Graves, of the numerous Graves family, and descendant from the Whitneys) was born in the northeast corner of New Fairfield, at his father's homestead. He was a birthright member of the Religious Society of Friends, and in politics, a Democrat. He served as representative in the General Assembly, May session, 1855, 1858, and 1873. He was born 20 Aug. 1818, and died 20 July, 1891.

He married, first, 16 Sept., 1837, Lydia Ann Leach, dau. of David Leach and Anna Bulkley, the widow of ——— Lane. (*The Leach family is given to some extent in the Dutchess Co. Memorial and Biographical History.*) (*For the Bulkleys, see that Genealogy.*)

She died 9 Mar, 1843.

*Child*: One infant dau., died 8 Mar., 1843.

He married second, 4 Sept. 1844, Sarah Ann Kellogg, dau. of Hanford Martin Kellogg (*Kellogg family history—see Kellogg Family*, lately published, 3 vols.) and Sarah Bulkley (sister of Anna Bulkley named before), of New Fairfield; b. 14 Aug., 1825, d. Jan., 1896. Willis H. Wanzer and his family are buried in the family burying ground on his farm.

### *Children*:

- 371 Henry Jay, b. 29 Dec., 1845; d. 27 Je, 1853.
- 372 Hanford Kellogg, b. 12 Jan., 1848. (*See later.*)
- 373 Homer Leach, b. 3 Mar., 1850. (*See later.*)
- 374 Willis Haviland, Jr., b. 23 Je., 1852; d. 26 Aug., 1862.
- 375 Lydia Ann, b. 15 Oct., 1857. (*See later.*)
- 376 Rachel Sophia, b. 30 Aug., 1859; d. 5 Sept., 1862.

Hanford K. Wanzer<sup>sm</sup> was born 12 Jan., 1848, in New Fairfield; moved to the town of Bethlehem after marrying. Lived at one time in Albany, but returned to the country. P. O. Slingerlands. He mar., 13 Sept., 1871, (Mary) Florence Rushmore, born 7 Je., 1850, in the town of Rensselaerville, Albany Co.

### *Children*:

- 377 William Henry, born 29 Dec., 1872. Graduate 1895 of Swarthmore College. Has taught some.

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*Children* of Hanford<sup>™</sup>, continued.

- 378 Henrietta Florence, born 12 April, 1874. Graduate 1897 of Swarthmore. She married, 22 June, 1904, Theron Skidmore Dean, of LaGrangeville, Dutchess Co., b. 12 Jan., 1877, son of Cromline Dean (descendant also from the Burtis and Leavens families) and Jane Skidmore (whose mother was a Wanzer). Live in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Homer L. Wanzer<sup>™</sup> was born 3 Mar., 1850, in New Fairfield; died Sept. 29, 1912. Lived on his father's place. In politics, he was a Democrat. He served as Selectman 1884 to 1899, inclusive; also 1903. Has held other town offices; was Representative, 1895 to 1901 Sessions; Delegate to Constitutional Convention, 1902; County Auditor, 1901-2. Has been director of the New Milford Fair Association for many years, also president.

He married, 8 Oct., 1878, Mary Alice Giddings, oldest dau. of James A. Giddings, Jr., of "the Plains" below New Milford (*See Giddings Family History*) and Emily E. Buel, b. 15 Feb., 1859, d. 25 Feb., 1887; buried in the New Milford Center burying ground.

*Child:*

- 379 Grace Giddings, born 11 Feb., 1882; married 17 Oct., 1900, Valentine Mott Knapp, D. V. M., graduate of Cornell Veterinary school, son of Dr. Knapp (of the New Fairfield Knapps) of Clare, N. Y.

Lydia Ann Wanzer<sup>™</sup> was born 15 Oct., 1857; mar. 5 Jan., 1876, Bolivar Knowles, b. 1850, son of John Knowles of Lanesville, Conn., and Drusilla Joyce. (*History of New Milford and Bridgewater for Knowles family.*) Live near Bethel, Conn. *Children:* Willis Howard, b. 20 Dec., 1876. Lives near his father; mar. 10 Jan., 1900, Myra, dau. Edward Treadwell, of New Fairfield, and Sarah Sophia Hungerford. Clarence Henry, b. 22 June, 1881; Mar. June, 1902, Frances T. Hurlock, of Waterbury, Conn. He now lives at Dayton, Ohio.

The following names of Wanzers were given by Fred Wouser, of Seattle, Wash., but I am unable to make proper connection as no response is received.

Frank M. Wanzer, 20 Dravus St., Seattle, Wash.

Marion F. Wanzer, 20 Dravus St., Seattle, Wash.

J. C. Wanzer, 20 Dravus St., Seattle, Wash.

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Melvina Wanzer, 16 Dravus St., Seattle, Wash.

E. B. Wanzer, Milltown, Wash.

J. C. Wanzer, Arlington, Wash.

M. Wanzer, 1312 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

C. W. Wanzer, 1325 E. Lincoln, Portland, Ore.

### NEW FAIRFIELD, CONN.

The forefathers of all who spell their name Wanzer, had their beginning in Newfairfield, Ct.: hence it seems proper to give a brief history of the town.

New Fairfield is bounded on the north by Sherman, east by New Milford and Brookfield, south by Danbury, and west by New York state.

Abraham<sup>1</sup>, who came to this town in 1737 (*see first deed in this book*) first spelled his name Wanzer after he settled here.

New Fairfield was at first spelled Newfairfield, all in one word, the oldest deeds show this, named, no doubt, from Fairfield, Conn.

From the history of Fairfield Co., Conn., by Hurd, in 1881. we copy the following:

This town was granted to twelve proprietors, who made a division and allotment of rights and surveyed at about 1736-7.

The grant composed the present towns of New Fairfield and Sherman, Ct., called the "lower and upper seven miles."

The choice of location in the allotment was won by Ebenezer Burr of Fairfield [perhaps he named this town] who, not having examined the township, chose the centre plot, in the lower seven miles, which, when located and surveyed, included a large part of what is called "short woods," a mountain portion, and the least valuable of any of the township.

The remains of a dwelling occupied by some of the descendants of Ebenezer Burr still exist near the residence of Richard Barrett.

The southeastern portion of the town, easterly from Wood Creek, was surveyed by Thomas and John Edwards, of Stratford in 1737. Their survey comprised a tract of two hundred and thirty-six acres and included a part of the farms now owned by B. B. Kellogg and H. G. Betts. This portion of the town was called the "Apple trees," from some apple trees which, it is said, were planted by the Indians, and were standing within the recollection of persons now living.

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On a portion of this tract, surveyed by Edwards, was an Indian village and burying ground. Many stone implements and curiosities of Indian workmanship are turned up by the plow in cultivating the soil, some of which have been presented to the Smithsonian Inst., at Washington, D. C.

The ridge of land northerly from Neversink Pond was surveyed by Oresinus Gould, a little later in the same year of Edwards' survey.

The Wanzer family (spelled here Manzer by error) were prominent in the affairs of the town. There were five sons in the family [Moses' children] to whom the father gave each a farm. He was a large landholder and owned nearly the whole northeastern part of the town.

Benj. Trumbell, D. D., in his history of Connecticut, in 1797, gives in part the following:

October 9, 1707, at the session in October, the Assembly granted to Nathan Gould, Burr, Cap. John Wakeman Jonathan Sturges and other inhabitants of the town of Fairfield as follows: Bounded south-erly on Danbury, easterly on New Milford, and westerly on the Colony line. It extended 14 miles north from Danbury. It was afterward named New Fairfield. \* \* \*

The allotments (52 in number) of the town, nevertheless, were not affected until 1737, and called the upper and lower seven miles. The allotment of the upper seven miles (now the town of Sherman) was not made until 1740. A tract of 100 acres was laid out in east part of the town for the first minister.

On May 8, 1740, the town was incorporated. The first minister for the lower seven miles was Rev. Benajah Case, who was ordained Nov. 9, 1742.

The first pastor of the upper seven miles (now Sherman) was Rev. Thomas Lewis, ordained Mar. 23, 1744.

Ebenezer Wanzer<sup>2</sup> is mentioned as selectman of Brookfield, Ct. (town adjoining), in the 1848-49-50 and 51.

In the jury list of Sherman, Ct. (the upper seven miles), of 1802, appears the names of John Wanzer, Eluid Wanzer and Abraham Wanzer.

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The first road for this part of the country seems to have been from Danbury north through the valley by Neversink Bares and Squantz Ponds to Sherman Centre, and passed by the Abraham<sup>1</sup> old original home east of last-named pond. The Sherman and Reading turnpike was not built until about 1850 or thereabouts, which is about one-half to one mile east of this old road and parallel to it.

The Wanzer family occupied quite a large tract of land in New Fairfield, Sherman, Brookfield and New Milford. The corners of these four towns come together near the centre of land that was then owned by them.

Had the Housatonic railroad passed through this Wood Creek valley, conditions, no doubt, would now be different. Today there are two railroads in the Housatonic valley, and this seems to have been the reason that the latter is in a much more flourishing condition.

New Fairfield and Sherman centres are both today far below what they were a hundred years ago. Probably less than a thousand people occupy either township.

New Fairfield and Sherman are so situated that two extremes, as to the land, exist. That is, very low and high ground. A United States Geological survey before me reveals this:

The high mountain peaks here shown in New Fairfield and Sherman are among the highest in this part of the state.

The two just west of Abraham's<sup>1</sup> old home, and just east of Anthony's home, are marked on this map as POND MT. and WANZER HILL. Both have an equal elevation of 1,100 feet above the sea level. The latter, no doubt, was named after Abraham Wanzer<sup>1</sup>.

Since writing the above history of New Fairfield (about 1918), the Rocky River Power Co., which company intends to build a dam, has secured options on nearly all of the Wood Creek valley land that was owned so long by the older Wanzer families, and, at this writing (1919), it looks as if this section will soon pass into history and become a vast lake.

This dam, if built, will be where Wood Creek empties into the Housatonic river. It will, if made, cause a lake some twelve miles long and cover from 5,000 to 6,000 acres of land.

Later, just as we are about to go to press, a party writes us that the project will probably not go through, as the foundation is found to be defective—and yet it may!

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### WANSER, WONSER, WANZOR, WANSOR, ETC.

It is not strange that the descendants of Jan' should have chosen different ways of spelling Wanshaer, when it became fashionable to change and shorten names.

It seemed to take several generations, however, before such changes became permanent. For instance, Abraham, of the Anthony branch, spelled his name four ways during his lifetime.

There is not a doubt, but all Wanzers, no matter how the name is spelled, originated from the one Jan Jansen Wanshaer, No. 1, of New Amsterdam, born in Holland in 1621, and the remainder of the family are the posterity of Abraham<sup>m</sup>, Johannes<sup>m</sup>, Jacob<sup>'</sup>, Hendricks<sup>m</sup>, Robert<sup>'</sup>, Jan<sup>u</sup>, and Carel<sup>m</sup>.

A part of the history which follows we are compelled to give, in accordance with lists sent.

### WONSER BRANCH

Abraham Wanshaer<sup>m</sup>, son of Jan<sup>m</sup>, was baptised in the old Dutch Church, July 12, 1702. He had at least *one son* :

380 Thomas. He was born about 1735 and moved West early in life.

He named his oldest son Abraham, after his father—a Dutch custom.

#### *Children :*

381 Abram

382 Isaac

383 Thomas

384 Jared

Abram Wonser<sup>m</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>m</sup>, was shot and killed in his own house, on or near Long Island, by a chance shot of an unknown assassin. He had a son :

385 Floyd

Isaac Wonser<sup>m</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>m</sup>, lived near Honeyoye Lake, south of Canandaigua, New York. He had three children by his first wife; also several by second wife, viz :

386 Jonathan

387 Ann

388 Hannah

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Thomas Wonser<sup>388</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>387</sup>, lived in Aurelius, Cayuga Co., New York, and was killed by a falling tree. He lived near the head of Seneca Lake. His *sons* were :

- 389 John
- 390 William
- 391 Thomas
- 392 Abram
- 393 Ransford

Jared Wonser<sup>389</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>388</sup>, lived in Hancock, Delaware Co., N. Y. He had *four sons and two daughters* :

- 394 Edmund
- 395 Jared
- 396 Mileden G.
- 397 Elanson
- 398 Lucinda
- 399 Samantha

John Wonser<sup>390</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>389</sup>, had five children, viz :

- 400 Phoebe
- 401 Thomas
- 402 Philanca
- 403 William
- 404 Abigail

William<sup>390</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>389</sup>, married Ollie Merwin and had *six children*, viz :

- 405 Israel Hamlin
- 406 David, farmer, Huron Co., Ohio.
- 407 Ann Eliza, married Ward, near Oostburg, Wis.
- 408 Levi B., lived in Huron Co., Ohio.
- 409 Ransford, Oxford, Kan.
- 410 William, b. Jan. 7, 1836 : died at Oostburg, Wis.

Thomas Wonser<sup>391</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>390</sup>, had *two children* :

- 411 Phoebe, who married an Ellsworth
- 412 Thomas

Ransford<sup>392</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>391</sup>, had several children, one of whom was

- 413 Charles, who had *two children* :
- 414 Mortimer
- 415 Dora

They lived in the western part of Iowa.

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Edmund Wonser<sup>384</sup>, son of Jared<sup>384</sup>, born in 1801, in Hancock, Delaware Co., N. Y. He had *three children*:

416 Ira

417 Caroline, married a Nichols and lived in Painesville, Ohio, 1880.

418 Elanson, went to Kansas.

Jared<sup>385</sup>, son of Jared<sup>384</sup>, born in 1803, in Hancock, Delaware Co., N. Y.; died in Norwalk, Ohio. He left *three sons and four daughters*:

419 Marietta, married a Wilson, lived near La Porte.

420 Mileden

421 William

422 Ann

423 George

Last four named all lived near Norwalk, Ohio.

Mileden G. Wonser<sup>386</sup>, son of Jared<sup>384</sup>, born in Hancock, Delaware Co., N. Y., Aug. 27, 1805; died at Erie, Ill., aged 78 years. He married Ruth Merrills Churchill, born Mar. 12, A. D. 1813, in Boonville, Oneida Co., N. Y.; died at Erie, Ill., aged 95 years. They were married by Rev. White at Summerhill, Cayuga Co., N. Y., Aug. 12, 1832.

Their *children* were as follows, viz:

424 Octavia Lodusca, b. June 7, 1833, at Milan, N. Y.

425 Annette Elizabeth, b. Oct. 16, 1835, at Summerhill, N. Y.

426 Flavius J. M. Wonser, b. May 5, 1838, at Ellisville, Ill.

427 Marcia Wonser, b. Mar. 7, 1840, at Ellisville, Ill.

428 Kate Luella, b. Apr. 20, 1848, at Erie, Ill.

429 Col. D. H. Wonser, b. Oct. 6, 1850, at Erie, Ill.

430 Ruth R. Wonser, b. Jan. 23, 1853, at Erie, Ill.

Octavia L. Wonser<sup>424</sup>, dau. of Mileden G. Wonser<sup>386</sup>, b. June 7, 1833; married Daniel Tift, Oct. 20, 1852. *One dau.*, viz:

431 Charlotte Eliza Tift, b. Dec. 2, 1853; married James B. McKenna, Jan. 23, 1870. *Children*:

432 James B. McKenna, Jr., b. Jan. 12, 1872.

433 Fred, b. Aug. 19, 1875.

434 Octavia L. McKenna, b. June 12, 1878, unmarried. On farm near Galesburg, Ill.

James B. McKenna<sup>432</sup>, Jr., station agent at Cameron, Ill., is married and has *three children*: Helen, Marjorie and baby.



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Fred M. McKenna<sup>435</sup>, b. Aug. 19, 1875; barber at Rock Falls, Ill.; married Miss Maggie Giorge, fall of 1897.

Marcia Wonser<sup>437</sup>, dau. of Mileden G. Wonser<sup>336</sup>, b. Mar. 7, 1840, and John Durrell Fenton, b. Nov. 10, 1832, were married at Erie, Ill., Mar. 14, 1859. Their *children*:

435 Celona Isabel, b. July 20, 1861.

436 Ruth Elizabeth Fenton, b. Apr. 19, 1866. A teacher in the public schools of Erie, Ill.

Celona Isabel Fenton<sup>435</sup> married James P. Hubbart, May 30, 1888. They had *one child*: Beryl Elizabeth Hubbart, b. May 30, 1894; lives in Erie, Ill.

Willis H. Coburn, of New Windsor, Ill., son of Charles Mileden Coburn, son of Annette E. Wonser<sup>435</sup>, was born Sep. 24, 1874; married Hattie M. Tomlinson, Feb. 27, 1896. They have *four children*:

437 Clayton Merle, b. June 19, 1897.

438 Leslie, b. Jan. 16, 1899

439 Orie, b. Oct. 18, 1900

440 Pearl, b. Nov. 24, 1902

Annette Elizabeth Wonser<sup>435</sup>, dau. of M. G. Wonser<sup>336</sup>, b. Oct. 16, 1835; married Chas. Edwin Coburn Oct. 20, 1857. Their two *children*:

441 Charles Mileden Coburn, b. Aug. 27, 1852; married Orie Peters, Aug. 27, 1873. They had *three children*; Willis H. Coburn, of New Windsor, Ill.; Mrs. Anna Perring, of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Cadie Stewart, of Omaha, Neb.

442 Edwin Adelbert Coburn, second son of Annette E. Wonser<sup>435</sup>, b. Nov. 13, 1854. Has *one daughter*, Edith.

Annette Elizabeth Wonser's<sup>435</sup> second husband was Elwood W. Fenton. They had *one son*, viz: Fredwin B. Fenton, b. Jan. 12, 1868, married Louisa May Morills, Apr. 18, 1887. Fredwin had *two daughters*, viz: Florence Annette Fenton, b. May 8, 1888; Vera Lu Vene, b. Jan. 7, 1890.

Ruth Rose Alpha Wonser<sup>439</sup>, dau. M. G. Wonser<sup>336</sup>, b. Jan. 23, 1853. Lives on the old homestead at Erie, Ill.

Col. D. H. Wonser<sup>439</sup>, son of M. G. Wonser<sup>336</sup>, b. Oct. 6, 1850; married Maria Kelly, Oct. 3, 1869. Their *children*:

443 Curtis Durrell Wonser, b. Mar. 13, 1871.

444 Geo. Walter Wonser, b. Sep. 16, 1874.

445 Ruth Elizabeth Wonser, b. Nov. 7, 1876.

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Ruth Elizabeth Wonser<sup>445</sup> married Frank L. Swarthout, Apr. 4, 1893. Two *children* :

446 Roma Lee Swarthout, b. July 16, 1895.

447 Agnes E. Swarthout, b. Dec. 25, 1897.

Both entertainers on Chautauqua Circle.

Kate Luella Wonser<sup>448</sup>, dau. of M. G. Wonser<sup>446</sup>, b. Apr. 20, 1848; married John Bushee, Oct. 1, 1866; died at Erie, Ill., May 13, 1870. She left a *dau.* Hattie, who married Edward Wampler: P. O. address, Ellsworth, Ill.

Flavius J. M. Wonser<sup>449</sup>, son of M. G. Wonser<sup>446</sup>, b. at Ellisville, Ill., May 5, 1838; married Julia C. Weaver, dau. of Joseph and Melissa (Benedict) Weaver, born March 1, 1839. They were married at Erie, Ill., Jan. 1, 1859. They have *six children* living, viz:

448 Wm. W. Wonser, b. Dec. 21, 1859.

449 Charles J. Wonser, b. July 19, 1862.

450 Flora C. Wonser, b. Feb. 5, 1865.

451 Charlotte E. Wonser, b. Nov. 18, 1866.

452 Fred Wonser, b. June 4, 1871.

453 Vera Wonser, b. Oct. 18, 1878.

Wm. W. Wonser<sup>450</sup>, son of F. J. M. Wonser<sup>449</sup>, b. Dec. 21, 1859.

*Three children* :

454 Ferne, b. in Tama, Iowa, July 27, 1882; died at Rockford, Ill., Nov. 13, 1900.

455 Marjorie, b. in Rockford, Ill., July 3, 1893. Teacher in Rockford public schools.

456 Helen, b. in Rockford, Ill., Dec. 22, 1907.

Charles Joseph Wonser<sup>451</sup>, son of F. J. M. Wonser<sup>449</sup>, b. July 19, 1862; married Josephine G. Patterson, Mar. 26, 1889. Editor and publisher THE HERALD, Tama, Iowa.

Charlotte E. Wonser<sup>452</sup>, dau. of F. J. M. Wonser<sup>449</sup>, b. Nov. 18, 1866; married Newton S. Beale, Tama, Iowa, Sept. 11, 1907.

Fred Wonser<sup>453</sup>, son of F. J. M. Wonser<sup>449</sup>, b. June 4, 1871; married Katharine A. Linkenhelt Ogle (born Plymouth, Indiana, July 19, 1878) Aug. 11, 1909, at Lakewood, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. Residence, Benton Harbor, Mich.. Have *one daughter* :

457 Hope Weaver Wonser, b. Dec. 11, 1911.

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Vera Wonser<sup>457</sup>, dau. of F. J. M. Wonser<sup>336</sup>, b. in Tama, Iowa, October 18, 1878; married Elmer G. Tims, June 7, 1911. Have *two sons*:  
458 Richard Franklin Tims, b. Mar. 4, 1912.  
459 Charles Elmer Tims, b. Aug. 27, 1915.

Elanson Wonser<sup>337</sup>, son of Jared<sup>334</sup>, born in Aurelius, N. Y.; married Eliza Barney; died in 1831 at Wheeler, Steuben Co., N. Y. He left *two sons*, viz: Grant, who died in California, Apr. 21, 1850, and Elanson, who died in Erie, Ill., 1847.

Lucinda Wonser<sup>338</sup>, dau. of Jared<sup>334</sup>, married James Farnsworth; died childless near Rockford, Ill.

Samantha Wonser<sup>339</sup>, dau. of Jared<sup>334</sup>, b. 1812; married Henry Shook in Lorain Co., Ohio, and died in Roscommon, Mich, Jan. 19, 1884. She had a *son*, Andrew, and *two daughters*:

460 Octavia

461 Annette

Andrew was a soldier in the Civil War and contracted disabilities in the service which caused his death in 1867, at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Octavia Shook<sup>460</sup>, dau. of Samantha<sup>339</sup>, married a Gibbon, who was a captain in the Civil war and was killed in a skirmish, after the surrender of Lee. They had *one son*, W. H. E. Gibbon, of St. Helen's, Oregon, and *one dau.*, Mrs. Roma Hunt, who died at Roscommon, Mich. Roma left *four daughters*: Mrs. Adna Tracy, of Three Pines, Oregon; Mrs. Roy Stewart, of St. Helens, Oregon; Mrs. Leo Bellville, of Bowling Green, Ohio, and Mrs. Edmund Cooper, of Grayling, Mich.

Annette Shook<sup>461</sup>, dau. Samantha Wonser Shook<sup>339</sup>, married Wm. Stout, Kalamazoo, Mich.; died at Roscommon, Mich., Nov. 15, 1890. Left a *dau.*, Mrs. B. F. Robbins, of Markey, Mich.

Israel Hamlin Wonser<sup>465</sup>, son of Wm.<sup>380</sup>.

### *Children:*

462 Laura, married Calvin Johnston, Erie, Kan.

463 Melissa, married Geo. Pierce, Fond du Lac, Wis.

464 Jasper, Wadena, Minn.

465 George Wonser, Sheboygan, Wis. Had *two children*:

466 Charles, b. Apr. 22, 1878, Fond du Lac, Wis.

467 Finetta, b. July 30, 1883, Fond du Lac, Wis.

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David Wonser<sup>406</sup>, son of Wm.<sup>390</sup>, had *five children*, viz:

- 468 Jefferson, Tamas, Mich. Courtland, Tamas, Mich.
- 469 Frances, mar. Darwin Stocking, Rochester, Ohio.
- 470 Conva, widow, Rochester, Ohio
- 471 May, dressmaker, Cleveland, Ohio

Ann Eliza Wonser<sup>407</sup>, dau. Wm.<sup>390</sup>, married Owen Ward. Left *five children*, viz: James Ward, Tenn.; Ann Eliza Ward, mar. Albert Darton, Unity, Wis; Geo. Ward, Unity, Wis.; Emma Ward, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., married one Canady; Wm. Ward, Sheboygan City, Wis.

Levi B. Wonser<sup>408</sup>, son of Wm.<sup>390</sup>, had *four children*:

- 472 Frank M. Wonser, insurance business, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 473 Bird Wonser, Kansas.
- 474 William
- 475 Mary, married and lives in Kansas.

William Wonser<sup>409</sup>, son of Wm. Wonser<sup>390</sup>, b. in Orleans Co., N. Y., Jan. 7, 1836. His father had died the latter part of 1835. His mother died in Clearfield, Ohio, in her seventy-fifth year. In 1848, William accompanied his brother David to Holland, — Sheboygan Co., Wis., and lived there the remainder of his life. On Feb. 22, 1860, he married Miss Delia Moore. Their *five children*, all of whom are married, are as follows:

- 476 Edgar Wonser, b. Feb. 7, 1861.
- 477 Mary, b. Sep. 30, 1873.
- 478 Maud, b. June 30, 1878, married Al Nunhoff of Granton, Wis.
- 479 Ernest, b. Sep. 7, 1865.
- 480 Fred, b. Oct. 31, 1875.

Edgar Wonser<sup>406</sup>, son of Wm.<sup>409</sup>, lives in Sheboygan; was married to Jane Van Overkerk, Feb. 22, 1884. They have *three children*, viz:

- 481 Clara Ada Wonser, b. Dec. 6, 1885.
- 482 Mattie, b. Dec. 3, 1890.
- 483 Esther Mabel, b. Mar. 12, 1894.

We are indebted to F. J. M. Wonser<sup>408</sup>, Tama, Iowa, for this history of the Wonser branch; also for the Henry Wanzer (son of Reuben) branch history.

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### HEADS OF FAMILIES

#### STATE OF NEW YORK, FIRST CENSUS OF U. S. 1790

- 484 Abraham Wansor, *p. 155*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Self, wife and two daughters.
- 485 Benjamin Wansor, *p. 155*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Wife, two sons and two daughters.
- 486 Daniel Wansor, *p. 155*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Wife, two sons and one daughter.
- 487 Henry Wansor, *p. 155*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Wife, one son and three daughters.
- 488 Jacob Wansor, *p. 155*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Wife only.
- 489 Jacob Wansor, *p. 153*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Wife, five sons and two daughters.
- 490 Joseph Wansor, *p. 153*, Oyster Bay, L. I.  
Wife, one son and two daughters.
- 491 Thomas Wansor, *p. 203*, North Salem, N. Y., Westchester Co.  
Wife, three sons and three daughters.
- 492 Thomas Wanser, *p. 82*, Fredricstown, Dutchess Co., N. Y.  
Wife and one daughter.
- 493 Henry Wansor, *p. 153*, North Hamstead, L. I.  
Wife, two sons and five daughters.
- 494 Isaac Wansor, *p. 153*, North Hamstead, L. I.  
Wife, one son and two daughters.

Take notice, that ten of these eleven heads of families spelled their names Wansor, and one Thomas, who resided in Dutchess Co., Wanser, and it is sure that some continued to change the spelling even after this date, 1790.

#### MUSTER ROLLS NEW YORK PROV. TROOPS 1761, *p. 360*.

- 495 Chester Wanser, Apr. 20, 1761; age 30; born L. I., Queens Co.;  
5¾ ft.; blacksmith; under Cap. Williams, Westchester Co.,  
New York.  
Dutchess and passed for Cap. Peter Harris, Commander ye-1-1760.
- 496 Isaac Wansor, Jr., Apr. 19, 1760; age 33, born L. I., blacksmith;  
Cap. Hicks' Co. of militia officer who enlisted Cap. Harris.
- 497 Jacob Wanser, Jr., private; age 34, born Queens Co.; Com. Apr.  
18, 1758.

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- 498 Thom Wanser, Apr. 11, 1758; age 23, born L. I.; occupation, weaver. Cap. A. Rogers.
- 499 Thomas Wanser, Apr. 1, 1761; age 22, born L. I.; occupation, weaver, 6 ft.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.
- 500 Thomas Wanser, age 22, 6 ft.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in, fair.
- 501 Cheshier Wanzer, one of 18 mounted men of New Fairfield, Ct., with 65 mounted men of New Milford, Ct., who were sent to relieve Fort Hill and points adjacent. (*Conn. War records French and Indian War, Aug. 1757, p. 226.*)
- 502 Jesse Wanser, regular Mar. 21, 1765, p. 330.
- Abraham Wansor<sup>181</sup> and Henry Wansor<sup>182</sup>: names among a long list who signed as loyal to King, Oct. 21, 1776, from Long Island.
- This Abraham Wansor, and Henry Wansor are no doubt those by the same names residing at Oyster Bay, L. I., in 1790 census list.

FROM RECORDS ST. GEORGE CHURCH, HEMSTEAD, L. I.

### *Marriages:*

1779, Oct. 17, Oyster Bay, Jacob Traver and (503) Hittibel Wanser, both of Oyster Bay.

1781, Sept. 17, Samuel Dilkes and (504) Mary Wanzer, both of Oyster Bay.

1782, Dec. 1, (505) Joseph Wanser, and (506) Linda Wanser, by per.

1784, Mar. 20, (507) Benj. Wanser, of Oyster Bay, and Rebecka Southland of Hemstead.

1774 (*Book 14*), Oct. 16, Medad Taylor and (508) Sarah Wanser.

1772, Aug. 3, (510) Jacob Wanser, of Flushing, and Margaret Doxey of New York.

### *Births:*

1774, Nov. 22, Mary Sarah and Anthony, children of Kasper and (509) Ruth Wanzer.

The families which follow this we have not attempted to connect, as the facts sent were not sufficient to enable us to do so. But, no doubt, those who have records can establish and prove where they belong.

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Jersey City Post Office  
Office of the Postmaster

Jersey City, Hudson Co., N. J.,  
May 7, 1907.

Mr. W. D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear sir:

In reply to your esteemed favor 4th inst., concerning family history, I must confess to having but slight knowledge of the subject. My great-grandparents were Quakers and lived on Long Island.

Jarvis Wanser of Vineland, N. J., will very likely be able to give you some facts. I am unable to answer your query concerning ancient lineage.

Very truly yours,

PETER F. WANSER.

P. M.

### PETER F. WANSER FAMILY

Grandfather, James Wanser; grandmother, Phoebe Pearsall (both deceased). There were born *three sons and three daughters*:

Wm. Henry, deceased

Jarvis, residing at Vineland, N. J.

John, deceased

Eliza and Rachael (both deceased)

Marietta, residing at Asbury Park.

All unmarried.

William Henry Wanser, first son of Wm. H. Wanser's family, married Catharine S. Buckalew, at New Brunswick, N. J., in the year 1848. He was born Oct. 27, 1823; died May 14, 1898. Catharine S. was born Sept. 21, 1828; died April 5, 1899. There were *three sons and three daughters*:

Peter Farmer, residing at Jersey City.

Jarvis Pearsall, deceased.

Wm. Henry, deceased.

Catharine Cornell

Sarah Lillie

Annie P.

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Peter Farmer Wanser married Abbie Mabie, residing at Jersey City. He was born at New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 24, 1849. No children.

Jarvis Pearsall was born at New Brunswick, N. J., May 18, 1851; died Aug. 16, 1896. Unmarried.

Wm. Henry was born at New Brunswick, N. J., June 6, 1856; died Nov. 12, 1882. Unmarried.

Catharine Cornell married Robert H. Moore of Flemington, N. J. (deceased). She was born at New Brunswick Aug. 1, 1853; has *one daughter*: Anita. Mother and daughter are living at Flemington, N. J.

Sarah Lillie married George N. Wanser residing at Crawford, N. J. She was born at Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 23, 1858. They have *two sons*: Le Roy and Harold Laton.

Annie P. Wanser, unmarried, residing at Jersey City, was born in Jersey City, June 19, 1861.

Jarvis Wanser, second son, married Elizabeth Britton of New Brunswick, both residing in Vineland, N. J. They have *two sons*: Alfred and Frank, both married; Alfred deceased.

John Wanser, third son (deceased), married Kate McGee. They had *one son*: George N. Wanser, residing at Crawford, N. J.

Moses G. Wanzor,  
Sugar & Molasses Broker

102 Wall Street,  
New York, August 14, 1907.

Mr. William D. Wanzer,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st. inst., same coming to hand after I got back from a short trip in the country. I note all you say regarding the Wanzors. I came from Long Island. My father was born at Glen Cove, L. I. Three brothers of his, Daniel, Leonard, and Townsend, were also born there. My father's name was William. My grandfather was also born at Glen Cove. His name was Daniel. I think he had three brothers, John, Jacob, and William Paslow. They were all men of families, but how many children they had I do not know. When I met Mrs. Dr. Holcomb, she had the family tree started. Her father was Moses and she told me they came from Connecticut. I gave her at the time I talked with her, lots of places where she could find Wanzors, namely: Amityville, L. I. In fact, all along the south side of Long



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Island Wanzors can be found; also all along the north side of Long Island, from Flushing out.

I understand there is a Wanzor in Montreal, inventor of a sewing machine. I am quite sure some Wanzors are living in Ohio and in Wichita, Kan. My mother had 19 boys and two girls. All are dead but brother Frank and myself. My brother Daniel left six children. I think all were girls. None of my other brothers left male issue, as far as I know.

Some of the Wanzors spell their names Wanzer, Wansor, and Wanser. I spell mine Wanzor because my grandfather told me that was the correct way to spell it. If you could get hold of the notes left by Mrs. Holcomb, they would prove invaluable in the work you are engaged in.

When you get down to New York stop in at my office. I will probably be able to give you further information if I have a lead to work on. I've been down at this end of Wall St. in this business over 50 years.

As far as I have been able to learn, my ancestors came from Holland, as you say. Mrs. Holcomb, I believe, had this thing traced back to 1675, or a little earlier.

It won't be any trouble to me to answer any questions you might write me, providing I am able, and I shall be glad to see you when you get to New York.

Yours truly,

MOSES G. WANZOR.

[NOTE: Moses G. Wanzor died in 1910, leaving an estate valued at \$100,000.]

A William Wanser, who lived near Ithaca, N. Y., was killed in 1840 by the kick of a horse. His father came from Long Island, and the family dated back to the Dutch of Manhattan. There were said to have been two brothers, one with a large family of boys, and the other with a large family of girls. These two families intermarried and scattered to the West.

This William had children, among whom was Levi Wanser, who had *four boys and two girls*. One boy and one girl died in infancy.

### *Children:*

William lived in Michigan.

Beardsley lived in Kansas.

Mrs. Samuel Morning, Salt Lake City.

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The remaining son of Levi (we have not his name) had *four children*. He lives in Tarrytown, N. Y., and he and his family are true to the old family and belong to the Dutch Reformed church in that city.

### *Children:*

Earl Wanser, born about 1884.

Paul Wanser, born about 1895.

Helen D. Wanser, born about 1893.

Ralph Wanser, born about 1905.

J. H. Wansor, of Glen Cove, L. I., was born about 1801. First he had a coffee business and then took up boat building for fifteen years. He had a large family of eight children, but all are dead. One son, Leonard Wansor, lived at the same place and one son at Glen Cove gave the above facts. His name is J. M. Wansor.

Abraham Wanser was living in 1907 at Flatlands, L. I., and is an old man. His father's name was also Abraham Wanser. The former married Rebecca Raynor. One brother, Oakley, was boss mason at the Croton Water works. He had an uncle named William Wanser.

The younger Abraham had thirteen children; two are now living: Albert and Wilber at Flatlands, L. I.

At Flatbush, L. I., live also Everett, Edward and Rumph Wanser.

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*O Spirit of that early day,  
So pure and strong and true,  
Be with us in the narrow way  
Our faithful fathers knew.  
Give strength the evil to forsake,  
Our cross of Truth to bear  
And love and reverent fear to make  
Our daily lives a prayer!*

The Quaker Poet WHITTIER.

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