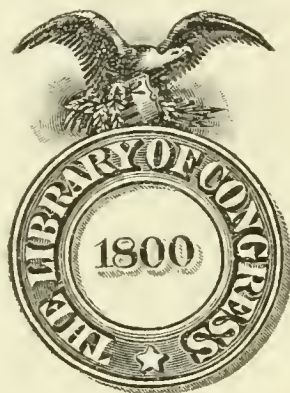


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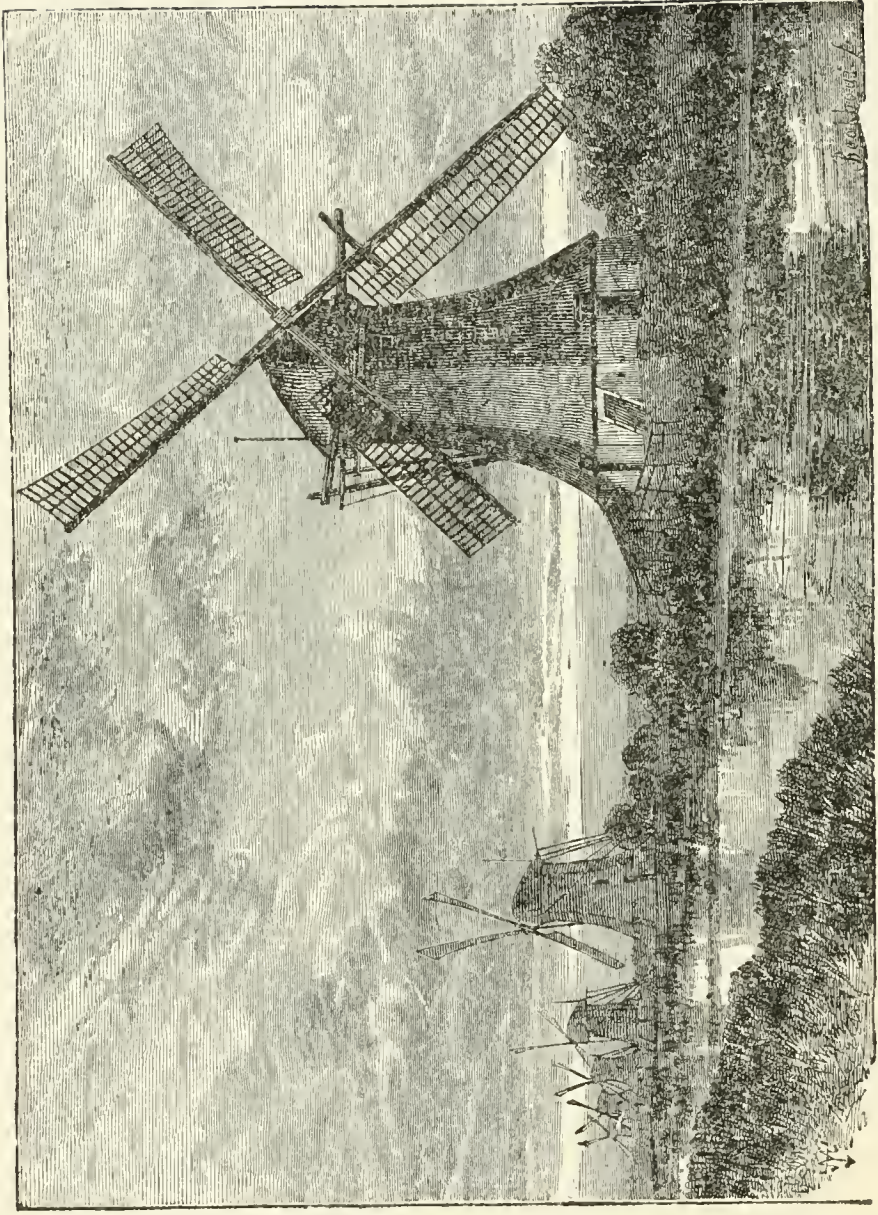
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TO THE MEMORY OF MY FATHER,
EDWARD WILLIAM SURDAM,

Who endured the hardships and afflictions of
life with patience and Christian fortitude;
whose character was without defect and whose
example was always worthy of imitation, this
little volume is affectionately dedicated.

C. E. S.

This Family History has been prepared with the following objects in view :

1. To increase a knowledge of and veneration for our Dutch ancestors, than whom no nobler or truer people have ever lived.

2. To encourage and perpetuate the interest in and affectionate regard for each other which now exists among us.

3. That those who bear the family name, or in whose veins courses the blood of a common ancestry, and die leaving no posterity, shall not be so soon forgotten.

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Happy the man whose wish and care
A few paternal acres bound,
Content to breathe his native air
On his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,
Whose flocks supply him with attire ;
Whose trees in summer yield him shade,
In winter fire.

Bless'd who can unconcernedly find
Hours, days and years glide soft away,
In health of body, peace of mind
Quiet by day ;

Sound sleep by night ; study and ease,
Together mixed ; sweet recreation ;
And innocence, which most does please
With meditation.

POPE.



Her Majesty Wilhelmina
Queen of the Netherlands

OUR DUTCH ANCESTORS

A person who feels no interest in the genealogy of his people and who does not know or care who his grandparents were, where they came from and how they lived, is not worthy of a noble ancestry; and any person who has Dutch blood in his veins and does not desire to trace his lineage back to Nederland, to the province of Holland, to some specific place in Holland, and to some particular family, however humble, who lived in that place, is not worthy to be called a Dutchman

Many people have taken too seriously Washington Irving's humorous "Knickerbocker's History of New York," and believe that the Dutch are a fat-witted race who cannot be and never have been roused from their lethargy to strenuous activity of mind or body. It is true that for the past two hundred and fifty years of peace and quiet, and without the stimulating effects of opposition and contention, the Nederland in some respects has stood still while other coun-

tries, profiting by her former example, influence and assistance have gone forward ; but no other nation has struggled so hard for good homes and for civil and religious liberty, and done so much for herself and for others as “ Brave Little Holland.”

Chambers' Encyclopædia says :

Nothing is known regarding the original inhabitants of the Netherlands ; but about a century and a half before our era the people known as the Batavia (who probably were our ancestors) came out of Hesse, where they were living in hostility with their neighbors, and settled down between the Rhine and the Waal. At this time the Frisians occupied the country north of the Rhine to the Elbe. The Batavians and the Frisians differed little in appearance, manner of life, and religion. They clothed themselves with skins, lived by hunting, fishing, and pasturing cattle, possessing horses, cows and sheep ; were faithful, open-hearted, chaste and hospitable. The songs of the bards composed their literature and history. Warlike and brave, they selected their leader for his courage and prowess, and were armed with the bow and a short spear. They worshiped the sun and moon, and held their meetings in consecrated woods.

When “ Rome ruled the world ” the Frisians agreed to pay a tribute of ox hides and horns, but continued restless and rebellious. The Batavians became allies of Rome, paying no tribute but supplying a volunteer contingent, chiefly of cavalry, which decided the battle of Pharsalia

in favor of Cæsar, and formed a gallant band of the Roman armies in all parts of the Empire.

In A. D. 15 the Germans under Hermann drove the Roman army from Germany. Griffis says :

This was one of the greatest of the decisive battles of the world, for it settled the future of northern Europe ; neither emperor nor pope was likely thereafter to hold the Germans.

This victory made possible the Reformation, the English Commonwealth and the American Union.

No Roman army ever again penetrated from the Rhine into Germany ; but for a long time a peaceful Roman domination succeeded.

In the third century the Franks and the Allemanni, with the Roman Catholic form of Christianity, began to extend their influence and authority, and in the fifth century the legions were withdrawn and Roman dominion passed away. By the year 800 Papal authority was practically supreme ; the people, however, lived in peace and generally made their own laws, but paid tribute to the Franks, Burgundians, Austrians and Spaniards until the Dutch rebellion in the sixteenth century.

The thousands of Dutch people who joined the Crusaders in 1096 to 1296 brought back with them new ideas of civilization, art, education and commerce, and they developed and improved

upon them to such an extent that at this time of the rebellion, Bancroft says :

The republic of the United Netherlands was by its origin and its nature commercial. The device on an early Dutch coin was a ship laboring on the billows without an oar or a sail. The rendezvous of its martyrs had been the sea. The most of its patriot emigrants had been on shipboard, and they had hunted their enemy as the whaleships pursue their game in every corner of the ocean. The two leading members of the confederacy from their situation could seek subsistence only on the water. Holland is but a peninsula, intersected by navigable rivers, protruding itself into the sea. Crowded with a dense population on a soil saved from the deep by embankments and kept dry only with pumps driven by windmills, its homes were rather in the water than on land.

And Zealand is composed of islands. Its inhabitants were nearly all fishermen. Its villages were as nests of sea-towls on the margin of the ocean. In both provinces every house was by nature a nursery of sailors; the sport of children was among the breakers; their boyish pastimes in boats; and if their first excursions were but voyages to some neighboring port, they soon braved the dangers of every sea.

The States advanced to sudden opulence. Before the insurrection they could with difficulty keep their embankments in repair; and now they were able to support large fleets and armies. Their commerce gathered in their harbors the fruits of the wide world. Producing almost no grain of any kind, Hol-

land had the best equipped granary of Europe ; without fields of flax, it swarmed with weavers of linen ; destitute of flocks, it became the center of all woollen manufactures ; and provinces which had not a forest built more ships than all Europe besides. They connected hemispheres. Their enterprising mariners displayed the flag of the republic from Southern Africa to the Arctic Circle. The ships of the Dutch, said Sir Walter Raleigh, outnumbered those of England and ten other kingdoms. To the Italian Cardinal the number seemed infinite. Amsterdam was the center of the commerce of Europe. The sea not only bathed its walls but flowed through its streets, and its merchantmen lay so crowded together that the beholder from the ramparts could not look through the thick forest of masts and yards. War for liberty became unexpectedly a well-spring of opulence ; Holland plundered the commerce of Spain by its maritime force, and supplanted its rivals in the gainful traffic with the Indies. Lisbon and Antwerp were despoiled ; Amsterdam, the depot of the merchandise of Europe and of the East, was become beyond dispute the first commercial city of the world ; the Tyre of modern times ; the Venice of the North ; the queen of all the seas.

During those years of prosperity the development of education and general intelligence engendered a spirit of independence which resulted in the Reformation, the Inquisition, and the bloody struggle of eighty years for civil and religious liberty against Spain and the Roman Catholic Church which ended when Spain was at last

exhausted, and a treaty of peace was solemnly concluded June 5th, 1648, exactly eighty years from the day that Egremont and Hoorn were executed. Spain had buried three hundred and fifty thousand of her sons and allies in the oozy Netherlands, and had spent untold millions of money. She had nearly ruined herself financially in trying to uproot liberty. In seeking to wring the neck of heresy, she had broken her own back. Henceforth, from the rank of the first power in Europe, she sank to the level of a fourth-rate country, stagnant in ideas, and "the China of Christendom," while "William the Silent" and other brave leaders had brought the "Beggars" to the highest place among the civilized countries of the world.

The Netherlands means the "Low Countries," and the name "Low Dutch" is used to distinguish the people from the "High Dutch" or Germans.

The United States of Nederland was the first federal republic with a written constitution in the world. The Dutch cast off the yoke of Spain because their rights were invaded and they were taxed without their consent.

In the science and art of cleanliness and health the Dutch were pioneers.

Resolute, serious, vigilant, the Nederlanders love intensely their cold, wet and chilly land. They have made the home beautiful, and were the first people to glorify it in art. They love science, literature, the fine arts and religion. They are quick-witted students, sailors, fishers, traders, engineers, explorers, colonists, freemen. They love law, order and liberty.

Holland was the shelter-land of the Pilgrim Fathers, training ground of all our colonial soldier-emigrants from Sir Walter Raleigh and John Smith to Miles Standish and Jacob Leisler, nurse of the Puritans, home of republican government, written constitutions, free press, free schools, democratic rule in Church and popular power in State.—*Griffis*.

In inventions and industries they have not been equaled by any other people. Without any water power, they utilized the wind, and Griffis says that counting large and small there are probably one hundred thousand windmills in Holland. With forty mills in constant operation for four years they drained a lake twenty-four miles in circumference and turned it into eighteen thousand acres of very fertile land.

Weaving and cloth-making were introduced into England by the Dutch.

Linen and rag paper were probably first made in Germany in 1319, and the first paper was made, and the first paper-mill in England was set up by a Dutchman at Dartford in 1590. The

first paper-mill in America, near Philadelphia in 1690, was also the work of a Dutchman.

Whatever may be said about the Dutchmen's part in the first use or invention of printing, one thing is certain, the Netherlands soon became the chief printing-office of Europe. While playing-cards, romances, the story of "Reynard, the Fox," and the "Mirror of Human Salvation" were turned off the presses for the common people, the Latin and Greek classics were edited and published for the scholars. The Bible was translated into Dutch and published in 1477, later becoming so cheap that even poor people could buy a copy. To show how far the Dutch were in advance of the English in this respect, it is probable that as many as twenty-four editions of the New Testament and fifteen editions of the Bible had been published in the Netherlands before one copy of either was printed in England.

Holland led Europe in a system of free public schools, and those in Leyden were already centuries old when the founders of Massachusetts dwelt in that city.

Very important in its influence on industry was the introduction of flax. This native of Egypt found a congenial home in Nederland. Instead of cultivating it for seed and oil, the Dutch from the first paid special attention to the

development of the stalk, and aimed to secure abundant and delicate floss. The stimulus to produce fine yarn for lace-makers became so great that the flax produce of the southern Netherlands was without a rival. The Dutch raised bleaching to the dignity of a fine art. They persevered until the name "Hollands" all over Europe meant "finest linen white as snow." Eight months were required to secure the purest white.

Among their many useful inventions are the thimble, the plow, bricks and the "Dutch oven."

During the first forty years of the rebellion it is estimated that over one hundred thousand Dutch people removed to England, so that in many respects England was Dutch before it was English.

During the twelve years' truce between Spain and Nederland (1609 to 1621) many people went from England to Holland to escape persecution, and when hostilities were renewed they came to America as Pilgrims and Puritans; and at the same time the Dutch came over and settled chiefly in eastern New Jersey, on Long Island, Manhattan Island (1623), and along the Hudson and Mohawk rivers to Albany (Fort Orange) and Schenectady. Every acre of land occupied was bought from the Indians according to Dutch law and the West India Company's express order.

Their Heidelberg Catechism and their Bibles, with their semi-clerical "Comforters of the Sick," were brought to America on the very first ships sailing into New York bay.

In 1664, in time of profound peace, English ships treacherously made a descent upon Manhattan Island, and the country was seized and brought under British rule. Then about one-half of the Dutch people left America and returned to the Fatherland. This left seven or eight thousand Netherlanders to become Americans and fight with others, for one hundred and thirteen years, the arbitrary rule of British kings and their favorites, with republican ideas.

Short as was the occupation, only fifty years, from 1614 to 1664, the foundations of the Empire State were laid by them. The republican Dutchmen gave New York its tolerant and cosmopolitan character, insured its commercial supremacy, introduced the common schools, founded the oldest day school, and the first Protestant church in the United States, and were pioneers in most of the ideas and institutions we boast of as distinctly American.

The Dutch influence in the making of New England, as well as of the United States, has not yet been justly or impartially shown in our popular books of history, but it is great. In our

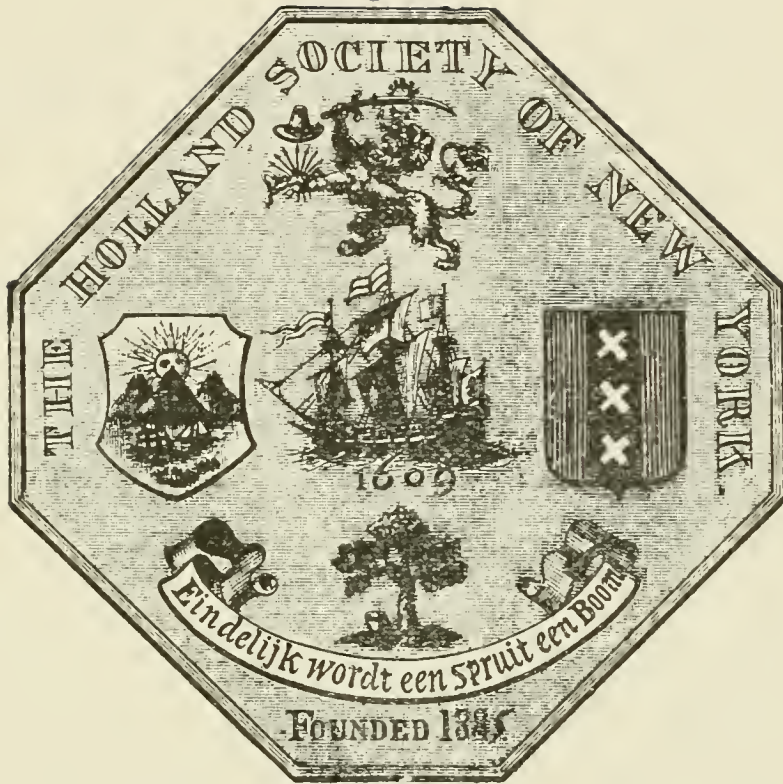
government and ideas the American people are more Dutch than English.

In our Revolutionary war the Dutch sympathized with us, gave us aid and loaned us money. In answer to King George III., they refused to allow one man or a single guilder to be used against the Americans ; but Claas Taam, a Dutchman, with a fleet of grain ships broke the British blockade and relieved Baltimore of pressing need. The Dutch bankers of Amsterdam also loaned our Colonies fourteen million dollars when most wanted ; and for these and other reasons the British declared war against Nederland.

In the organization of our government a great deal was copied from the Dutch. It was from them direct that the coinage of the United States was modeled. From the Dutch system we borrowed a written Constitution, a Senate or States-General, and House of Representatives, The Hague, our District of Columbia, the Supreme Court (with vast improvements), the land laws, registration of deeds and mortgages, local self-government from the town and county to the government of governments at Washington, the common school system, freedom of religion and the press, and many of the details of the Dutch state and national system. In a word, the Amer-

ican Constitution borrowed more points from that of the Dutch than from any other.

In our Civil war the sympathies of the Dutch were wholly with the cause of the Union. The bonds of the United States of America sold liberally in Nederland. Thousands of Dutchmen, many of them crossing the ocean for that purpose, enlisted under the red, white and blue—the same colors under which their ancestors fought, first for Independence and then for Union. “In love of liberty and bravery in defense of it, she has been our great example,” is what Benjamin Franklin said of Holland.



The constitution of the Holland Society of New York says :—

“No one shall be eligible as a member unless he be of full age, of respectable standing in society, of good moral character, and the descendant in the direct male line of a Dutchman, who was a native or resident of New York, or of the American colonies prior to 1675.”

The latest annual report gives a membership of 960, who, by name, represent 291 different families who lived here in 1675, many of them having been prominent in the affairs of the country, such as,—Beekman, Depew, Garretson, Kip, Morris, Pruyn, Roosevelt, Schurman, Schuyler,

Stuyvesant, Van Dyke, Van Rensselaer, Van Wyck, etc.

Among the many other names are eight Suydams but only one Surdam (Charles E.) although all bearing that name, being descendants of Theunis Pietersz Sardam (see page 16) are eligible to membership.

There is not as yet a society for women of Dutch ancestry, but they, except in name, are just as Dutch as the men are.

The seal of the Holland Society, as shown above, is similar in style to that of coins used in Holland about 1574, and the emblems are copied from old coins and medals.

The one at the top was the arms of Netherlands—a lion holding in his right paw a sword encircled with a wreath of laurel of seven leaves, and in his left a bunch of seven arrows indicating the unity of the seven states and supporting the liberty-hat.

In the center is a warship of the period of 1609.

The motto, from a medal of 1605, is—"At last a sprout becomes a tree."

The badge of the society is the "Beggars' Medal" which had its origin in the war with Spain; from a contemptuous reference to the Dutch as being "only beggars." One of these medals was worn by William of Orange at the time of his assassination.

The rosette or button of the society is a shield of gold bearing the lion of Holland in red enamel.

TEUNIS PIETERSZ AND FAMILY

“Annals of Newtown,” L. I., by Riker, says: “About the year 1710 the sons of Hendryck Rycken adopted the name Suydam, and from these three persons—Jacob, Hendrick and Ryck—all the Suydams in this and the adjoining states descended.” And the Rev. J. Howard Suydam, of Philadelphia, formerly of Rhinebeck, N. Y., in his little book, “Hendrick Rycken, the Progenitor of the Suydam family in America,” accepts the statement of the “Annals of Newtown,” and says that according to an estimate made in his own line there are and have been about one thousand persons bearing the name Suydam. They are scattered over the country, although the most of them still cluster about the ancestral home.

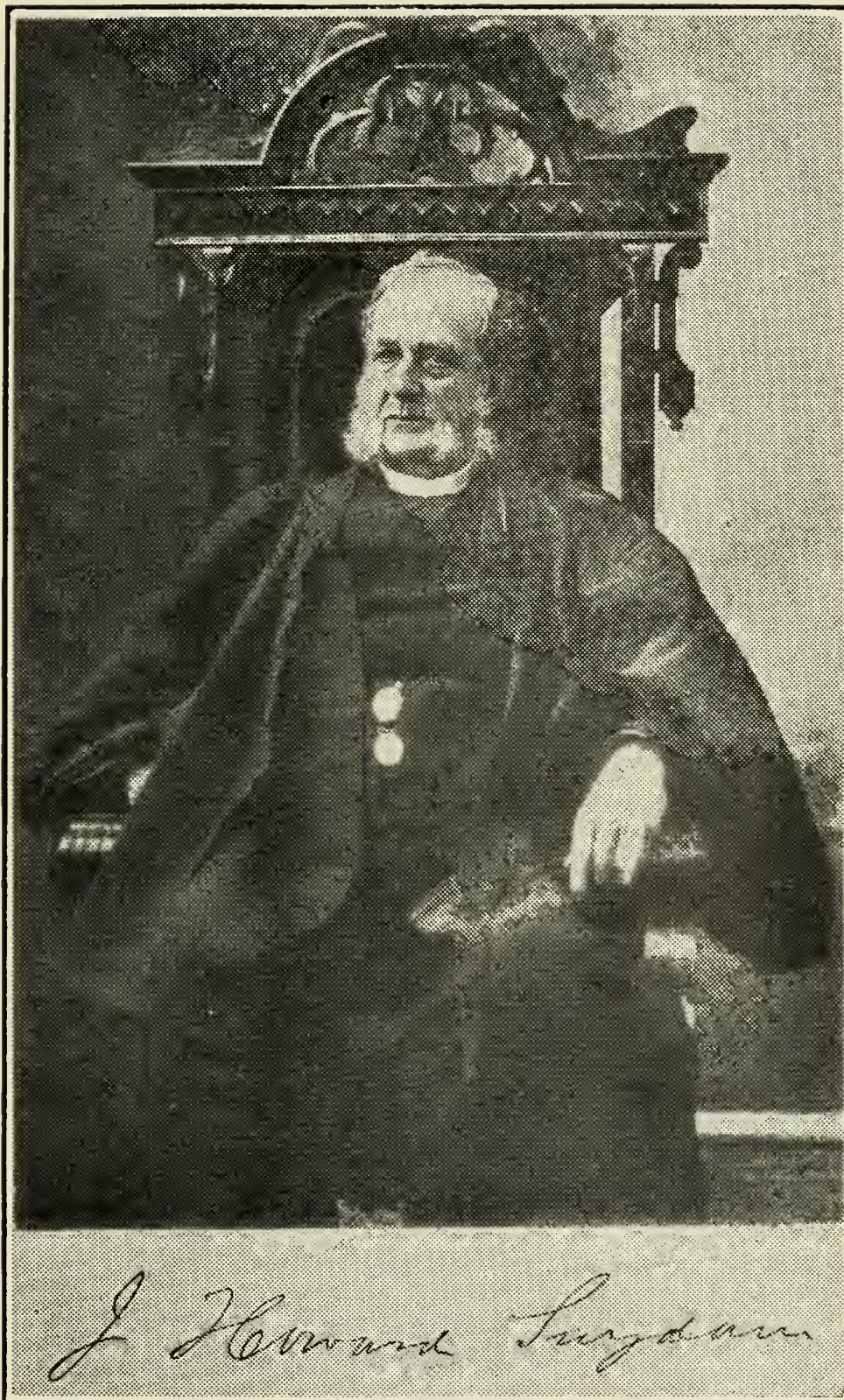
He also says the name is spelled in various forms, as was that of Hendrick Rycken. We find it written in various documents as Suydam, Serdam, Sudam, Sedam, Sodam, Surdam, Syr-

dam, Siedam, Sadam and Van Sudam, and he is inclined to think that Van Sudam was the original spelling. But in all of his investigation he failed to find Sardam in the Albany records, or Van Suydam at Hoosick, N. Y.

It would be a source of gratification to know that we are connected with the Rycken Suydams, for they are very respectable people—much above the average,—and there are several indications that such a relationship exists, notably the adopting of the surname at about the same time, but for the present at least there must remain a “missing link.”

Whether our ancestors, Theunis Petersz and Margarita Lawrence, who assumed the name Sardam, were born in Holland, or in this country, and when and where they were married have not yet been ascertained. Copies of the old records of the Reformed Dutch churches in New York, Brooklyn, Kingston, Albany and elsewhere have been searched in vain for any trace of them, but the search has not yet been abandoned.

The early church records of Schenectady were destroyed when that village was burned in 1690, and the Albany records from the founding of the first Dutch church in 1640 to 1680, during which time they must have been born, are not in existence. But their marriage, which took place



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about 1690, should be on record somewhere unless destroyed at Schenectady. It is possible that they were born in Holland and married there and came to this country before their first child was born, in 1691, but that is not at all probable, for when the British took possession thousands of the Dutch returned to Holland and emigration to this country practically ceased.

Again, although no record of them has been found, they may have lived in the vicinity of New York, and removed to Dutchess County when the first patents for that territory were granted: Francois Rembout (a Frenchman) and others October 17, 1685 and Po'keepsie and Peter Schuyler patents January 2, 1688. The former patent covered what is now the two Fishkills, and the latter the present city of Poughkeepsie. Rhinebeck patent granted June 17, 1703, to Henry Beekman of New York, embraced the present towns of Rhinebeck and Red Hook, and it is believed that our ancestor and family lived on that patent, for his descendants lived, and some still remain, only a little to the eastward in New York and Connecticut.

We first find the name of our paternal ancestor in a will, from which the following translated abstract was secured through the kindness of A.

J. F. van Laer, archivist of the State Library at Albany :

Notarial papers, V. I., p. 57. Albany Co. Cl'ks Off. 17 Mch 1661. Will of Jurriaen Theunisz and Wybrecht Jacobsz's daughter, his wife (being sick in bed); done at Beverwyck in New Netherland, before Dirck van Schelluyne notary public, and Rev. Gideon Schaets and Mr Jacob de Huisse, surgeon, as witnesses.

Testators, having no children alive, appoint as their sole and universal heir, the longest living of the two, with the understanding that in case the testator die first, the testatrix shall remit to Theunis Pietersz, the son of testator's sister, the sum of 100 guilders, and in case the testatrix die first, the testator shall hand over to Jacob Cornelisz and Grietje Machielosz, the children of the testatrix's brother and sister, fifty guilders each; the longest living to give also to the poor of Beverwyck 25 guilders seawant.

The will is signed Jurryan tunies and W J for Wybrecht Jacobsz, which would seem to indicate that she was Wybrecht(je), daughter of Jacobsz, though one would at first sight be inclined to think that she was the daughter of Wybrecht Jacobsz, Wybrecht being a man's name. VAN L.

“ Z ” is an abbreviation of zoon, or sen, the Dutch word for son. From this we learn that Tunis Pietersz was born before 1661 and that his father's name was Petersen, or that his christian name was Peter; also that his mother was a Tunis, which accounts for the fact that the names

Peter and Tunis continued in the family for several generations.

Thirty years later the name appears in the baptismal records of the Dutch churches at Esopus and Beverwyck, which names were changed by the English to Kingston and Albany :

Esopus, March 26, 1691.

<i>Parents</i>	<i>Witnesses</i>	<i>Child</i>
Teunis Petersen. No wife named.	No witnesses. { Baptism by the French minister Pierre Dailte of N. Y.—recorded by dominie —— of Albany.	Hayltje

Beverwyck, Jan. 28, 1694.

Teunis Peters.	Helmet Jans.	Pieter.
Margret Lawrentz.	Antje Lawrentz.	

Esopus, Aug. 11, 1700.

Teunis Peterson.	Herman Janssen.	Ariaantje.
Margriet Lowritz.	Cornelia Tappen.	

Beverwyck, Jan. 23, 1703.

Tuenis Peterse Sardam.	Hendrick Jannse Witbeck.	Lawrence.
Margarita Lawrensse	Lyntje	“

Beverwyck, Aug. 12, 1705.

Teunis Petersse.	Samuel Van Vechten.	Samuel.
Margarita Lawrence.	Antje	“

Beverwyck, Jan. 30, 1709.

Teunis Peterse	Jacob Vosburg.	Catharine.
Margarita Lawrence.	Dorothea	“

They did not reside in either Esopus or Beverwyck, but one dominie had charge of both churches and entered the baptisms in one or the other just as it happened.

Pierson's Genealogy gives the name at Albany as Suidam, and Taylor's History of Great Barrington, Mass., has it Suydam, but the descendants have written their names Sardam, Serdam, Surdam, Van Surdam, Suydam and Van Suydam—at least they so appear in the various records

Dingman Versteeg, the Dutch translator for the Holland Society, has been through the records at Albany, and he says the name is Sardam and that our ancestors came from Saardam, Holland. The name was formerly Zaanendam and is now Zaandam. That town led the world in shipbuilding, and in 1697 Peter the Great, then Czar of Russia, spent several months, in disguise, there and at Amsterdam studying plans and working as a ship carpenter. The Encyclopædia Britannica says :

Zaandam, Zaanendam, Saardam :—A village of Holland five miles by rail northwest of Amsterdam at the confluence of the Zaan and Y. The houses are mostly of wood painted white or green, and the place shares with other villages of North Holland for neatness and cleanliness. In the immediate neighborhood are a very large number of windmills, including corn, paper, saw, coffee, snuff and other mills. Peter the Great of Russia wrought at Zaardam as a ship carpenter, for a short time in 1697, and the hut in which he is said to have lived is still shown and much visited. Some shipbuilding is still carried on. The population in 1887 was 14,351.

For many years the place was called Tsardam or Saardam, presumably in honor of the Czar, and during that time (in 1703) Teunis Pieterse added Sardam to the name of his family. He may have thought it an honor to be named Czardam, and we may share with him that questionable honor if we wish, but the name appears at a much earlier date. Among the emigrants to the Dutch colonies on the Delaware River was "a lad from Sardam"; and among the Dutch marriages in New York we find, Nov. 21, 1657, "Jan Ariaenszen Van Sardam, widower, and Van Pieterje Sippers." Rev. J. Howard Suydam had also an account of a Captain Saardam and his company of soldiers at Huntington, Long Island, in 1687.

About that time the Dutch who had been content to be called "Jan the blacksmith," "Hendrick the miller," or "Tunis the son of Peter," began to take on family names, and often assumed the name of the place they came from, as Van (from) Corlaer, Van der (from the) Zee, Vanderbilt, Van Rensselaer, and some fancy names like Roosevelt, Hoogkerke, Hoogteeling, Quakkenbosch, and so forth.

We next find the name (without Sardam) in 1714 in the census of Dutchess County, which was "organized as a county in 1683 with less

than 500 inhabitants including women, children and blacks," but was attached to Ulster County until 1713. The census shows sixty-seven Dutch freeholders, among them being :

Tunis Pieterse.

Male	persons from 16 to 60 years of age—	2
Female	“ “ “ “	3
Male	“ under 16 years of age—	2
Female	“ “ “	2

Those over sixteen would be the father, mother, Pieter, Heyltje, and a third female, perhaps Tunis' mother, who would have been about sixty ; and those under sixteen were Araantje, Lawrence, Samuel, Catharine. In the census of 1740 the name does not appear.

This is all we know at present of Tunis Petersen, his wife Margaret Lawrence, their son Peter and their two daughters, Heyltje and Catharine, except that the Salisbury town clerk's records say "Margaret Sirdam, mother of Samuel Sirdam, died Oct. 10, 1750, in the 79th year of her age." She was therefore born in 1671 and was living with her son Samuel at Salisbury at the time of her death.

The next records we find in Massachusetts. A history of Berkshire County, Mass., says :

Great Barrington was permanently settled by the whites about 1730. Indeed it is said that Lawrence and Samuel Surdam (supposed to have been broth-

ers), from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., settled above the bridge and that Joshua White settled below it before that period.

Taylor's History of Great Barrington gives the following :

Of the first settlers of Great Barrington, a majority were English—several of them from Westfield and that vicinity, and a few more from the state of New York.

There was a great deal of trouble between the Massachusetts and the New York settlers, but their titles were confirmed in 1733.

Samuel and Lawrence Suydam, said to have been brothers from the state of New York—"Pougekeepsie"—were joint owners of one right and had lands laid out to them on the west side of the highway, including the homesteads of the late John Tucker and Dr. Samuel Camp—the old Joseph Church place. The house of the Suydams is believed to have stood where Mrs. Tucker now resides. A very old house, supposed to have been built by them, stood upon that site fifty years ago.

When a church was built the 3rd pew from the pulpit, north of the west door, was sold to Luke Noble and Samuel Suydam for forty pounds.

Lawrence Suydam died here before the 19th of May, 1731. Samuel married Janicke (Jane) White October 22, 1736, and resided here for some time.

[The Sheffield (Mass.) Town Clerk's record says: "Oct. 22, 1736. Then Samuel Surdam and Yannesky White were Lawfully Joyned in Marriage."]

David Church came into possession of the Suydam homestead about 1750, and Samuel with his family removed to the "Lower Housatonic and lived and died at Salisbury, Conn."

The Westenhook patent, which covered Salisbury and Canaan, Conn., was granted by Gov. Peter Schuyler to sixty-two persons "for the purpose of trading with the Indians in beaver skins and other furs." They also bought the lands of the Indians for 30 shillings per 100 acres, and one payment consisted of "460 pounds, English, 3 bbls. sider, and 30 qts. of rum."

OLD RECORDS AND INSCRIPTIONS

The Northampton (Mass.) probate records say :

The estate of Lawrence Surdon of Houstonnock was settled in this court in 1731. Samuel Surdon was appointed administrator of the estate of the said Lawrence Surdon and Elenor Surdon was appointed guardian of Peter Surdon, Andrew Surdon and Tunis Surdon, all minors, under the age of fourteen years and heirs of Lawrence Surdon, late of Sheffield, deceased.

Also :

An inventory of the Estate of Lawrence Surdam Deceased, taken by Hezekiah Noble and Moses King and Sam'l Surdam.

	<i>£</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>d</i>
To one half right in land one hundred and fifty acres	150	00	00
To one Roan Mare, £4. 10s. To one Brown Mare & Colt £6. 10s.	11	00	00
To one Bay Mare four pounds and Ten Shillings a Black Horse twenty five pounds	29	10	00
To one Cow seven Pounds. To one			

Steer or Ox, eight Pounds five Shillings	15	05	00
To one cow & Calf Seven Pounds & Ten Shillings To one Iron Kettle Eighteen Shillings	8	08	00
To seven Pewter Plates, one pound. To half of Irons for a slay, Ten Shillings	1	10	00
To one Iron Kettle, 10s. To one pair of Tongs Ten Shillings	1	00	00
To one Table Two & Sixpence, one feather Bed Six Pounds	6	02	06
To Two Blankets Thirty Shillings To two Linen Sheets one Pound six Shillings	2	16	00
To one pair Leather Breeches one Pound two silver Buttons twelve Shillings	1	12	00
To one Jacket one Pound. To one Cout Four Pounds. To one Great Cout Three Pounds	8	00	00
To Four Iron Bolts sixteen Shillings. To one chair Two shillings six pence	0	18	06
To one Spinning Wheel fifteen Shillings To Wooden Ware Seven Shillings	1	02	00
To one Bed Stead twelve Shillings, one Cow five Pounds ten shillings	6	06	00
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THOMAS DEWEY	
MOSES KING	

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SAM'L X SURDAM
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HAMPSHIRE.

Westfield Feby 10. 1734 | 5 These may cer-

tifie to the Judge of Probate of sd county, that the above named Hezekiah Noble, Thomas Dewey and Sam'l Surdam, they all appeared & made oath that they did apprize the Estate of Lawrence Surdam some time since deceased, at Sheffield, according to their best skill and understanding & judgment.

p. JOHN ASHLEY, Jus peace

HAMPSHIRE

Westfield March 21st 1734 | 5 Moses King the subscriber to the Inventory on the other side was sworn to Apprize the estate of Lawrence Surdam of Sheffield some time since dec'd

p. JOHN ASHLEY. Jus Peace

HAMPSHIRE, SS :

Jan'y 28, 1908.

Attest :

HUBBARD M. ABBOTT,
Register.

Peter, Andrew and Tunis, sons of Lawrence, and Elenor their mother and Samuel and his family removed to Salisbury, Conn., and the town clerk's records at that place contain the following :

Peter Serdam of Salisbury and Elizabeth Younglove of Sheffield were married October 5, 1748.

Elenor born Dec. 17, 1748-9	Tunis born Dec. 18, 1754
Laurance " Oct. 1, 1749	Abigail " July 1, 1756
Hannah " Jan. 25, 1750-51	Andrew " July 10, 1758
Samuel " Dec. 18, 1752	

Andrew Sirdam and Margaret White of Salisbury married Aug. 4, 1751.

Peter son of Tunis Serdam 1st and Jane born Dec. 7, 1761.

Elener	born Apr. 4, 1763	Jane	born Jan. 18, 1774
Christena	" Aug. 27, 1765	Daniel	" June 7, 1776
Hannah	" July 9, 1768	Sally	" Jan. 14, 1779
Lydia	" Feb. 1, 1771	John	" Dec. 8, 1782

Born Jan 26, 1749, a son to Samuel Surdam and Jane his wife who died in three weeks.

A daughter born Oct. 10, 1755, and died Nov. 1, 1755.

Margaret, born Dec. 16, 1759.

Samuel, born Mch 18, 1761.

Jane, born Aug. 8, 1762, died Apr 14, 1766.

Margaret Sirdam mother of Samuel Sirdam died Oct. 10, 1750, in the 79th year of her age.

Hyman Jacob Bogrough & Hannah Sardam married Mch 30, 1769.

Henry son of Henry & Silvia Surdam, born Oct 18, 1787.

Selvester born Apr 2, 1890.

Sylvester C. Sardam & Parnelia Joyce, married Dec 7, 1850.

A son born Dec 2, 1857.

Polly, daughter of Charity Sardam, born in Salisbury Sep 16, 1781.

Joshua Sardam and Charity Whitney both of Salisbury married Oct 15, 1766.

Charity born Dec 2, 1772 Hannah born Feb 16, 1767
Christopher " Oct 12, 1773 Jane " Oct 21, 1769
Noah " Mch 27, 1776

Susannah da of Tunis & Abigail Surdam born June 1766.

John born Mch 17, 1767.

Hannah born Feb. 28, 1777.

Mary & Sarah Twins born Nov. 26, 1779.

William Sardam Jr & Delia Sardam, both of Salisbury married Apr 6, 1831.

James E Reid of Darien & Phebe A. Sardam of Salisbury married June 1, 1840.

Benjamin Harrison & Christien Surdam, both of Salisbury married Nov. 26, 1789.

Seneca Sardam & Catherine Ostrander married Jan 7, 1865.

Children of Daniel & Letty Surdam :

Eliza born Oct 20, 1799 Letty born Aug 1, 1809
Jerusha " Oct 8, 1802 Martha E. " Aug 1, 1811
Jane " Nov 8, 1804

Alexander Sardam & Louisa Comstock married Nov. 3, 1855.

Lillian Gertrude born May 17, 1876.

Harry. Lee. Millington & Minnie L. Suydam, married Oct 26, 1897
(daughter of the above)

James Sardam and Mary E. Senior married Aug 2, 1898.

Arthur son of Luther Suydam & Mary Ostrander born Mch 2, 1882.

Arthur Surdam died May 10, 1883, age 1 yr. 2 mo.

Levi Mason & Fanny Suydam both of Salisbury married July 4, 1837.

Mary, da of Solomon & Louisa Surdam, born July 17, 1794, died Sep 23, 1796.

Andrew, born May 17, 1796.

Polly, born June 11, 1798.

Herrick son of Reuben & Cathrine Sardam, born Feb 1, 1848.

A son born to Mrs. & Mr. Harrison Sardam, Apr 20, 1864.

A dau. born to James & Julia Sardam, Sep 10, 1864.

A da to William H Sardam & Mary, April 22, 1869

A da to Philander & Catherine Sardam, born Sep 20, 1869.

A da to Ira Sardam & wife born June 4, 1871.

A son to Luther Surdam & wife born April 6, 1874.

A son to Frederick Sardam and Lucinda Rossiter born May 5, 1876.

da. of Fred Sardam & Lucinda Rossiter born Jan 22, 1880.

Albert born Mch 1, 1882.

Sarah Sardam died April 14, 1856.

John Sardam died Dec 5, 1863.

Luther Sardam died Dec. 1867.

Mary Sardam died Mch 1, 1870.

Mrs. Hiram Sardam died Sep 29, 1870.

“ “ “ Jan. 1, 1871.

Ira Sardam died Nov. 23. 1871.

George Sardam & Alma Bidwell married Sep 16, 1862.

Alma Sardam died Apr 12, 190-, aged 64 yr 6 mo 23 ds.

Henry Benas & Ida B. Suydam (daughter of above), married Jan 19, 1893.

Philander Sardam, died Aug. 11, 1891, son of Daniel & Lydia Sardam.

Jane da of James Sardam and Hannah Ostrander born Mch 5, 1880.

Hiram son of William Suydam & Rose Ostrander born May 18, 1880.

Isaac, son of William Suydam & Kate Manson, born May 8, 1881.

Julia A. Surdam, died Apr 7, 1897, age 62 yr. 6 mo.

Philip James Suydam, died Apr 12, 1900.

Jacob Surdam, died June 1, 1901 age, 10 yr. 2 mos 16 da.

Son of. Col. Sardam.

Lumen Surdam, died Feb. 26, 1897, son of Julia Sherman & James Surdam.

Elizabeth Surdam, da of William Surdam & Lydia Coons, born Aug 8, 1901.

Thomas. Lindley & Catherine Sardam, married May 1, 1881.

Blanford Earl, son of John M. Suydam & Kate Ball born July 20, 1896 died May 29, 1897.
Milton John born Mch 8, 1898, died May 27, 1899
Kennard Crystal born Aug 8, 1902.

Inga May, born Oct 26, 1900.

Milburn John, Dec 4, 1904.

Flavia Marguerite Surdam da of Ira O. Surdam & Martha J. Sackett born Jan 20, 1900.

The town clerk's office at Sharon, Conn., contains records of an early date, when Salisbury and Sharon were in the same probate district; among them are the following:

ESTATE OF JOSHUA WHITE

Will dated 3d day of Oct 1765 " in the year of his Majesties reign "

Will probated June 5th 1766.

Inventoried £580-1-8.

The distribution was not made until the 29th day of May 1788.

Parties named in will as follows

Wife Christina, Son Ruluff, Daughter Jane, wife of Samuel Surdam, Son William, Margaret wife of Andrew Surdam and Hannah, wife of Richard Bagnall.

Distributed as follows

To the heirs of William White
" " Jane Surdam
" " Margaret Surdam
" " Hannah Bignall

ESTATE OF SAMUEL SURDAM

Will dated July 25, 1771 Proved, Jan. 10, 1772.

Executors, wife Jane and son Tunis, Estate settled by Tunis July 2, 1777. Mentioned in will : sons Tunis, Joshua and Samuel ; daughters Hannah Jacobs and Margaret, not yet eighteen. Grandson Samuel Jacob Bograh. The widow, Jane, is made guardian of her son Samuel, a minor, aged eleven.

Tunis is her surety—bonds 300 pounds.

his
Signed SAMUEL X SURDAM
mark.

Will of Jane Sardam (widow of Samuel) Dated June 16, 1772—proved Mar 7, 1774 Children, Tunis, Joshua, Margaret and Samuel. Grand Children

Samuel and Jane Bockroh ; gives away land which is not to be sold until after the death of her mother, Christeen White. Joshua is executor.

June 22, 1774 Samuel Sardam aged fourteen the 5th of April last chooses Ruloff Dutcher to be his guardian.

January 16, 1779 the estates of Joshua Sardam and Margaret Surdam are administered by Charity Surdam.

Sept 10, 1777. Charity Surdam is appointed guardian of Hannah aged ten years last Feb. 16, Jane seven the 22 of October, Charity five the 12, of last October, Noah one the 27, of March, all children of Joshua Sardam late of Salisbury.

Will of Tunis Sardam (son of Samuel) of Salisbury, Conn.

Dated March 24, 1810.

Named in will,—son Samuel. Daughters Hannah Durfey, Sarah Sardam, Susannah Comegin.

Grand children, George, Jonahan, John, Mary, Charity and Ruby Comegin ; John, Tunis, and Abigail Durfee ; and Hymen Harris.

Executors,—wife Jane Sardam and Elisha Harris.

TUNIS SARDAM.

Witnesses { David Chapin
 { Esther Ball
 { John Whittlesey

ESTATE OF ANDREW SURDAM

Administrators appointed Apr 25, 1809

Inventory \$2357.58.

On the 20th day of July 1809 the Administrator

appeared in Court and gave information to said Court "that the inventory was a mistake, as none of the property inventoried belonged to him, at the time of his death."

ESTATE OF TUNIS SARDAM 1ST. (son of Lawrence)

Will—dated Mar. 29, 1806, probated Feb. 25, 1808.
In the Name of God. Amen.

I Tunis Sardam of Salisbury in Litchfield County and State of Connecticut Being in Health of Body and of Sound mind and Disposing memory, thanks to God therefor calling to mind my Own Mortality and knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in form and manner following, that is to say principally and first of all, I Recomend my Soul to God who gave it me, trusting in the merits of his Son for acceptance and my Body I give to the Earth from whence it came to be Buried in a Decent and Christian manner Nothing Doubting but I shall Reseive the same again by the mighty Power of God at the general Resurrection, and with what worldly goods it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this life, I give and Dispose thereof in the following manner (Viz) my Debts and funeral charges being paid.

Imprimis. I give and Bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Surdam the one third of my movable or Personal Estate, and also the use and improvement of One Third of my Real Estate with the use of the Third part of my Dwelling House and Barn for and during her Natural Life.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Peter Sardam and to his Heirs the One Equal Half of the lands I

Die possessed of in Mount Washington with the one half of my Right in the Dwelling House Standing on the Farm with the whole of my wearing apparel I shall leave at my Decease.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Daniel Sardam and to his Heirs the One Equal Half of all the lands I Die possessed in the Town of Salisbury with One Half of the Dwelling House in which I now live (viz) the western half with the One Half of my Barn and other Buildings. and one half of all my Stock of Every kind I Die possessed of. and also one half of my Farming utensils of every kind subject to the Encumbrance of the Widows Dowry therein

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Sardam and to his Heirs the one Equal Half of all the lands I Die Possessed of in the Town of Salisbury with the one Half of the Dwelling House in which I now live (viz) the Eastern half with one half of the Barn and other Buildings thereon standing and one Half of the Stock of every kind I Die possessed of and also One half of my Farming utensils of Every kind subject to the encumbrance of the Widows Dowry therein.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Grandson John Sardam and to his heirs the One Equal Half of my lands in Mount Washington that I Die possessed of with one half of Right in the House standing on said lands

Item I give and Bequeath to Each of my Daughters Christeen, Hannah, Jane and Sarah or to their Heirs the sum of Forty six Dollars to be paid to Each one of them by my two Sons Daniel and John in Equal proportion Out of my Estate within the Term of seven years after my Decease.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Lydia or her Heirs Sixty Dollars to be paid by my two Sons Daniel and John in Equal Proportion out of my Estate within the Term of Seven Years after my Decease

Lastly I constitute and appoint my two Sons Daniel Sardam and John Sardam my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal at Salisbury this 29th day of March in the year 1806 Signed sealed Published pronounced and Delivered by the Said Tunis Sardam to be his Last will and Testament who in Our presence Signed and Sealed the same and who in the presence of the said Tunis Sardam and in the presence of Each Other have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses

Solomon Sardam } William Sardam } John Whittlesey }	TUNIS SARDAM	{ SEAL }
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The birth, marriage and death records of Sharon regarding the Surdams are as follows :

William Surdam and Sally Lockwood married Jan 19th 1818

Trowbridge Surdam and Mary Ann Fuller both of Amenia N. Y Married Oct 12. 1828

Inscription on gravestone in cemetery at Sharon :

Surdam William d. April 2d 1880. Age 84 y, 6 mos
 Surdam Sarah wife of William d Jan 27th 1883. Age.

Inscriptions on tombstones at Hoosick, N.
Y.:

In memory of Mr. Anthony Surdam he died November 14th 1841. in the 85th year of his age.

In memory of Cibber wife of Anthony Surdam who died October 8th 1826 aged 66 years

In memory of Andrew Van Surdam Died April 27, 1834 in the 74 year of his age

Esther wife of Andrew Van Surdam Died April 2d 1849 in the 89th year of her age

In memory of Mr. Samuel Van Surdam who died Dec 8th 1801 in the 48 year of his age.

Mrs. Caziah Van Surdam died Oct 17th 1809 in the 50th year of her age. Wife of Mr Samuel Van Surdam

Samuel Van Surdam died Aug. 31, 1853 aged 70 yrs, 6 mos, 17 days.

Sally Willimon wife of Samuel Van Surdam, born Sept. 19, 1783, died May 1, 1871.

Polly Van Surdam, daughter of Samuel and Sally, born July 26, 1813, died Nov. 12, 1883.

Delaney Van Surdam, daughter of Samuel and Sally, died Dec. 26, 1835 aged 17 years 10 months

Lafayette, son of Samuel and Sally died Dec. 24, 1844 aged 20 years 2 mo 24 days.

FAMILY TRADITIONS

Family traditions are generally helpful, but sometimes unreliable, as will be seen from the following :

William Sardam, of Canaan, Conn., wrote in 1895 :

The First Book of Records of Great Barrington, Mass., contains the record of a grant from the King of a tract of land, "Lower Housatonic," to sixty-two persons, among whom were Samuel and Low Surdam, brothers ; also Perry.

Our Sardam ancestry are from Samuel and Law. or Laurens ; but the name should be spelled Suydam—the regular Dutch way.

I was born in 1826. My father was Adoniram, born in 1800. His father was William, born in 1773. His father was Andrey or Andrew.

Andrew and Teunis were cousins ; also next door neighbors.

Teunis had a son Daniel. He had a son Daniel, and he a son John. John was my neigh-

bor for many years. I have only mentioned one in a generation—there were many. I have heard of Fitch. John Sardam is a well-to-do farmer ; lives in Marlboro, Mass. ; knows nothing of his genealogy beyond his grandfather, and nothing of his family history.

Harrison Sardam is a day laborer, a descendant of Daniel. That is all he knows.

Our Sardams were among the first settlers in Salisbury, in the district called Wetong on the Housatonic river—five families of Dutch and one of English.

Beyond the Barrington records you will have to search the old Dutch records of Albany.

Washington Irving gives Suydams as among the first settlers of New York.

Am going to Wetong to see an old lady who knows about Teunis and his posterity. The country is full of Sardams.

Julia Surdam Ayers, Salisbury, Conn.:

You ask me what I know of the Surdams.

They have always said there were three brothers came from Amsterdam, Holland, and all the Surdams spring from them. I cannot tell their names. They were called Amsterdam as they did not know their name in English. The right name is Petersen.

My grandfather's name was Peter Surdam, and he lived in Steventown, New York, and Mt. Washington, Mass. He died there in 1812. I cannot tell where he was born. He was the son of Tunis. I do not know when he died or where. This Peter had twelve children and my father was one of them—Daniel, born in 1794, died 1875. Daniel had six children. Two died in infancy. I am the oldest of his children, I was born in 1814. If you could get the old history of Connecticut you could get facts of the first settlers of the Surdams—further back than I can go.

Eliza Fitch Clark (born in 1814) :

The brothers were Peter, Daniel and John ; the sisters, Hannah, Eleanor, Christina, Lydia, Jane and Sally. Eleanor died when she was about fourteen years of age.

The father of this family was Tunis, and is likely the same man that William Sardam calls Teunis. He (Tunis) emigrated to this country from Holland and brought his wife with him, settled at Salisbury and died there. His wife was partly of Dutch and partly of French extraction—more French than Dutch ; was well educated at Amsterdam.

Tunis was well-to-do. Peter, the eldest son, remained on the old homestead, raised a family and died there.

Daniel married Letty Maria Slater, who was born and raised in the city of Hudson.

John was not married. He came to Marathon, stayed a year or two at the Fitch's, and went back to Salisbury and died there.

Tunis left several thousand dollars apiece to Daniel and John, who both contracted the habit of drinking whiskey and lost nearly all.

David Fitch and his wife, Sally Surdam, went from Salisbury to Oxford, N. Y., in 1799; from there to Greene, from there to Cincinnatus, or Marathon; from there to Dunlap Hill—Berkshire, afterward named Richford.

Rev. C. M. Surdam, District Superintendent M. E. Church, Owego, N. Y.:

I have no knowledge of my paternal ancestry farther back than my grandfather, whose name was Anthony. He lived in the vicinity of Hoosick Falls, N. Y. I have an uncle there by the name of Walter; possibly he or his sons might be able to give you more information. I do not know whether the name should be Surdam or not.

H. S. Surdam, Fitchburg R. R. Co., Hoosick Falls Station, N. Y.:

My grandfather Surdam's name was Anthony. He was born in 1796 and died in 1877. His

father, who was also named Anthony, was born about 1760 and died in 1840. He had brothers Tunis and (father thinks) Samuel.

With reference to spelling the name Suydam, father says that it was always spelled Surdam as far as his recollection and records go, and that it should be prefixed with Van—that is, the name should be Van Surdam. His father and uncles wrote their names in that way and so did his grandfather. Father usually wrote his name Van Surdam and so did my uncle Henderson, after whom I am named.

About twenty years ago an old resident of this place wrote "The Annals of Hoosick." They appeared in a weekly paper that was published here at that time and ran through some forty or fifty numbers. One of the numbers contained a reference to the Surdam family and asserted that the original name as it came from Holland was Van Dam. I have tried to find a file of papers that had these Annals in them, but have not succeeded in doing so. I have no doubt however that I shall find them. And in the meantime I wish you would write me giving me your ancestral line, and we may thus be enabled to trace the connection and unearth facts of advantage to you.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 21, 1898.

MR. SURDAM, c | o Harper Bros., New York :

Dear Sir :—Pardon the liberty of this note, but one of our men had a line a few days ago from Harper Bros. signed by you. I am somewhat curious, bearing the same name, to know from what branch of the family you came, for I suppose all of that name came to this country about the same time and have descended from four brothers.

My father was William ; my grandfather was Peter, and that generation wrote their names as Van Surdam or Van Suydam. My great-grandfather was Andrew. That is as far back as I am able to trace our lineage.

Shall be pleased to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

C. A. SURDAM.

LAWRENCE AND SAMUEL SURDAM

It would be interesting to know what became of all the members of the families of Teunis Pietersz and his sons Lawrence and Samuel, but no trace of some of them has been found, although a search has been made of the records of vital statistics, marriages and wills at Great Barrington, Salisbury, Northampton, Sheffield, Pittsfield, Poughkeepsie, Sharon, Hudson, Troy, Kingston, Canaan, North Canaan, Millerton, Eagle Mills, Hoosick Falls and Steventown. [The records of Mount Washington and Egremont were destroyed by fire about 1850] Enough however has been found to clearly trace and locate the branches of the several families.

If we could have looked in upon the household of "freeholder" Teunis Pietersz in Dutchess County we might easily have imagined that we were in Holland. Everything was Dutch, or as nearly Dutch as could be in a transplanted colony—Dutch language, Dutch dress, Dutch

customs, "The clang of the wooden shoon." The children laughed and cried in Dutch and, no doubt, were spanked in Dutch.

The same was true of all or nearly all the other families of the little "colonie." But outside their homes, what a contrast! Nothing was Dutch. They had been transplanted from "the flower garden of Europe" to pioneer homes among the rocks and hills and primeval forests of a new world, with American Indians for neighbors, and the British government to rule over them.

But they faced the future with characteristic courage and fortitude and continued the battle of life, not for wealth or political preferment, but for the home and fireside—the "simple life" and the luxuries of honest toil, frugality and contentment, and I have never known a descendant of our Dutch ancestors who had not a good home and the comforts of life.

Teunis Pietersz was a farmer, and his descendants generally have followed the same time-honored and independent occupation. He was also a member of the Reformed Dutch Church, and no doubt he would be delighted if he could look carefully along the line of his posterity to the present time and find hardly a single "black sheep" or one whose reputation would disgrace

the family or the name he gave us—which the writer of this believes to be true.

The family remained in Dutchess County until the children were grown ; and Teunis and his eldest son Peter and his daughters may have died there ; but the mother, Margaret, in her old age went to Salisbury to live with her son Samuel, and died at that place in 1750. Peter evidently retained the name Petersz (Petersen), for none of his descendants have been found among the Surdams.

About 1725 Lawrence and Samuel were among those who settled at what is now Great Barrington, Mass. They obtained one hundred and fifty acres of land by patent from the Governor—or by purchase, at a small price, and then for the sake of peace, and no doubt with a sense of justice, purchased the same from the Indians. The State line not having been clearly established they also had to deal with the English who came from the Massachusetts Bay Colony and claimed the territory settled in that vicinity.

Lawrence was married and had one child, Peter, before he removed to Great Barrington, and when he died, in 1731, aged only twenty-eight years, he left three children, Peter, Andrew and Tunis, and a widow, Eleanor. We have no record of who she was or what became of

her. We only know that she was appointed guardian of the three children.

Samuel remained single until 1736, when he married Janesky White, daughter of Joshua White.

In 1748 Samuel Church, an Englishman, bought the Surdam property, and Samuel and his family and his three nephews and Joshua White and family removed to Salisbury, Conn., and took lands under the Westenhook patent granted by Governor Schuyler of New York.

The colony of sixty-two families was no doubt mostly English, with some French Huguenots and Dutch, and during that generation the Dutch language, spoken and written, and Dutch customs and characteristics generally disappeared. Educational advantages were very meager, and some of the children were not even taught to read and write.

Samuel died at Salisbury in 1772, aged sixty-seven years, and left besides his widow three children, Tunis, Joshua and Hannah, who were born in Great Barrington, and one son, Samuel, and one daughter, Margaret, who were born in Salisbury. A son born in 1749 and a daughter born in 1755 died in infancy, and a daughter, Jane, born in 1762, died in 1766. Jane, the widow, died in 1774. Hannah married Jacob Bograh in

1769 and died before 1774, leaving two children, Samuel and Jane. Joshua married Charity Whitney, October 15, 1766, and died in 1779. They had five children, Hannah, Jane, Charity, Christopher and Noah

Margaret also died in 1779.

Tunis married Abigail ——, and died in 1811, leaving a widow, one son, Samuel, and three daughters, Hannah Durfey, Susannah Comegin, and Sarah Sardam; also at least ten grandchildren.

These children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Samuel and their descendants seem to have remained in that vicinity, and generally to have spelled the name Sardam.

DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE SURDAM (THE SON OF TUNIS PIETERSZ)

Peter, the eldest son of Lawrence, died August 22, 1801, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was therefore born in 1723 or 1724, and probably in Dutchess County. In 1748 he married Elizabeth Younglove of Sheffield, Mass. They lived at Salisbury and had seven children, Elenor, Lawrence, Hannah, Samuel, Tunis, Abigail and Andrew. Between 1760 and 1770 the family removed to Hoosick, N. Y. They are known as the Hoosick branch of the Surdam family, and have spelled their names Surdam and Van Surdam.

Peter and his son Andrew took part in the battle of Bennington, which Anderson, in "Landmarks of Rensselaer County," says was not fought at Bennington at all, but in Hoosick and on the farm now in possession of Franklin P. Surdam, a son of Calvin Surdam, mentioned at some length in Sylvester's History of Rensselaer Coun-

ty. Sylvester also mentions Anthony (Tunis) and Samuel, who with their father, Peter, are buried in the little family cemetery on the Gooding farm (Gooding's wife was a Surdam on the mother's side).

Anthony harbored General Stark and several of his officers, and just before the battle the general said, in Anthony's house, "I'll win the battle to-day or Mollie Stark will lay a widow to-night,"—which is similar to his exclamation on the battlefield. Andrew at least drew a pension for his services in the war of the Revolution.

The writer has no knowledge of the death of Peter's wife or the place of her burial. Two of Peter's daughters must have died in early life, for the oldest family records and traditions give only one daughter, Abigail, who married David Chace.

The following was furnished by Mrs. James W. Garber, of Syracuse, N. Y.:

Abigail Surdam, born July 6, 1758. Wife of David Chace, born Feb. 1752.

Mehitable Chace, born Nov. 1, 1776. Wife of David Gooding, born Sept. 27, 1770.

Melinda Gooding, born in White Creek, Washington Co., N. Y., July 5, 1792. Wife of Jabes Tallcott, Jr., born in Glastenbury, Hartford Co., Conn., Sept. 13, 1790.

Rosetta M. Tallcott, born in White Creek, Wash-

ington Co., N. Y., Jan. 11, 1825. Wife of William Sheldon, born in Yorkshire, Eng., Aug. 12, 1824.

Mrs. Sheldon had one sister and five brothers, only one now living, Wilbur Tallcott of Constantia, N. Y.

Mrs. Garber was Melinda Sheldon (she has always omitted the *Me*) and a great-granddaughter of Abigail Surdam. She has in her possession a string of thirty-six gold beads that were given to Abigail when she was a little girl one hundred and fifty years ago.

Mrs. Garber has one sister only, Mrs. John W. Brown of Syracuse.

Mrs. Mary C. Fillmore of Bennington, Vt., says :

David Chace was my great-grandfather. I have his large family Bible printed in 1803 and bound in leather, with the true records.

David Chace born Feb 1st 1752 Died Oct 26th 1835 Monday morning

Abigail Surdam, born July 6th 1758 Died Dec 12, 1813

My grandfather, David Gooding, married Mehitable Chace, only child of David Chace.

David Gooding, born Sept. 27, 1770, died May 28, 1846. Mehitable Chace, born Nov. 1, 1776, died Aug. 27, 1858. Married in White Creek, N. Y., Mch 4, 1791.



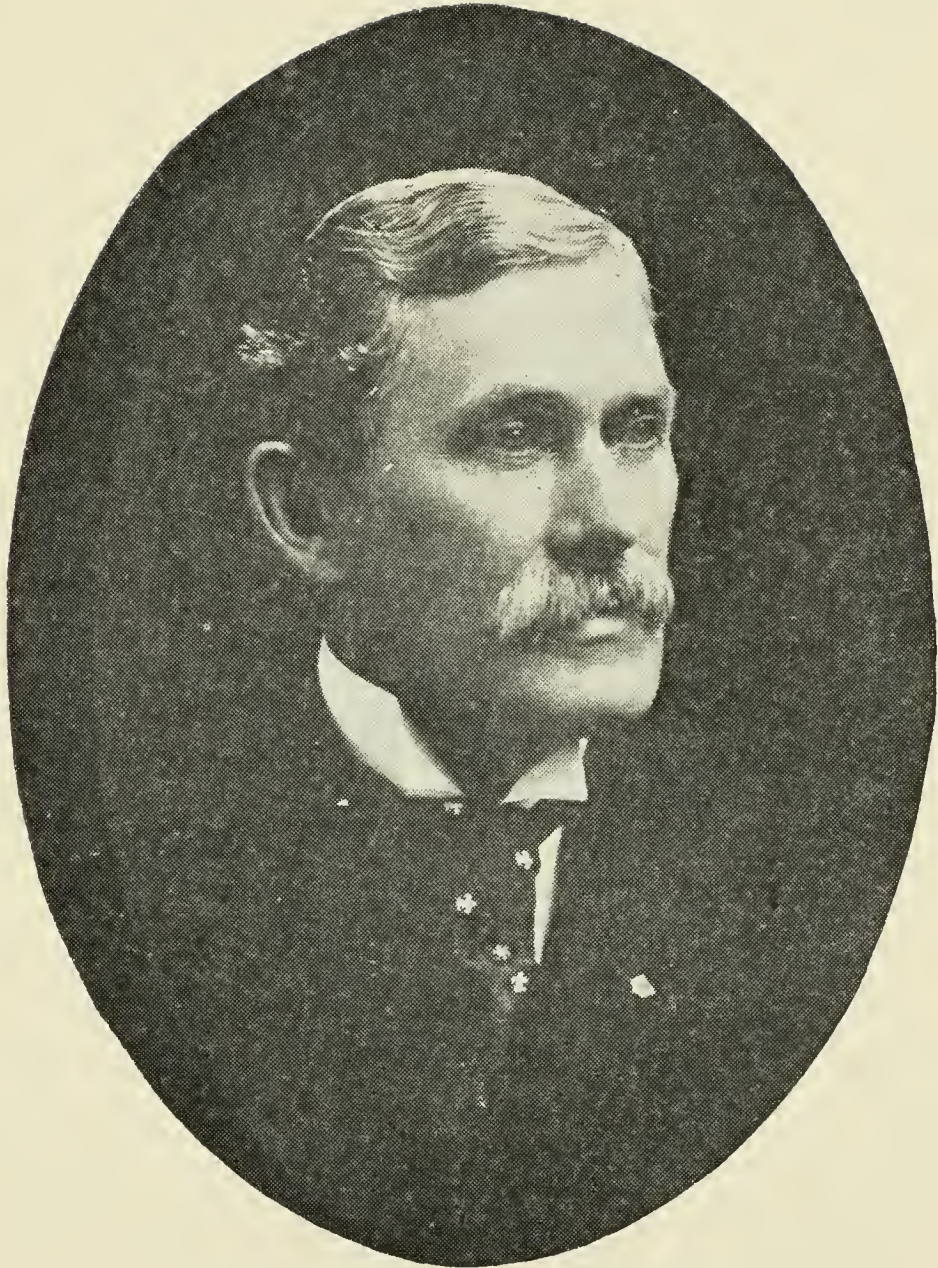
EDWARD WILLIAM SURDAM AND JERUSHA M. EARSLEY HIS WIFE

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SARAH SURDAM FITCH

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CHARLES EDWARD SURDAM

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Children of David and Mehitable Gooding :

	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>
Melinda,	July 6, 1792,	October 31, 1874.
Phœbe,	March 4, 1794,	December 8, 1872.
Abigail,	April 4, 1796,	March 18, 1814.
David Chace,	March 16, 1799,	October 17, 1853.
Mathew,	Sept. 26, 1801,	Nov. 28, 1871
Polly,	Nov. 26, 1803,	March 25, 1888.
Cyrus,	Sept. 18, 1805,,	January 25, 1891.
Peleg Wilbur,	Sept. 18, 1807,	February 18, 1871.
Adaline,	January 14, 1810.	Sept. 1, 1820.
Caroline Jane,	Sept 13, 1811,	March 28, 1888.
Weltha Maria	Sept. 6, 1813,	March 5, 1887.
Lovina Rogers,	August 8, 1816,	January 22, 1899.
Mahala Mann,	May 19, 1818,	July 26, 1880.

The other records are :

Abigail Langdon, born March 12, 1750, died Nov 10 aged 97 years.

Aunt Amy Bull died Jan 8, 1836, friday.

Aunt Eunice Wilcox, died July 20, 1838, Thursday.

Uncle Daniel Chace, died. July 30, 1838.

Uncle Anthony Van Surdam died Dec 14, 1841.

Lovina R. Gooding above was my mother. My father's name was Orville E. Ellsworth, cousin of Col. Elmer Ellsworth, who was first to be shot in the war of the Rebellion.

My family are all dead but an only brother, O. G. Ellsworth, Friend, Salina Co., Nebraska. I have no family except a son. My husband's father was first cousin to Millard Fillmore, former president of the United States.

Lawrence, the eldest son of Peter, married

Lurany ——— and went to some part of the West and was lost track of by his relatives. There was a Surdam in Ohio whose daughter or granddaughter was secretary for A. S. Draper when he was president of the Illinois State University. She may be a descendant of Lawrence.

Samuel, the second son of Peter, remained at Hoosick, as is shown by tombstone inscriptions at that place. (See page 36.)

Tunis, the third son of Peter, changed his name to Anthony. His baptismal name was Tunis. H. Versteeg, the Dutch translator for the Holland Society, says that Tunis is the Dutch and Anthony the English for Antonius, and in the old family Bible in the possession of Franklin P. Surdam is recorded: "Tunis Anthony Van Surdam Died Decb 1841 age 85." He was born in Salisbury, Conn., December 18, 1754, according to the town clerk's record, but the family records have it December 18 1756. He and his wife lived and died at Hoosick. The tombstone inscriptions are :

In memory of Mr. Anthony Surdam he died November 14th 1841. in the 85th year of his age.

In memory of Cibber* wife of Anthony Surdam who died October 8th 1826 aged 66 years

*Intended for Sybil.

He assisted in the war of the Revolution, as stated above, and did his share toward raising soldiers for future wars.

The following records were furnished by the Rev. F. W. Winters :

Anthony Van Suydam Sr. born 18. Dec 1756.

Sybil wife born 13. Jan. 1761

Children :

Lois, born Oct. 12, 1781, married Jacob Carlton.

Bathsheba, b. April 5, 1783, m. Jacob Cronkhite.

Cecilia, b. July 8, 1784, m. David Case.

Hannah, b. June 3, 1786, m. Henry Cronkhite.

David, b. March 25, 1788, m. Amy Babesche.

Seneca, b. April 27, 1790.

Cynthia, b. September 7, 1791, m. Michael Loomis.

Allen, b. December 16, 1793, m. Anna Carlton and Louise Slarrow.

Mahalah, b. April 29, 1795, m. Abram Cronkhite, b. 1788, d. 1868.

Anthony, Jr., b. October 12, 1796, m. Lu fanny Cronkhite.

Younglove, b. Sept. 7, 1798, m. Parmey Hastings.

Frelove, b. July 3, 1801, m. Joseph Barbier.

Sophonra, b. March 6, 1803, m. Cyrus Chase.

Children of Anthony Surdam, Jr., and Lu fanny Kronkhite :

Malvina, m. Rev. James Watt—Congregational.

Henderson, m. Margaret Beatty.

Miriam, b. May 10, 1821, m. William Winters, descended from Peter de Winter, who came to this country prior to 1639, and was the first innkeeper in New Amsterdam.

Sarah, not married, died in 23rd year.
 Rosella, m. Charles Hall.
 Lovisa, m. ——— Robinson. Had daughter who m.
 Sherwood Hanna and resided in Jersey City.
 Cordelia, b. 1831, m. Thomas Brown.
 Walter, b. March 25, 1825, m. Amy ———, d. April
 9, 1902.
 Morgan, m. — ——. Had children Eva, Eugene
 and (Rev.) Charles M.
 Melissa, m. ——— Doremus. He died in Newark.
 Sybil, m. George Rose.
 Isadore, m. Robert Jackson.
 Lu fanny (dead), m. ——— Benson.
 Henderson, 2nd.
 William.

Andrew, the fourth son of Peter, and his wife and at least one son lived and died at Hoo-sick. (See tombstone inscriptions, page 36.)

Charles Arthur Surdam of Rochester, N. Y., gives the following record of his line of the descendants of Andrew :

FIRST FAMILY.

*Andrew Van Surdam, born June 12, 1760.

Esther Van Surdam, born June 14, 1760.

Births.

Sarah, b. November 24, 1780.

Esther, b. December 2, 1781.

Samuel, b. February 24, 1783.

*Peter, b. March 14, 1787.

Tunis and Andrew, b. January 18, 1794.

Nancy, b. January 5, 1796.

SECOND FAMILY.

*Peter Van Surdam, born May 14, 1787.

Nancy Van Surdam, born August 17, 1782.

Births.

Hannah, b. January 16, 1807.

Henry, born January 1, 1809.

Peter Lyman, b. January 26, 1811.

Mary Ann, b. October 23, 1813.

*William, b. January 26, 1816.

Esther Jane, b. September 25, 1818.

Sarah Ann, b. June 27, 1821.

Lewis C., b. March 12, 1824.

John H., b. June 14, 1826.

THIRD FAMILY.

*William Van Surdam and Mary E. Thorp.

Birth.

Charles Arthur, b. January 14, 1850.

Marriages.

Peter Van Surdam and Nancy Vaughn, Aug. 17, 1805

Hannah and John F. Hill, Apr. 15, 1828

Henry and Sylvia M. House, Oct. 30, 1834

*William and Nancy E. Bean, June 10, 1841

*William and Mary E. Thorp, Dec. 30, 1848

Mary Ann and George Williams, Aug. 25, 1843

Sarah Ann and Lyman Milliman, June 30, 1844

Peter Lyman and Marcia A. Manning, Jan. 17, 1846.

Lewis L. and Adeline Porter, May 14, 1848.

Esther Jane and William Goodspeed, May 14, 1848

John H. and Harriet E. Buel, Oct. 24, 1850.

*Ancestry of Charles Arthur Surdam.

Mr. C. A. Surdam also says :

My earliest recollections are connected with Hoosick, where my father and one or two of his brothers lived. I also remember a visit at our home in Oswego County of a Younglove, who, father said, was a second cousin, if my memory serves me, and I have understood from an uncle who lived at Binghamton that the Rev. C. M. Surdam was a cousin, but at what distance I do not know.

The "Hoosick branch" has scattered somewhat through New York State and probably elsewhere, but a large proportion of them have remained in the vicinity of Hoosick Falls. A few years ago there was, at that place, a full military band of thirty pieces, all Surdams. Some members of the family and others who married into the family have become quite prominent, among them being David Chase and Younglove Surdam, the latter of whom aspired to be governor of the State, but failed to get the nomination.

Morgan removed to New York city and engaged in business, and was living there when his son (Rev.) C. M. was born. There was also a firm of Surdam & White, manufacturers of stereoscopes and graphoscopes, on Broadway about forty years ago, but they probably were from Salisbury. There was also a John Suydam in New York who was a relative of the Surdams. He had a store on Broadway and lived on Second

avenue. I am quite sure my father said he had a cousin John who went to New York.

From the Harpendings, who were connected by marriage to the Kronkhite Surdams, came the farm from which the Marble Collegiate Church in New York draws its vast income.

My first information in regard to the Hoosick branch—the descendants of Peter Surdam—was received from the Rev. Father Winters, A. B., A. M., M. D., of New York. His order of priest was received through the old Roman Catholic succession in Holland.

Educated for the ministry and for the practice of medicine, he is devoting his life to missionary work. His mother was Miriam Surdam, a daughter of Anthony, Jr., and a granddaughter of Peter. In a recent letter to me he said :

In speaking of my dear mother please say she had a young heart, which could be summed up in the following two verses :

“ She could not estimate her age by round of seasons flown,
For life may not be fully told by years and months by-gone ;
The *heart's* the truest register, and when the heart is young
It matters not how many years their changeful chimes have rung.

“ She lived and died as young as she had ever been ;

Young, in a simple faith in God ; young, in her
 love to men ;
 Young, in her zeal for all good works ; young, in
 good service given ;
 Young, in her love for this fair earth ; young, in
 her hopes of heaven.”

The bonds of affection that existed between my mother and myself I have seldom seen in this cold world in parents and child. As has been said, it was the lovely confidence of mind with mind,—that subtle inner spiritual bond which no science can analyze, and which is so much closer and stronger than the material, and knits immortal souls together when bodies decay.

His unbounded affection for his mother is shown in the following extract from a letter :

NEW YORK, June 12th, 1907.

The Ballston Spa Centennial Association,
 Ballston Spa, N. Y.

Dear Friends :

It is my great pleasure to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your Home-Coming Committee's invitation to be present at the celebration commencing on the 22nd inst.

You write that you believe it will be a profit to me “to visit once more the last resting place of dear ones.” Yes, it certainly is the last resting place of my loved ones ; a noble Christian father, William Winters, Esq., who entered Paradise years ago, and a dear, sweet, loving mother, Mrs. Miriam Winters, *née* Suydam, whom I laid beside him two years ago ; she was more than a mother to me—she was an angel ;

BY THE GRACE OF GOD
WE SHALL MEET IN HEAVEN.



REV. FATHER WINTERS AND HIS MOTHER

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for during the last year of her life she seemed inspired by Heaven.

Ours was a perfect companionship, and in it we found comfort, help and great happiness. Her voice was the sweetest music my ears have ever heard. I am reminded of the Blessed Damozel in Rossetti's poem who was leaning out over the towers of Heaven, and there were the trees blossoming by the River of Life and the Crystal Sea. There were the glory, the harps, the crowns ; there was the beatific vision ; but her eyes were bent earthward, and she was waiting, waiting for the companion of her soul, waiting for a friend.

His views of the Surdam ancestry, which agree with those of the Rev. J. Howard Suydam, are given in the same letter :

It might be as well for me to give some Genealogical Information at this time as I am about to have the remains of my great-great-grandfather, Pieter Suydam, who died in 1801, brought to Ballston Spa for final interment. He, as well as all the Suydams, irrespective of orthography, was the descendant of Hendrick Rycken, who came to this country in 1663. From Holland, the Van Ryckens are traced to a noble German family, whose members lived in Lower Saxony. Hans and Melchior Van Rycken were Crusaders in the first Holy Land expedition in 1069. The American branch descended from Melchior. The American Ryckens adopted the name of Van Suydam in 1701. The progenitor of the American branch of the Winters family was Peter de Winter, who came from Holland prior to 1639 and conducted a business near what is now Wall street, New York city. The

family is traced to a patrician Italian family in Vienna by the name of Inverno, first mentioned in the ninth century.

I shall not be able to be with you, but as a Catholic Priest I shall pray that your labors may merit the blessing of Heaven.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

FRUMENTE WILLIAM WINTERS,

Box 215, New York city.

Andrew, the second son of Lawrence Surdam, was born about 1725-6 at Great Barrington, and was only five or six years of age when his father died. As stated before he was brought up at Salisbury.

August 14, 1751, he married Margaret White, a sister of Jane, who was the wife of his uncle Samuel. We have no record of his family except that he had a son William, a grandson Adoniram, and a great-grandson William Surdam of Canaan, Conn. (See page 37.) He died in 1809 (see page 32). His descendants seem to have spelled the name Sardam.

Tunis 1st, the third son of Lawrence Surdam, was born at Great Barrington about 1728. We find no record of his marriage, but his wife's name was Jane—probably Jane Dutcher. His whole career is to us a blank—that is, we have not even a tradition to show what kind of a man

he was, whether or not he was a churchman, or interested in public affairs ; but in the absence of any such evidence either for or against him, and judging from what we know of his ancestry and of his family, we may reasonably conclude that he was above the average, a successful man, a good citizen, and a faithful husband and father.

He died when about eighty years of age, at his home in Salisbury. He also had a farm at Mount Washington, where he no doubt had spent a part of his life.

His will (see page 33) was filed and recorded February 28, 1808, but there is no record of an accounting or settlement of the estate.

Tunis and Jane had nine children, all of whom except one survived him. His widow no doubt went to live with her eldest son, Peter, at Mount Washington, but we have no record of that or of her death.

DESCENDANTS OF TUNIS SURDAM

Peter, the eldest son, was born December 7, 1761. "He lived and died at Mount Washington." The record of his death and that of his mother, also of the births and marriages in his family, were probably lost when the town clerk's records were destroyed in 1850.

He had twelve children, among whom were Ira, one named Edward, and Daniel, the father of Julia Surdam Ayers, and five others. (See page 38.)

James Surdam, of Norfolk, Conn., is a grandson of Peter, a son of Hiram, a cousin of Mrs. Ayers, and a nephew of Ira.

Ira, born October 15, 1800, married Persis Keyes, a step-daughter of Lydia Surdam Keyes, and removed in 1842 from Cortland County, N. Y., to Potter County, Pa., where he died June 22, 1874. His wife died August 19, 1867. They had a family of twelve children :

- Cyrena, married David Sunderland of Sunderland, Pa., and died January, 1861.
Francis, killed at Cold Harbor, Va.
Lydia, d. in 1850.
Mary.
Lucy, m. Elias Kleckler, Savonia, N. Y., and died August, 1892.
Rosetta, m. Alfred Tubbs, Neleigh, Neb., and died November, 1906.
Thomas, b. July 26, 1836.
Cynthia, b. February, 1846, m. W. I. Dickens, Sunderlandville, Pa.
Sarah, b. 1840, m. Nelson Chaffee, Sunderlandville, Pa.
Emily, b. 1843, m. John Montague, Westfield, Pa., d. 1899.
Lizzie, b. February, 1846, m. E. S. Worden, Ulysses, Pa.
Melville, b. May 5, 1852, m. Rosa Youngs, and lives at Sunderlandville, Pa.

Ira Surdam and wife also had grandchildren:

- Eugene Sunderland, Lyman, Lyman Co., Neb.
Lucien Sunderland, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Minnie Sunderland Rosecrans, Dorsey, Holt Co., Neb.
Gertrude Klecker, Savonia, N. Y.
Cora Klecker, Savonia, N. Y.
Fred Klecker, Savonia, N. Y.
Frank Klecker, Bath, N. Y.
Elmer Klecker, Bath, N. Y.
Nora Chaffee Covell, Sunderlandville, Pa.
Flora Carriel Grant, Sunderlandville, Pa.
Rosalie Tubbs, Neleigh, Neb.

Gordon Surdam, b. May 4, 1880.

Edith Surdam Davis, b. September 1881.

Lottie Surdam, born June 12, 1896.

Eleanor Surdam, first daughter of Tunis, was born August 4, 1763, and died when fourteen years of age.

Christina, second daughter, was born Aug. 25, 1765, and was married November 26, 1789, to Benjamin Harrison. We know nothing more of her or her posterity.

Hannah, third daughter, born July 9, 1768, it is believed married a Mr. Russell. H. S. Akins remembers that a cousin or some near relative by that name visited grandfather's about 1834, and Matilda Freeman Gates says there were other cousins, one of whom married the Rev. D. P. Kidder, of Sunday-school-book fame, and one became Mrs. Webb of Washington.

Lydia, fourth daughter, born February 1, 1771, was married in 1816 to Francis Keyes, a widower with three daughters, Persis, Thankful and Lucy. They lived near Marathon, N. Y. Persis became the wife of Ira Surdam (page 62), Thankful married Jonathan Nichols, and Lucy married Jerry Smith, the father of Mrs. Martha L. Bradt, who, with her husband Henry and their children, resides at Hunts Corners, N. Y. Lydia and her husband, with their son-in-law,

Ira Surdam, removed in 1842 to Hector, Potter Co., Pa., where Lydia died at eighty-two years of age and her husband at eighty. They had no children.

JANE SURDAM PERRY

Jane Surdam, fifth daughter of Tunis, born January 18, 1774, married Peter Perry in 1798 or 1799 at Greene, Chenango Co., N. Y. David Fitch and his wife Sally had settled in Greene prior to that time, and Jane Surdam had accompanied her sister Sally to the "New Country." Peter Perry and two of his brothers soon after removed from Egremont, Mass., to Bainbridge, N. Y. Peter finally went to Greene, where he met Jane and they were married.

They removed from Greene to Cincinnatus (now Marathon) in 1802, and in 1821 to the old homestead in the town of Richford, where they spent their days.

Peter Perry was a son of John Perry, who purchased land in Egremont, Mass., and settled there in 1759, as shown by the following taken from the records in the recorder's office in Great Barrington, Mass.:

The Record of John Perry's Land, Septr. ye
21st, 1764.

This is John Perry's survey, surveyed April ye 17th day, A. D., 1759, viz, Beginning at the North-west corner bounded North on the Highway, and West on a highway, South on Samuel Young, and East on John Hollenbeck.

Surveyed by me, John Williams, Surveyor.

Jonah Westover, } Comm'tee to lay
Josiah Loomis, } out land.

Imployed by John Pop-kne-hon-nuk &c, Indians and owners of Stockbridge, County of Hampshire, and Province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England.

John Perry was born December 19, 1720. He married Jerusha ——— and had thirteen children, of whom the eleventh, Peter, married Jane Surdam, daughter of Tunis Sardam of Salisbury, Conn. He (John Perry) died in 1802.

If the Perry ancestors were those who spelled their name Perre and Pier, which is probable, they were Huguenots who settled at Kingston in 1686.

Jane Surdam and Peter Perry had children : Norman, Luther, Eleanor, Jane and Gurdon M.

Norman Perry married Orpha Patridge and had children :

Oliver N., married Rebecca G. Van Syckle, and had children—Alice, m. Boan Hoagland; and Edith, m. Irving Maxwell.

Lewis, enlisted in the 85th N. Y. Regiment ; died in Salisbury (N. C.) rebel prison.

Alice, married Sidney Smith, and had children, but do not know how many or their names. The last heard from her she resided in New York city.

Luther Perry married Maria Quimby of Caroline, Tompkins Co., N. Y. They lived and died in the old homstead between Richford and Speedsville, N. Y. They had children, Alonzo, William, Samuel F., R. Jane, Francis Gurdon, Daniel Meade, Edwin A., George M., and Oscar.

Alonzo, born March 23, 1830, enlisted in the 50th N. Y. Regiment and served throughout the Rebellion. He married Jane, daughter of William Tarbox, and died in 1898. They had one son who died in infancy.

William, born May 2, 1832, died at the age of seventeen.

Samuel F., enlisted in the 137th N. Y. Vols., was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg, and died September 8, 1863, of disease contracted in Libby prison, Richmond, Va. He married Eliza L., daughter of the Rev. Ransom Gates, and had children Ransom J. and Lafayette. Ransom is a practicing physician at Cortland, N. Y.; he m. Lottie Deekin, and they have children Genevieve, Beatrice and Ransom. Lafayette is agent

for the D. & H. C. Co. at Ticonderoga, N. Y.; he m. Cora E. Baldwin of Ticonderoga, and they have children Olive Baldwin, Ruth Allen and Allen Baldwin.

R. Jane Perry died when seven years of age.

Francis Gurdon Perry was for many years a teacher of vocal and instrumental music. He m. first, Jane E. Turner, and had children. His second wife was Ellen Blinn. He died in January, 1905.

Daniel Meade Perry, born June 25, 1843, enlisted September 22, 1861, for three years or during the war of the Rebellion; promoted to third sergeant and assigned to Co. E, 76th Regiment N. Y. Vols., Second Brigade, First Division, First Army Corps, Army of the Potomac; participated in the battle of Rappahannock Station, Va., August 22-24, 1862, the battle of Warrenton Sulphur Springs, Va., August 26, 1862, and was acting first lieutenant at the battle of Groveton (second battle of Bull Run), August 28, 1862, where he received a severe gunshot wound in the left thigh. He remained on the battlefield, a prisoner, until September 5 without food or medical attention, when he was removed under a flag of truce to Georgetown College

Hospital, Georgetown, D. C., from which he was discharged on account of total disability, the result of said wound, January 31, 1863. He was educated at the Cortland Academy, Cortland, N. Y., and was graduated from the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 2, 1864, and is by profession an accountant. January 28, 1868, he removed to New Jersey; married, September 12, 1871, Rachel Blair Kelsey, cousin of Henry C. Kelsey, late Secretary of State of New Jersey, and grand-niece of the late John I. Blair of Blairstown, N. J. He is a member of the following societies: Liberty Council, No. 15, O. U. A. M.; The Washington Athletic Association; Pohatcong Council, No. 1177, Royal Arcanum, of which he is secretary; Mansfield Lodge, No. 36, A. F. & A. M.; Temple Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; DeMolay Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; Past Commander of John F. Reynolds Post, No. 66, G. A. R., and late aide-de-camp on the staff of the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, a Republican, having voted for all the Republican candidates from Abraham Lincoln to William H. Taft. He was a bookkeeper for the Oxford Iron

Co., Oxford, N. J., from 1868 to 1886; visited England on a tour for his health in the summer of 1886, and after a vacation of one year, engaged with the Needham Piano and Organ Co. as accountant, and was until January 25, 1905, in their employment. His residence is 123 Belvidere avenue, Washington, N. J. He has one daughter, Leola Blair.

Edwin A. Perry, married Lucy Smith, adopted daughter of William Collins and Sarah Lowe Collins of Richford, N. Y. Children, Florence Helene and Adarage. Florence m. John Williamson, and they live at Harford, N. Y.

George M. Perry died when two years old.

Oscar Perry died in infancy.

Eleanor Perry, born July 3, 1807, died June 30, 1885. She married Rounesville Briggs and had one daughter, Mary, who married Amos Johnson. They all lived and died in Richford.

Jane Perry, born June 1, 1811, died August 7, 1895; married Samuel Tarbox, son of Benjamin Tarbox and Huldah Nichols of Rhode Island. They lived on Richford Hill about one-half mile southeast from the Daniel Surdam homestead. In 1856 they removed to Potter Co.,

Pa. They had children, Willis, Perry, Orpha M., Caleb and George.

Willis Tarbox, born Jan. 30, 1838, and Roseltha Shutt, born November 9, 1851, daughter of John Shutt and Lovicie Kimble of Bingham, Pa., were married July 16, 1871, and had children, Huldah, Lydia and Clinton. Huldah, b. January 20, 1872, was m. April 8, 1896, to Reuben N. Howe, son of Isaac Howe and Lucy Eggleston of Bingham, Pa.; they have one child, Lucy Roseltha, b. January 27, 1898. Lydia, born September 24, 1878, and Grant Thompson, born June 9, 1873, were married November 28, 1892, and have children, Flossie, b. July 23, 1895, Susie, b. June 5, 1898, Orpha, b. October 23, 1900, and Louise, b. August 4, 1902. Clinton, b. November 27, 1874, was married February 23, 1894, to Millie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Westfield, of Newark Valley, N. Y.; they live at Ulysses, Pa., and have three children, Claud, b. December 27, 1896, Ina, b. March 7, 1898, and Ruth, July 29, 1902.

S. Perry Tarbox, born September 14, 1840, was married April 15, 1860, to Jane E. Graham, born January 9, 1843. They live at Ulysses, Pa., and have four children, Marion

G., b. March 13, 1862. John M., b. July 24, 1865, d. November 14, 1865. Sylvia J., b. November 1, 1866, and Grant L., b. January 29, 1871. Sylvia was married November 19, 1884, to Martin, son of Thomas Hamilton and Emeline Gridley, of Ulysses; they have had three children: Leon, b. June 15, 1891, d. October 15, 1891; Harland, b. January 4, 1893, and Emma, March 28, 1898. Grant was married June 7, 1897, to Maud, daughter of Adelbert and Rose Hawley of Potterbrook, Pa., and they have one child, Lillian, born February 28, 1898; they live at Ulysses.

Orpha M. Tarbox, born September 23, 1842, was married November 13, 1864, to A. A. Johnson, son of Nicholas Johnson and Polly Huntly of Richford, N. Y. They live at Ulysses. They have had three children, S. Wallace, Frank A., and Jennie M. Wallace, b. February 26, 1866, was married February 10, 1889, to Mary, daughter of Frank Westfall and Lurana Stevens of Newark Valley, N. Y.; children, Jennie, b. June 21, 1893, and Floyd b. January 16, 1898, d. February 22, 1898. Frank, born September 16, 1868, m. November 20, 1897, Electa, daughter of Frederick Ackerman and Rowena Crandal of

Honeoye, Pa.; they have three children, Amos F., b. September 10, 1899, Edith R., b. February 1, 1901, and Asa J., b. July 17, 1902.

Caleb Tarbox, born August 25, 1845, died February 26, 1856.

George Tarbox, born September 26, 1851, married Abbie, daughter of Warren Boom and Hannah Cooper of Chatham, Pa. They live at Bingham, and have three children, Anna, b. May 29, 1881, Lena Belle, b. August 28, 1885, and Ernie, b. September 22, 1891; Lena was m. February 11, 1906, to Albert Segar of Whitesville, N. Y.

Gurdon M. Perry, born January 16, 1817, married in June, 1838, Harriet Crum, born May 4, 1815, in Candor, N. Y. They had two children, Lyman C. and Nathaniel T. Gurdon M. Perry died January 13, 1863. Harriet Crum Perry died July 11, 1895.

Lyman C. Perry, b. August 3, 1842, in Candor, N. Y., was married July 3, 1868, to Jannette E. Merrick, b. April 24, 1850, of Bingham, Potter Co., Pa., and had two children, Hettie M. and Kate M. He died May 14, 1895. His wife died April 24, 1902. Hettie M., b. August 5, 1871, in Ulysses, Pa.,

m. Aurelius C. White of Independence, Allegany County, N. Y., October 17, 1891; had one child, Lyman E. White, b. December 21, 1892, d. September 3, 1893. Kate M., born January 15, 1880, at Ulysses, Pa., is unmarried.

Nathaniel T. Perry, b. November 9, 1846, in Candor, N. Y., married Susan Gridley of Bingham, Pa. He died February 12, 1874. They had no children.

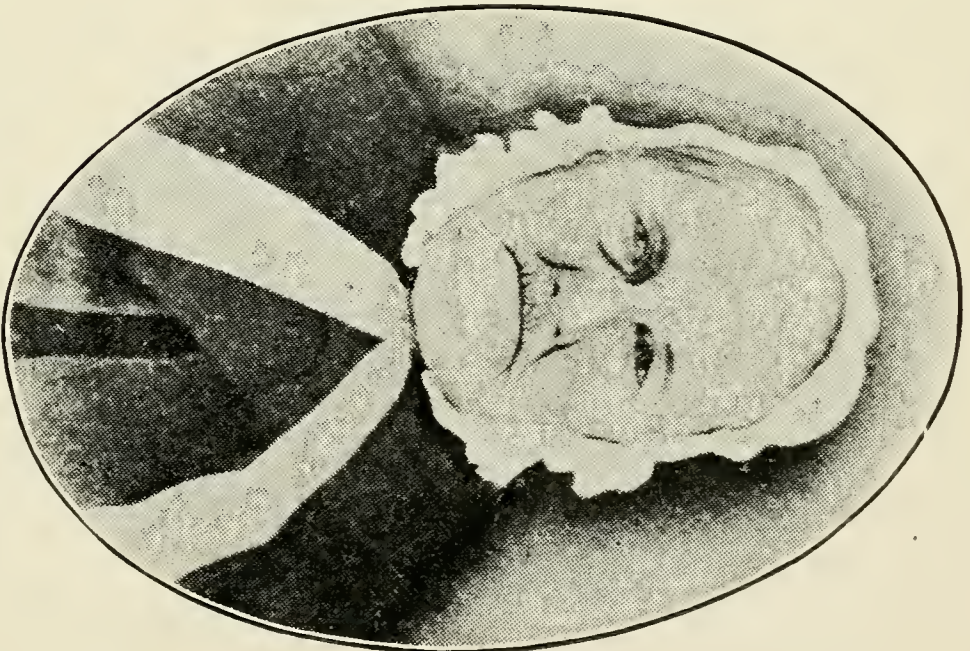
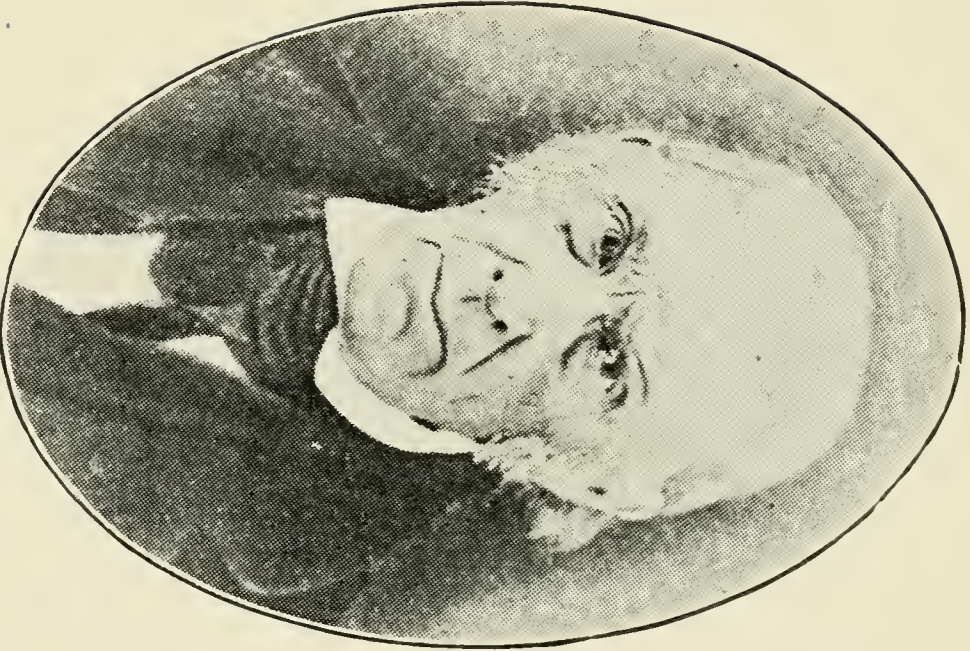
DANIEL SURDAM

Daniel was the second son of Tunis and Jane Sardam.

The following interesting and well-written history of Daniel and his family was compiled by Matilda Freeman Gates from incidents related to her by her mother, Emily, and her grandmother, Letty, and was read by her sister, Harriet Freeman Shaw, at the first Surdam family reunion, August 24, 1900 :

Our grandfather, Daniel Surdam, was born in Connecticut June 6th, 1777, less than a year after the declaration of American independence ; one of three brothers and six sisters. Our grandmother, Letty Slater, first saw the light on New Year's Day of 1781. We know little of her family except that she had one sister, Mrs. Wheeler, who afterward lived at Athens on the Hudson, and I think their widowed mother lived with her. There were cousins in Connecticut, one of whom married the Rev. D. P. Kidder of S. S. book fame, and one became Mrs. Webb of Washington.

The marriage of our grandparents occurred Dec.



DANIEL SURDAM AND LETTY MARIA SLATER HIS WIFE

When about eighty years of age. See page 76

23rd, 1798, a few days before the bride reached her eighteenth birthday. There is a family legend that they went across the line into New York State for the ceremony, to avoid being "published," according to Connecticut laws and customs. They made their home in Salisbury, and there six children were born to them—Eliza, Jerusha, Jane Dutcher, Edward William, Letty Maria, and Martha Emily.

When the youngest of these was a year and a half old, probably in the spring of 1813, they moved into New York, living in Vernon, Oneida County, and Scipio, Cayuga County. A second son, Daniel Orville, was born at Vernon in February, 1814.

In some of these years grandfather went into the army—was probably drafted; but the war closed and he was released without notable service.

The next move was to Marathon, a mile or more above the village, on the west side of the river. In these western homes they had visits from Indians; though sometimes frightened they were not harmed. A third son, Charles Orson, was here added to the family, November 22, 1817.

But times were hard; the Surdam patrimony had long ago disappeared; and further on there was land to be had for the clearing, or little more. So they gathered up their few belongings and with the five younger children came to the wilderness on Richford Hill; the three older daughters remaining behind to teach and spin. The youngest child was then two and a half years old, which brings us to the spring of 1821. They came in sleighs, but the snow in the valleys was melting, and at what is now Harford Mills they crossed on the ice, with the water running over

it. There was some question of safety, but they escaped with slight wetting. They stopped that night at Uncle David Fitch's, but next day the mother and her four little ones went to Uncle Perry's, below Padlock, till a cabin could be built on the new land. This cabin stood near the south border, by the little brook at the foot of the hill, was built of green logs cut on the spot, had a partial floor of split logs, and a stone fireplace and chimney. Later, when the older girls were coming for a visit, the mother and Edward carried flat stones to make a floor about the fireplace.

They soon obtained a cow, put a bell on her and turned her into the woods. When the children (Emily and Orville) went for her, "they let no grass grow under their feet," and almost held their breath for fear of bears and wolves, but never saw anything worse than stray deer. Soon the clearing was enlarged, others joined it, a road was laid out parallel with their north line, a fine spring discovered, not far from it a frame house of three rooms and a loft was built, an apple orchard set out on the western slope, a good barn built, and other indications of thrift appeared. The rugged father improved his land and rejoiced in the labor of his hands; the mother, somewhat broken in health, reared her family to honor and usefulness, and amid all her hardships and disappointments never lost her dignity. Her girls were called by their neighbors *proud*; they were at least self-respecting.

Around that old home memories of the grandchildren cluster to-day. The huge fireplace with its backlog and andirons before and over which all the cooking was done, except the baking in the brick

oven by its side; the blue-curtained bed, the little portraits on the wall of the spare room, the apple-parings by the firelight, and the strings of apples hung across the timbers overhead. There were never such gillyflowers and pound apples as grew in grandpa's orchard, while the cherries and currants, the caraway and roses in the well-kept garden had a taste and a fragrance all their own. The place I remember well, as I lived there several weeks when seven or eight years old.

And we must not forget "Major," the first horse owned on the premises and the last, but not the only one, who, when he was three years old, walked in at the open door and stood before the clock, which was a mirror as well, whether to learn the time of day or to admire his coat, he did not say, but promptly departed at grandmother's command.

Twice grandmother went to visit eastern friends, once at least being driven by her eldest son, Edward, in a cutter, each time receiving gifts that, though slight, added to the comfort of the pioneer home. Once there were two sperm candles, which were burned only on special occasions, such as weddings and so forth. A remnant of one, brown with age, hung in the pantry, and in later years came into my possession.

About 1850 the house was enlarged to five rooms on the first floor, plastered, the fireplace torn out and a cookstove introduced. In this house the couple, now grown old, lived till it was thought best for them to go to their children.

Grandfather died February 9th, 1859; grandmother, April 24th, 1860. She had on coming to Richford connected herself, probably by letter, with

the Congregational church in the village; though she rarely attended the services, the visits of her pastor, the Rev. D. S. Morse, cheered her retired life, and he came to the marriage of some of the children.

It is not known that grandfather was connected with any church till in his old age one was started on the hill. The eight children all lived to maturity, all but three over sixty-five years, four over seventy, three over seventy-five, and one over eighty.

Of the forty-one grandchildren twenty-two are now living, though not more than one or two have attained three-score and ten years, none are less than fifty. There are also about forty-four great-grandchildren, twenty-two of the fifth generation, and one of the sixth.

Very imperfectly prepared by

MATILDA J. F. GATES.

Several of the "cousins" remember something of the same history as told by their parents and grandparents, and have contributed a few items not mentioned by Mrs. Gates. H. S. Akins remembers the log house which was their first home in Richford :

In the log house they used split logs for the floor, hewed on the split side. To go up into the chamber they had a ladder built of round poles with the bark on. The fireplace was a stone wall built entirely across one end of the house, with a stick-and-mud chimney through the roof to let the smoke out. They could build a fire that would last several days burning day and night.

He also is sure that they lived in Onondaga

County before they moved to Virgil. His mother spoke many times of having lived there.

The chamber in the log house was so well ventilated that they often had to shake snow from the bedclothes in the morning.

At Vernon they lived on the stage road between Albany and Buffalo (old Genesee turnpike), when freight was hauled in wagons the entire distance, before the Erie Canal was built, or railroads anywhere were even dreamed of.

In Oneida, Onondaga and Seneca counties they were in the midst of the remnants of the "Five Nations," or tribes of Indians—the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Senecas and Cayugas, but they had been "subdued" by their white brethren and were harmless. They, like most Indians, were fond of rum, and in winter it was sport for them to go to town, indulge freely and race horses on their way home. Sometimes a half-dozen, all standing, would ride on one sled or jumper or pung, and sing after the Indian fashion. Sometimes they would get cross, and when grandmother on one occasion drove one out of her house with a broomstick he said, "I go home get my gun"—but he didn't.

While at Vernon grandfather was drafted—war of 1812,—served two weeks at Sacketts Harbor, hired a substitute and returned home.

But none of us seem to have heard what

grandfather did or how he supported his family from the time he left Salisbury—1814—to the time he settled on Richford Hill, 1821. And how the children obtained enough education to teach school, which they all did except Daniel Orville, seems a mystery, but probably by “self help” and helping each other; besides the standard of requirements was not high. There were no free schools. Teachers were paid by a “rate bill”—that is each pupil paid according to the number of days’ attendance at school. No steel pens; teachers made quill pens and “set” the copies for the children. Not many books, but the “three Rs” at least were quite thoroughly taught.

When the family left Salisbury Eliza was fourteen years of age, Jerusha eleven, Jane nine, Edward seven, Letty four, and Emily two. When they moved into the wilderness at Richford Eliza, aged twenty-one, and Jerusha, eighteen, were self-supporting, and probably remained in Marathon, then Virgil, and vicinity, and taught school summers and spun woolen yarn and sewed winters, and no doubt assisted in supporting their father’s family. The other daughters as they grew up followed the same vocations, and all seem to have enjoyed good health except Jane.

What Daniel’s financial condition was when

he left Salisbury can only be conjectured. Eliza Fitch Clark understood that Tunis left him several thousand dollars and that he lost nearly all of it through drink (see page 40). This estimate is evidently very much too high; but his father left him by will one-half of his Salisbury farm and buildings and so forth (see page 34), and he no doubt had other property—enough to have made him a good home.

Whether intemperance had anything to do with it or not, he seems to have traveled a downhill road from prosperity to poverty, or to what in these days we would call poverty. At one time he built or bought a woolen mill which was run by horse power, and lost money. While at Vernon or Scipio he was riding on horseback—perhaps had been to town and was a little reckless—and struck his foot against a stump, breaking his leg. This laid him on his back for six weeks and disabled him for months. When living in Virgil a tree fell upon their only cow.

After they had gone to Richford Hill and had spent some time in getting settled, their title was found to be defective, and they were obliged to “move on”—to lands adjoining and a little to the northwest of where they first located.

Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren can never fully understand the conditions or real-

ize how much courage it required to face the situation and, ten years after middle life, to begin anew the making of a home for a large family. Six children from three to sixteen years of age were with them and had to be fed and clothed ; but those were the days—

“ When girls wore woolen dresses
And boys wore pants of tow.”

Their living must have been extremely plain, but quite as healthful as modern indulgences. A common dish was “ hulled ” corn.

Their calf was kept through its first winter on browse and johnny-cake. Primitive settlers “ wintered ” their stock, if they had any, on cornstalks, straw and browse. There was very little, if any, hay.

The first season they could not have raised anything unless they cut out the “ underbrush ” and small trees and girdled the large trees ; then they might have raised a little corn.

When clearing land, the trees were felled in summer and burned in the fall. The ashes were carefully preserved and in winter leached, and the lye was boiled in large iron kettles and made into potash.

In the following spring the newly cleared land was planted to corn. An ax was struck into the ground an inch or two, the kernels dropped

into the opening and covered with the foot, quite the same as is done with corn-planters at this time. In a year or two the small tree roots decayed and the ground was scratched over with a wooden-toothed harrow and wheat was sown. All grain was cut with the sickle until about 1840, when father (who at that time had a farm of his own) bought a cradle, the first one in the neighborhood. Grass was cut with the scythe and raked by hand, until the Civil War compelled the general use of horse rakes and mowing machines.

The potash (or "black salts") was exchanged for groceries and other necessaries, but it was several years before the products of the farm supported the family. Grandfather and father worked by the day for other farmers, sometimes three or four miles away, taking their pay in corn or wheat, which they usually carried home on their shoulders. Very little money passed through their hands, but in a humble way they prospered. Six of their eight children married, had good homes and raised families.

Only once did death enter their home ; but the affliction of their youngest son, on whom they hoped to lean in their old age, was worse than death.

The greater part of the last twenty years of

their lives they lived alone, but their son Edward was only about a mile away, and when anything went wrong he was ready and willing to assist them. Notwithstanding the hardships and deprivations of their earlier life they enjoyed the comforts and blessings of ripe old age. Daniel died aged eighty-three years and Letty in her eightieth year.

ELIZA SURDAM AKINS

[Contributed by H. S. Akins.]

Eliza Surdam was born at Salisbury, Conn., October 2, 1799. She remained with the family until they removed to Richford, perhaps a little longer, but for a time she had a home at David Fitch's. In her younger days she was a seamstress, and also a school-teacher.

May 22, 1827, she married William Henry Akins, born March 4, 1804, the fourth son of Seth and Sarah Griswold Akins. They resided for about two years after their marriage at Belfast, Allegany Co., N. Y., where, in partnership with Eleazer Lyman, they carried on a cabinet-making and turning shop, then returned to Berkshire and built the house known as the "red house" on the northwest corner of lot No. 380, Boston purchase, where they resided until a short time previous to the death of the mother of the family.

William Henry Akins was a fine mechanic, and a prolific inventor and patentee. He made

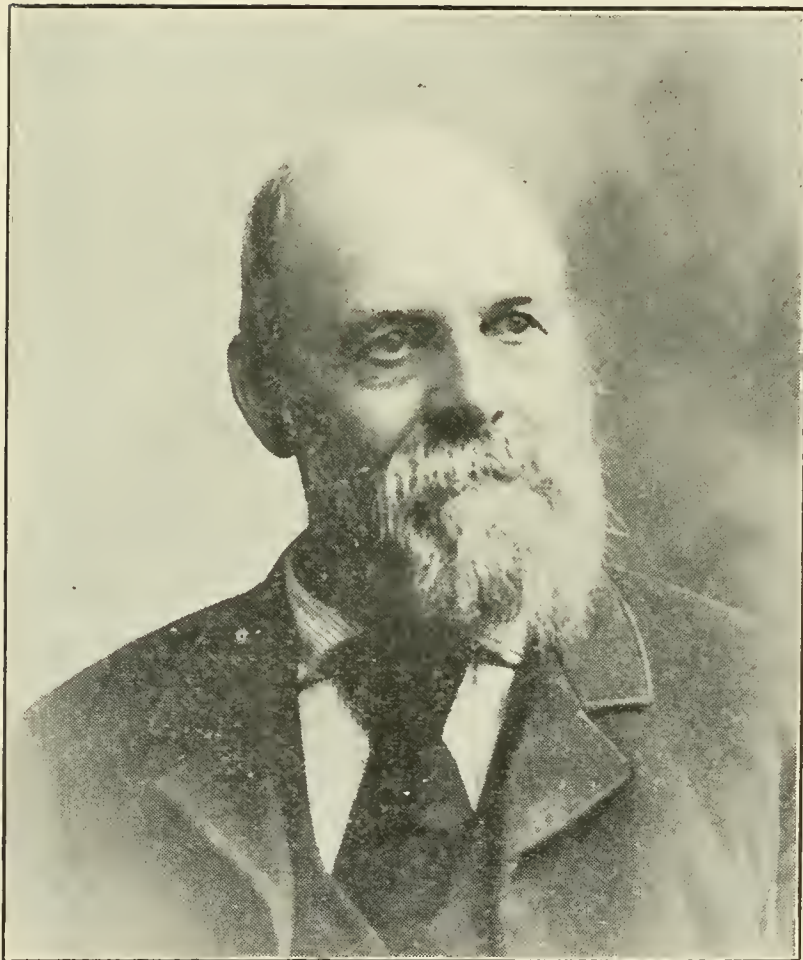
some of the finest earlier Morse instruments for magnetic telegraphy, and some improvements on them. He improved and extended the calendar clock from days to months and years and leap years, and invented some of the most essential parts of the sewing machine. He also invented the combination lock used on safes, which has stood the test of more than fifty years and still remains unpickable.

In his later years he gave nearly all his attention to inventions and patents, but was not very successful financially, although some of his patents proved to be of great value ; other parties making fortunes out of them.

William Henry and Eliza Akins had six children, Henry Seth, Emily, Zelia Eliza, Warren, Daniel Martin, and Sarah Jane, all but one of whom, Warren, are living at the present time (1909), the average of their ages being seventy-seven years. Mrs Akins died January 1839.

In 1842 Mr. Akins married for his second wife Catharine House, and they had one child, Mary Lisetta. They lived at Ithaca and Dryden, and later at Speedsville. William Henry died at Ovid, N. Y., January 3, 1877, and Catharine at Speedsville, December 30, 1904, aged eighty-eight years.

Henry Seth Akins was born at Belfast, N. Y.,



HENRY SETH AKINS

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June 8, 1828. When the family was broken up in February, 1839, he found a home with his uncle, E. W. Surdam, for a few years, then went to the carpenter's trade, from that to millwright, sawyer, miller, and, perhaps, "jack at all trades"—a mechanic without a name.* He served the government in the war of the Rebellion in the Construction Corps, Division of the Mississippi, and had an honorable discharge. June 26, 1867, he

* Mr. Akins is too modest in his claims. He was very ingenious and an inventor of several implements and of improvements in machinery. He also assisted his father in studying out the combination lock and the calendar clock. The following is from a private letter written by him in 1902:

"I have learned in some way that you think my father was the inventor of the time lock so much used on money vaults. That is all right except one thing: it was myself instead of my father. My father invented the permutation lock and a patent was granted him for it; and it was while I was making one of the locks for him that it occurred to me that the bolts could be drawn by clockwork inside the vault, and that it would be impossible for anyone to open the vault until the time set for it had passed. I could have had the patent for it just as well as the other fellow who afterward invented and patented it. I understand he had \$600 apiece royalty for the right to use them. How comforting in shaky old age to know such a valuable patent had been within such easy reach."

married Mrs. Emily A. Goodrich of Speedsville, widow of E. Goodrich, who lost his life at the battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse, and a daughter of Hiram Humphrey of Speedsville, N. Y.; she died August 9, 1890. September 30, 1891, he married for his second wife Mrs. Alvira L. Hunt, widow of Daniel E. Hunt and daughter of Asahel Jewett of Richford, N. Y.

Emily Akins was born in the town of Berkshire, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1829. At the breaking up of the family she went to live with the Surdam grandparents, but left there in the summer of 1845 in consequence of the unfortunate mental condition of Uncle Charles. She lived in her father's family at Speedsville for about one year, one year in Buffalo, N. Y., a few years in Ithaca, and a few years in the family of her uncle, Lyman P. Akins, in Berkshire (West Creek), N. Y. She married George C. Gore of Sheshequin, Crawford Co., Pa. Mr. Gore died July 24, 1870, leaving Emily the step-mother of four children, Frank E., Lizzie A., George B. and John F. John F. d. Feb. 28, 1886, and George B. Feb. 22, 1909. She stayed with the children until they were all old enough to go for themselves, and since that time she has for the

most part lived with friends and relatives, where she is always welcome. For some time she kept house for her nephew, Frank C. Baker at Speedsville and cared for her step-mother until her decease in 1904.

Zelia Eliza Akins was born at Berkshire (West Creek) Sept. 6, 1831. At the breaking up of the family she was taken and cared for by her aunt Emily Freeman for two or three years. After that she was one of her father's family, the father having married a second wife. While living in Ithaca she became acquainted with Anthony Baker, born October 28, 1819, a farmer of Newfield, Tompkins Co., N. Y., son of William and Mary Baker, and married him December 18, 1856. They lived on their farm in Newfield until the death of Mr. Baker, which occurred December 2, 1873. Eight children were born to them, William Amasa, Mary, Frank Curtis, Warren Akins, Olin M., Henry, Orlo Anthony, and Martha Emily. The Bakers lost their farm soon after the death of the father through the fraudulent transaction of a neighbor, and in consequence the family was broken up and scattered. Martha Emily and Orlo, the youngest, were brought up in the family of their uncle, H. S. Akins, at

Speedsville. Amasa and Olin learned blacksmithing. They married sisters, daughters of Smith Woodhull of Newfield. They also bought the blacksmith shop of their father-in-law and carried on the business at that place. William Amasa, b. May 5, 1858, m. Nancy Woodhull, daughter of Smith and Elvira Woodhull of Ithaca ; they have one son, John Carlton, b. June 7, 1898. Mary, b. October 31, 1859, m. Robert Charles Akins, a third cousin, son of George H. and Eliza Akins of Berkshire, N. Y.; two children were born to them, George Bert, November 28, 1882, and Frank Baker, November 29, 1888. The mother died at Ovid Center, N. Y., April 21, 1904. The following was taken from a local newspaper :

Mrs. R. C. Akins, whose illness we have noted before, passed away at an early hour last Thursday morning, after an illness of less than two weeks. Mrs. Akins was in the prime of life, only forty-four years of age, and her untimely death has brought sadness to many hearts. Her quiet, gentle life was the light of the home which is now sad and desolate. She leaves besides her husband and two sons, her mother, six brothers and one sister, who were all present at the funeral, which was held at the home Saturday, conducted by Pastor Mahoney. She was buried at Sheldrake. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers, among which was a hand-

some piece from her son, a lovely wreath from Ovid Grange, carnations from the King's Daughters, and many more from friends in Ithaca and Auburn, all silently testifying their love for the departed.

On the 8th of February, 1905, George m. Mary Grace, daughter of James A. Everhart, and they reside at Ovid Center; they have one child, Helen Maria, b. December 28, 1907. Frank Curtis, b. October 4, 1861, has not married. He lives at Speedsville.

Warren Akins was born December 13, 1863; is a painter by trade and lives in Ithaca, N. Y.; he m. Etta, daughter of J. C. and Geraldine Wilbur Everhart of Trumbulls Corners, N. Y., and they have four children, Joseph C., b. October 30, 1897; Walter A., December 26, 1899; Mildred G., March 7, 1903, and Henry Surdam, August 24, 1906. Olin M., b. December 22, 1865, lives in Ithaca; m. Mrs. Adda Grover, daughter of Smith and Elvira Woodhull of Ithaca; they have two children, Richard Smith, b. June 28, 1900, and Frederick Woodhull, b. October 13, 1904; Mrs. Baker had one son by her first husband, Harry Alfred Grover, b. May 26, 1894. Henry, b. October 22, 1868, is unmarried and lives in Ithaca. Orlo Anthony was born October 11, 1870; he m. Lena Everhart, a sister of Warren's wife, and

they live at Watkins, N. Y.; they have two children, Seth Everhart, b. Sept. 25, 1897, and Wilbur, b. August 20, 1904. Martha Emily, b. January 29, 1873, m. William J. Everhart; they live at Watkins, N. Y., and have one child, Floyd William, b. June 14, 1904.

Warren Akins was born September 28, 1833. After the death of his mother he had a home with the Freeman family at Harford Mills for a few months; after that with Jason Hawes of Triangle, Broome Co., N. Y. He was a carpenter. By being thrown from a horse his skull was fractured, which produced epileptic convulsions of which he died March 6, 1860.

Daniel Martin Akins, born August 5, 1835. When a little boy he lived with the Surdam grandparents, and afterward learned the carpenter's trade. He married Catharine R. Williams of Owego, N. Y., and three children were born to them, Henry W., Catharine R., and Corinne. Catharine, the mother, died August 29, 1895. His second wife was Mrs. Hester A. Knox of Portland, Oregon. Martin moved to western Pennsylvania in the early oil times; made some money and

lost it. Afterward he lived in Dryden, N. Y., also in Maryland, Washington, D. C., and in Portland, which is his present home. He finds business as a builder. Henry W., b. March 5, 1861, m. Mattie Walker, a niece of Senator Pomeroy; he was a physician, and practiced for a while in San Diego, Cal., until his health failed; then he came East and died at the home of his sister at Mount Pisgah, Md., September 29, 1890; the widow lives in Washington, D. C.; they had no children. Catharine Reingard, b. May 30, 1865, m. Thomas Carpenter of Pisgah, Md.; they had three children, Harriet Etheldra, b. October 29, 1888, Myrtle Corinne, b. November 22, 1891, d. November 8, 1896, and Catharine Aiken, b. April 3, 1895; for her second husband she married Marcellus Bowie, and by him had three children, Heise Marcellus, b. August 18, 1899, d. November 17, 1899, Myrtle Irene, b. April 20, 1901, and Henry Llewellyn, born July 30, 1902. Catharine R., the mother, died Mch. 6, 1906, at her home in Pisgah, and the funeral was held at the M. E. Church; the pallbearers were H. H. Bowie, A. R. Carpenter, G. M. Carpenter, J. T. DeLozier, A. B. Sullivan and J. T. Burgess.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother,
who departed this life March 6, 1906.

There was an angel choir in heaven,
But it was not quite complete;
So God took my dear mother
To fill the vacant seat.

Farewell, mother, you have left me,
Left me, yes, for evermore;
But I hope to meet you, mother,
On that bright and happy shore.

By her daughter, KATIE.

Harriet Etheldra was married January 4, 1904, to John W. Bowie of Pisgah, and has two children, Thomas Carpenter and Lillian May. Corinne Akins, born January 17, 1875, died February 19, 1875.

Sarah Jane Akins, born in Berkshire October 31, 1837, was less than fifteen months old at the death of the mother. She was cared for one or two years by the Akins relatives, then was given to Aunt Sally Fitch (Sally, or Sarah, Surdam). Sarah remained with the Fitches a number of years and attended school winters and summers on Richford hill until changes in the Fitch family made it unpleasant for her. Then she went to her father's home in Ithaca. Since then she has, at different times, lived at Speedsville, Dry-

den, Syracuse, Sheshequin, Pa., Williamsport, Pa., Ithaca, Owego, Washington, D. C., Boston, and Morristown, N. J. At present her home is at Candor, N. Y.

JERUSA SURDAM WATTLES

Jerusha Surdam was born in Salisbury, Conn., October 8, 1802. When her father's family removed to Richford she remained in Virgil, where she taught school and sewed, and where she became acquainted with Lathrop Wattles, whom she married in 1823.

In 1883 Robert Wattles of Blue Island, Ill., wrote a sketch of the genealogy of the Wattles family, in which he says, "I believe it is conceded that we are of Highland Scotch stock; that our name was originally McWattles," and that the "Mc" was dropped by the children of one John McWattles. The ship that brought the first Wattles from Scotland came into Norwich Landing, Conn., in 1652, about thirty years after the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock. He further says: "I find that we are scattered from sea to sea and that our name has now almost become legion. I have only traced out the lineage of one man, my grandfather, for a hundred years and

find that he had nine children, fifty-three grandchildren, and one hundred and five great-grandchildren; and the fifth and sixth generations were so numerous that I decided to not investigate further.”

Mason Wattles was born in Connecticut in 1725. He had two sons, Mason and Nathaniel. Nathaniel emigrated to Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1784 with his wife and four children, the youngest three years old, traveling through a dense forest for about one hundred miles by the aid of marked trees, there being no roads. They suffered many hardships and privations incident to settling in a new, timbered country, and it is said that the mother saw no white woman for three years after moving there. But they had means to do with and prospered, and the country filled up very fast with an industrious and enterprising people.

In 1797 Mr. Wattles was elected to the legislature from Delaware County, and coming out of church one evening while in Albany he slipped and fell, striking his head on the stone step. Two days later he died, leaving a family of eight sons and one daughter.

Colonel Mason Wattles, the sixth son of Nathaniel, owned a large farm about two miles south from Hunts Corners on the road to Lisle. He

was several times elected supervisor and in 1851 was sheriff of Broome County.

Jehiel, the second son of Nathaniel, married Phebe Lathrop, settled in the town of Virgil, Cortland Co., N. Y., and had three sons and two daughters.

Lathrop, the second son of Jehiel, married Jerusha Surdam, and they had twelve children, eight of whom were born in Virgil and four in Caroline, to which place they removed in 1839.

To provide for such a large family required economy and untiring industry, which characteristics, developed in early life, continued with the several members of the family. They not only prospered but enjoyed health and long life. They lived to see all their children grown to manhood and womanhood. The youngest at the time of the father's death was twenty-five. But now they are all gone except Hubert, and he alone has lived to the age of three-score years and ten.

Lathrop died aged seventy-one and Jerusha at eighty-two, and they and six of their children, Eliza Jane, Chauncey, William, Daniel W., Carleton S. and Byron are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Caroline.

Eliza Jane Wattles, born November 17, 1824, married Charles Higgins and lived in Caro-

line. She died January 16, 1870, and Mr. Higgins October 11, 1902. They had two children: Frank G., b. March 20, 1857, m. Sara Krum; they live on the homestead and have no children. Clara, b. August 20, 1860, d. May 13, 1898.

Chauncey Lathrop Wattles, born March 27, 1826, was married October 19, 1857, to Almira, daughter of Cephas and Mary Barker of Tully, Onondaga Co., N. Y. For ten years he was a traveling salesman, after which he bought one of the best places in Caroline and settled down as a farmer. The following is from the *Ithaca Journal*:

In the unexpected death of Mr. Wattles, which occurred at his home in Caroline last Thursday after a very brief illness, the Democratic party loses one of its most valued members, and the county of Tompkins one of its most highly esteemed and upright citizens. Mr. Wattles was a man of the strictest integrity and was held in such esteem by his neighbors in the town of Caroline that he was twice elected to represent their interests in the board of supervisors although belonging to a party largely in the minority in the town. Mr. Wattles was sixty-four years old at the time of his death and had always until attacked with the illness that proved fatal, been in the enjoyment of good health. He leaves a widow and a married daughter, besides two brothers, who will have the sympathy of the many

citizens of the county who knew and respected the deceased husband, father and brother.

He died January 8, 1890, and the widow resides with her daughter. They had two children, Cephas, b. April 11, 1861, d. July 5, 1863, and Mary J., b. August 29, 1864, who was married October 31, 1888, to James W., son of James W. Reed and Elizabeth Stone of Warrensburg, N. Y.; they reside at Glen Ridge, N. J., and Mr. Reed is an inspector of public buildings in New York city; Mr. and Mrs. Reed have had three children, Chauncey Wattles, b. August 20, 1889. James William, b. September 28, 1892, died February 19, 1907, and Edward Kenneth, b. December 11, 1901.

Letty Maria, born May, 16, 1828, married Joseph, son of Robert Wool and Mary Snyder of Dryden, N. Y. He was a farmer, and they lived about midway between Ithaca and Slaterville Springs, afterward at Candor, and later at Willseyville, where Mrs. Wool died January 7, 1893; Mr. Wool died Sept. 29, 1893. They had one son, Vincent, b. April 1, 1857. He spent five years in the United States Navy, and is now employed in the Government gun works at Springfield, Mass.; was married June 23, 1900, to Alice, daugh-

ter of John W. and Elmina B. Swasey of Boston, Mass.; they have no children.

William Henry Wattles, born March 16, 1830, was for fifteen years in the employ of Andrus & McChain of Ithaca, then retired and bought a good farm one mile east from Slaterville, where he died April 23, 1885. He married Zada, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Thomas. Mrs. Wattles died November 8, 1888. They had no children.

Hubert Wattles, born April 13, 1832, a farmer and fruit-grower, lives about two miles west from Slaterville. January 14, 1863, he married Welthy, daughter of Abram and Lois Boice of Caroline. They have had three children: Georgianna, b. August 4, 1864, was m. October 24, 1889, to Daniel W., son of John and Cynthia Oakley of Naples, N. Y.; they have no children. William H., b. September 1, 1866, d. October 22, 1892; he did not marry. Benjamin B., b. July 12, 1870, was married June 30, 1895, to Neenah, daughter of Luther and Kate Welch of Richford, Tioga Co., N. Y.; they live on the farm with his parents and have no children.

Lucinda J. Wattles, born April 1, 1834, married Cassimore, son of Hiram and Anna Bliss of

Berkshire, N. Y. In 1859 she was left a widow with two daughters, Jessie, b. October 30, 1855, and Kate, b. September 26, 1857. In 1873 Lucinda married for her second husband Dr. G. S. Gallagher. For a year or two they lived at Cohocton, then removed to Naples, N. Y., where she died March 13, 1891. The following tribute was published in a Naples newspaper at the time of her decease:

On Friday, March 13, at 6 P. M., after an illness of several months, Mrs. Lucinda I. Gallagher passed peacefully away and entered into her rest. And so another one of the most useful and beloved women of our village has been taken from us, from her husband and daughters, taken in the prime of life from the many fields of labor in which she garnered much fruit to God's glory, and had hoped to gather yet much more.

"Death loves a shining mark." Doubtless no one in town who had lived among us so few years had so won the love and esteem of everyone as had this consecrated woman. She was the daughter of Lathrop Wattles, and was born in Virgil, Cortland County, April 1, 1834.

In the early part of the year 1878, during the ministry of the Rev. W. L. Austin, she became a professed follower of the Master, and with this joyful experience began a life of wonderful power. In 1881 she united with the Presbyterian church and was ever afterward its strong pillar. Gifted with more than ordinary ability, kind-hearted, affable in man-

ner, generous, energetic and zealous, with all those powers consecrated as they were, it is not surprising that she accomplished so much good. In the work of the church and Sunday school, in gospel temperance work, in work among the children, in consistent social life, in hospitality, in charity, and in personal ministrations to the sick and sorrowing she was ever foremost, doing with her might what her hands found to do. Mrs. Gallagher's interest in any project was an assurance of its success.

On Monday afternoon, March 16, just nineteen years from the day of her marriage, her obsequies were held. Flowers and floral emblems, beautiful and appropriate, surrounded the casket in which she slept so naturally and peacefully. The large house was filled with sincere mourners. The Rev. B. F. Millard, her only pastor since her connection with the church, pronounced a fervent eulogy, which found a response in the hearts of everyone present. The 31st Psalm was read, for on its margin in her well-worn Bible was written "Read this when I am gone." The hymns, "Nearer, my God, to Thee" and "Ever Remembered" were sung, and then there went out from the home in which she had taken such delight, the wife, mother and saint, the body to be consigned to its resting-place in Rose Ridge, but the soul to dwell in its far more glorious home beyond the skies.

FROM HER FAMILY.

For some time we could hear her say:
"Farewell, my home, my home no longer now,
Witness of many a calm and happy day;
And thou, fair eminence, upon whose brow
Dwells the last sunshine of the evening ray."

Retiring the last night she said: "I am weary; I will now go to sleep. Good night."

Thanks be to God, she could hear us all.

Wife, mother, grandma,
Say not "good night," but in some
Brighter clime bid us "good morning."

RESOLUTIONS OF THE W. C. T. U.

At a special meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held March 15, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His mysterious though all-wise providence, to remove from among us our beloved friend and co-worker, Mrs. G. S. Gallagher, who for thirteen years had been a valued and useful member of the Union;

Resolved, That we desire to express our deep and fervent appreciation of her fidelity and devoted self-sacrificing service during all the long years of our work together.

Resolved, That we shall ever cherish in sacred remembrance her Christian example and steadfast devotion to duty, her practical, zealous enthusiasm in doing good everywhere and at all times.

Resolved, That in her death the temperance work has lost one of its most ardent supporters, the poor and the suffering an ever-ready and sympathetic helper, the home circle, from which she vanished so softly and peacefully, a genial, gentle light, the community a noble, useful life, and the W. C. T. U. a cheery, ready companion in work and a true-hearted friend.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon our permanent records and published in the weekly paper. MRS. N. N. BEERS, Pres. W. C. T. U.
MRS. E. C. CLARKE, Sec'y.

After the death of Lucinda Dr. Gallagher married the daughter Jessie and they removed to Chicago, where he died February 16, 1897. The widow returned to Naples and died January 1, 1905, in Geneva hospital; they had no children. The following obituary notice is from the paper before quoted from:

Dr. G. S. and Mrs. Lucinda Gallagher came to Naples from Cohocton in 1875, accompanied by Mrs. Gallagher's two daughters, the Misses Jessie and Kittie Bliss. They took up their residence in what is now the Lincoln homestead, the place having just been vacated by Dr. Lusk, a former physician who had removed to Penn Yan.

From the outset, this family was felt to be an acquisition to the town, and their works of faith and labors of love for the succeeding fifteen years proved that the confidence of the community was well placed.

In 1891 Mrs. Gallagher died, and no woman was ever more missed or mourned than she. The name of Gallagher has been the synonym of generous and kindly words and unselfish deeds ever since. No more precious legacy could have been left the daughters than the mantle of her Christian charity.

That they appreciated the sacred trust none can doubt, and the numerous tributes paid yesterday to

the deceased daughter both in the way of testimonies to her worth, the beautiful flowers and the large attendance at the funeral show the esteem in which she was held by her neighbors and friends.

She was always active in church work and ever ready to throw wide open her hospitable doors for the entertainment of its circles for work or social enjoyment. She was benevolent with her means and always interested in the welfare of the various branches of church activity.

She will be greatly missed; and it is indeed a lesson of the uncertainty of life and the frailty of all earthly schemes when we recall her plans for the future and her expectations of yet many days.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. James E. Smith of Middlesex, her nephew, Oliver Smith, and her niece, Mrs. Gertrude Smith Mitchell, who had always been her devoted and loved companion from a little child; also her cousin, Mrs. D. W. Oakley of Naples, her uncle, Mr. Bliss of Owego, who with his wife and son were present at the funeral, with other relatives from a distance.

The funeral was attended from her late home on Tuesday afternoon, just two weeks from the day she left it in search of health and strength, intending soon to pursue her journey South, where she expected to spend the winter.

Her pastor, the Rev. Charles C. MacLean, of the Presbyterian church, officiated, and the burial was in Rose Ridge.

Kate married James, son of Simon and Martha Smith of Naples, Ontario Co., N. Y., and they reside at the present time at Mid-

dlesex, Yates Co., N. Y.; they have had three children, Gertrude, b. December 18, 1878, m. Dr. William Mitchell of Elkland, Pa.; they have one child, John William, b. September 16, 1905. Frances, b. November 3, 1891, d. July 4, 1895. Oliver, b. March 30, 1894.

Harriet Wattles, born March 24, 1836, married Stephen Pettigrove, a miller of Owego, N. Y. After leaving Owego they lived at Mottville, now Brookton, for a few years, then removed to West Canton, N. Y., where she died January 12, 1896. Mr. Pettigrove still lives at West Canton. They had no children.

Georgiana Wattles, born April 7, 1838, married William K. Boice, born November 7, 1836, son of Emery and Penelope Boice, who were born in Ulster County, N. Y., and removed to Caroline in 1837. Mr. Boice is a farmer, and they spent their entire married life near Slaterville Springs, where he now resides. Mrs. Boice died May 3, 1907. In her obituary notice the *Ithaca Journal* said: "She was a devoted member of the M. E. church, of a kindly disposition, and endeared herself to all who knew her, and will be sin-

cerely mourned by all. Her funeral was held from the M. E. church, the Rev. G. C. Jacobs officiating, assisted by the Rev. I. B. Wilson of Spencer." They had one child, Hattie J., born November 25, 1875, died November 27, 1875. They also took, when three years of age, and brought up as their own, Julia Ballard, a daughter of Gabriel Ballard. Julia was married April 16, 1902, to Henry, son of Leroy and Lurana Watrous of Lapeer, N. Y., and they live at Slaterville Springs; they have four children, William Gurdon, b. February 16, 1903, R. Kenneth, b. November 26, 1905, and Paul George and Perry Leroy, twins, b. May 31, 1908.

Daniel Webster Wattles, born March 3, 1840, married Nancy Robinson of Slaterville Springs. Mr. Wattles died June 3, 1883, and the widow May 31, 1903, aged sixty-five years. Webster, as he was generally called, was a farmer, but was in poor health for several years before his death. Mrs. Wattles was the oldest postmistress in the state, having held the office for thirty-one years. They had no children.

Charles Mason Wattles was born October 15, 1842, and at the time of his death, which

occurred May 8, 1876, he and his family were living in New York city, and he was with H. K. Thurber & Co. February 8, 1866, he married Catharine E., daughter of Isaac Maqueston and Sarah Garner of Garnersville, Rockland Co., N. Y., where the widow now resides. They had two daughters: Carrie Maqueston, b. November 23, 1866, was married January 30, 1892, to J. Garner, son of George M. West and Amelia Thompson of Stony Point, N. Y., and they have two children, Marjorie, b. April 4, 1900, and Kathryn Edith, b. April 10, 1902. Edith Morens Wattles, the second daughter, b. November 4, 1869, has not married.

Carleton Squires Wattles, born June 26, 1844, was a commission merchant and dealer in produce in Ithaca, N. Y., where he died July 18, 1891. February 16, 1876, he married Elizabeth A., daughter of William A. and Lucy Woodford Gunderman of Danby, N. Y. They had one daughter, Lucy Woodford, b. September 17, 1877. She was married June 4, 1902, to Bert Roosa, son of Delbert and Jennie Morgan Mitchell, a journalist of Ithaca, N. Y.

Byron, the youngest child, was born February

15, 1847, and spent the greater part of his life on the homestead farm, where he died December 21, 1905. He married February 26, 1870, Cynthia, daughter of John and Maria Fitch and granddaughter of Sally Surdam. At the present time she lives at Caroline, N. Y. To them were born two children, Carleton and Harry Lathrop. Carleton, b. January 26, 1874, m. Addie, daughter of Ely Farley; they had no children. The following is from the *Ithaca Journal* of May 6, 1909:

Carleton Wattles, aged 35 years, died at 10 P. M. Friday, April 30, at his home in the town of Caroline, two miles east of Slaterville. He had been ill for the past year and a complication of diseases caused his death. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Wattles, widow of the late Byron Wattles. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, and was in charge of the Slaterville Lodge F. and A. M. Interment was in Maple Grove cemetery.

Harry Lathrop, b. April 4, 1876, d. May 18, 1876.

JANE DUTCHER SURDAM

Jane Dutcher Surdam, third daughter of Daniel and Letty, was born in Salisbury, Conn., November 8, 1804, and was in her seventeenth year when the family began its life of unusual toil and deprivation in Richford.

Whether the unsanitary conditions prevented her growth and proper development or not, Death claimed her as his victim. She lived to womanhood and for a short time taught, probably in the school near her home; but on the 9th of May, 1826, when only twenty-one years of age, she succumbed to that dread disease, consumption. The family circle was broken. Her's was the first and only death that occurred in the home of Daniel and Letty during the sixty years of their wedded life. A simple funeral service was held, no doubt conducted by the Rev. Mr. Morse, and attended by all the settlers in that vicinity.

Jane and Edward were the eldest of the children then living at home, and there was an unu-

sual bond of affection between them, and father always spoke of her very tenderly and of the personal loss he sustained in her death. Their remains now lie side by side in the little cemetery, near the schoolhouse.

EDWARD WILLIAM SURDAM

Edward William Surdam was born at Salisbury, Conn., April 14, 1807. His only recollection of his childhood home was that when five or six years old he was ill and his father led a white-faced horse up to the window that he might see it.

He was never, as a boy or a man, very strong and rugged, but he bore his full share of the burdens of life. At fourteen years of age, when the family began as pioneers, he helped to build the house and clear the land, and when his father went out to work for others by the day, he went with him, and sometimes after the day's labor was ended he was so exhausted that in going home he had to stop by the wayside several times to rest.

When a young man, he left the farm for a time and was clerk in a store at Marathon owned by James Squires. While there, as previously, he employed his leisure time in study, and later, with some assistance from Dr. Elijah Powell of

Richford, he fitted himself for teaching, which he followed as a winter occupation for several years. He was well qualified in the branches required to be taught. I never knew him to misspell a word, and he was a better penman than any of his children or grandchildren. He was always well read and a student, keeping himself well informed in regard to current events and matters of general interest and importance.

For many years he was a deacon in the Christian Church, of which he was a consistent and worthy member. Although he was public-spirited he did not seek office, but for a long time he served on the board of assessors. In politics he was a Whig until 1856, when he joined the Republican party, which came into existence that year.

When teaching in Caroline he became acquainted with Jerusha M. Earsley, daughter of William Earsley and Ruth Bailey. Her grandmother, Mary Johnson, was Dutch, born in Holland, and her grandfather, Francis Earsley, was born in Ireland of English parents. He served in the war of the Revolution, and died in Essex County, N. J., in 1790, leaving a widow with ten children. In 1795 she bought one hundred acres of land for \$300 and settled in Caroline. They, with Captain David Rich and family, were the



Man was made to mourn, R. Tom
Whose chill November winds blast
Mean hills and forests bare,
One wand'ring as I wand'ring forth,
Along the banks of Ayr
I spy'd a man whose aged steps
Sounded many worn with care;
His face ^{was} furrow'd o'er with gray,
And hoar was his hair
Young stranger whither wanderest thou?
Japan! the monarch says
Does thirst of wealth thy steps constrain
Or youthful pleasures roge?
Or haply, prest with cares and woes,
Dost soon thou hast begun
To wander forth with me to mourn
The miseries of man!

first and for several years the only settlers in that part of Tompkins County. "There was no house east nearer than Berkshire, and none west until they reached Ithaca, and only a log house at that. They had to go to Owego—twenty-four miles—to mill."

Edward and Jerusha were married July 21, 1836, and began housekeeping one mile southeast of the Surdam homestead on a farm that he had previously purchased. For twenty years they enjoyed the comforts and blessings of home and family life. During that time, however, Edward was called upon to bear the greater part of the care and anxiety attending the illness of his brother Charles and the ageing of his father and mother.

In the fall of 1856 several members of Benjamin Houk's family had typhoid fever and Jerusha helped to take care of them and contracted the disease, which was the primary cause of her death. She died April 30, 1857, aged forty-four years, and left six children, Mary Jane, Richard Lee, Eliza, Francis M., Charles Edward and Seth S. Mother's death was a terrible blow to all of us, and especially so to father, but he bore it bravely. I have a scrap-book in which he had written choice selections as far back as September 4, 1836, and in which he copied a few weeks after mother's death the following lines:

THE ANGEL OF PATIENCE.

To weary hearts, to mourning homes,
 God's meekest angel gently comes.
 No power has he to banish pain,
 Or give us back our lost again,
 And yet in tenderest love our dear
 And Heavenly Father sends him here.

There's quiet in that angel's glance,
 There's rest in his still countenance,
 He mocks no grief with idle cheer
 Nor wounds with words the mourner's ear;
 But ills and woes he may not cure
 He kindly helps us to endure.

Angel of patience, sent to calm
 Our feverish brow with cooling balm
 To lay the storm of hope and fear,
 And reconcile life's smile and tear;
 And throbs of wounded pride to still
 And make our own our Father's will.

Oh! thou who mournest on thy way,
 With longings for the close of day,
 He walks with thee, that angel kind,
 And gently whispers, "Be resigned."
 Bear up! Bear on! the end shall tell,
 The good Lord ordereth all things well
 May 15th, 1857.

Also the following, but without date:

A LESSON.

We daily walk the crowded street,
 Nor heed the sky above us:
 We seldom say to those we meet,
 That there is One above us.

With toil and care our days are rife,
Made sad by fears and sighing;
This struggle is what we call life,
And yet we shrink from dying.

We mourn earth's early broken ties,
As if naught could restore them,
And with tear-dimmed and hopeless eyes
We scatter pale flowers o'er them.
The faith that should be strong to bless
Is scarcely self-sustaining;
And in the hour of deep distress
No refuge is remaining.

O weak in trust, and dim in sight!
When will ye heed the teaching,
That Heaven is never out of sight,
Nor God beyond our reaching?
The years roll on with loss and gain,
And joy comes after sorrow;
To-day we plant in grief and pain,
And gladly reap to-morrow.

And yet perchance our faith to try,
God sendeth waiting, weary,
And we grope on 'neath clouded sky,
In pathways lone and dreary.
It matters not, for soon or late,
Life's lesson will be ended,
And we shall enter Heaven's gate
By angel forms attended.

The next affliction of the family after the loss of the wife and mother was the illness and death of Richard, the eldest son.

In the early '60s Edward, with George Wil-

cox, went to Otselic to attend a church conference. The day was bitter cold and he suffered to such an extent that the muscles of his legs shriveled and caused a great deal of distress for two or three years, and from that condition they never fully recovered.

February 22, 1860, Edward married Ruth M. Earsley, a sister of his first wife, and they had one child, Orville.

About 1870 they removed to Caroline, where Edward died December 2, 1872, aged sixty-five years, and his widow January 2, 1900, aged seventy-eight.

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD W. SURDAM.

Mary Jane Surdam, born Oct. 18, 1837, was married in 1861 to Frank F. French of Ithaca, N. Y., and they had three children, Frank F., Charles E. and Mary. The mother died February 23, 1875, and a few years after the father with his two sons removed to Albuquerque, N. M., and later to Clarendon, Texas, where he still lives. Frank F., b. September 26, 1862, married Laura Blaike, of Galveston, Tex., who died November 13, 1894, leaving one child, Elma Louise, b. January 24, 1894; he married for his second wife Lillie Jones of Clarendon; they live at

Fort Worth, Tex., where he is employed as foreman in a railroad machine shop.

Charles Edward, b. August 17, 1864, m. Louie A. Way of Laredo, Tex., where they resided for several years; they now live at Vicksburg, Miss.; he is a painter and contractor; they have three children, Myrtis, b. July 14, 1891, Mary, February 10, 1893, and Charles E., Jr., November 14, 1894.

Mary, b. June 4, 1868, d. June 30, 1868.

Richard Lee Surdam was born August 29, 1839.

As a boy and young man he was amiable in disposition and of excellent character. When about twenty years of age his health failed and he also suffered a mental breakdown, from which he did not fully recover. He died April 13, 1865.

Eliza Surdam, born July 12, 1841, was married August 30, 1863, to Seymour Hults, born December 28, 1838, son of William Hults and Jane Hyde of Port Washington, L. I.

When Mr. Hults was a boy his parents died, and for several years he lived with his uncle, Seymour Hyde, in Richford. He was a volunteer in the war of the Rebellion, and the following is his record as given by himself :

I was sworn into the United States service in New York city May 31, 1861, for two years, as private in Co. E, 32nd New York State Infantry. The regiment was organized at New Dorp, Staten Island, and soon after the first of June was ordered to Washington. We marched with loaded guns through the city of Baltimore, where the Sixth Regiment of Massachusetts had been mobbed a few weeks before, and encamped near the Capitol at Washington.

Two weeks later we crossed the Potomac and encamped near Alexandria, Va. About the middle of July the Army of the Potomac took up the line of march for Bull Run, and on Saturday afternoon, the 20th of July, our company was detailed for a skirmish to find the advance line of the enemy, and we found it, for we came to a halt where the battle began the next day about noon. Our regiment was held in reserve until four o'clock when we were called into action until night set in, and with the aid of a battery of light artillery covered the retreat of our army on the Alexandria road. The rest of the year was mostly spent in fortifying Washington and Alexandria.

In November, 1861, another comrade and I were detailed from the regiment to report to the signal camp at Georgetown Heights to practice for signal duty. My station for signal practice a part of the time was the dome of the capitol.

In the spring of 1862 we went with a fleet under George B. McClellan down the Potomac to Fortress Monroe, were in a skirmish at Great Bethel, at the siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Bottom's Bridge and Fair Oaks, four miles from Richmond. Here I was taken sick and sent to White House Landing

hospital; from there to Portsmouth Grove hospital, Rhode Island. About August 15, 1862, I went back to Convalescent Camp at Alexandria, thence to camp at Georgetown Heights, then on the signal line from Washington to Harper's Ferry. I was with three other comrades and two officers stationed on Sugar Loaf Mountain, Maryland, when my horse fell with me, and I was injured and had to return to the signal camp at Georgetown.

In the spring of 1863 I went with a signal party to Fort Washington, on the Maryland side of the Potomac. While there the commander of the fort, by request of our lieutenant, furnished us with a marine boat and marines to row it, and we went down the river to Mount Vernon and visited Washington's home and plantation, then returned to Georgetown, and then was ordered to rejoin my company and regiment at City Hall, New York city, where I was discharged from the service on the 9th of June, 1863.

Mr. and Mrs. Hults lived at Port Washington until 1873, when they removed to Richford, N. Y. Afterward they lived at McGrawville and at Marathon. Their present home is at Hunts Corners, N. Y., on what for many years was the Harvey Johnson homestead. They have had two children, Minnie and Elmer. Minnie was born at Port Washington, March 14, 1866, and died October 19, 1867. Elmer E., b. September 13, 1870, was graduated from the Marathon high school and taught for a while, and afterward married, Novem-

ber 14, 1895, Mabel, daughter of William and Lucretia Hunt; they have had five children: Lewis Hunt, b. July 4, 1896, d. August 5, 1896; Murilla Eliza, b. November 7, 1897; Harold Elmer, May 12, 1899; Mary Lucretia, March 24, 1904, and Robert Seymour, March 17, 1906; Elmer and family live at Hunts Corners.

Francis M. Surdam, born April 2, 1843, was married June 1, 1870, by Rev. Wm. Grimes to Rachel, born October 14, 1863, daughter of Thomas Beattie and Jennet Halladay of Truxton, N. Y. He was a miller at Syracuse and Harford Mills, then a farmer. For a short time he lived on the homestead farm at Richford Hill before removing to Hunts Corners, where he has been for twenty-five years. He has always been an active Republican, and for several years was a member of the county board of supervisors. They have had no children.

Charles Edward Surdam was born October 20, 1845. He began teaching school in 1863, first at "Padlock," then for two winters on Richford Hill, and afterward at Newark Valley. In October, 1868, he went to Port Washington, Long Island, and was principal

of the school in that place for ten years. He then resigned to accept the office of School Commissioner in Queens County, which he held for two terms—six years; then he was superintendent of schools at West New Brighton, Staten Island, for four years, during which time he was for one year president of the New York State Teachers' Association.

In 1888 he quit school work and for ten years was with Harper and Brothers, publishers, in New York city. In 1893 he removed from Staten Island to Morristown, N. J., and in 1900 bought a half-interest in "The Jerseyman" printing and publishing business. In the same year he was appointed by Governor Voorhees a member of the State Board of Education to fill a vacancy. The next year he was reappointed by Gov. Murphy for five years, and in 1906 by Governor Stokes for another term of five years. October 15, 1868, he married Mary Frances, daughter of James S. Heath and Sarah D. Green. She was born at Slaterville September 8, 1847. Her father's family removed in 1852 to Harford, where her father died in 1861, and from there in 1867 to Candor, N. Y. She had been a teacher, and for

several years continued to teach at Port Washington. They had two children, Bertha Heath and James Edward. Bertha was born September 20, 1870. From childhood she was regarded by all who knew her as a person of rare excellence of heart, mind and character. In 1886, while a student at Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn, her health failed, and after four years of Christian patience and resignation she passed away October 30, 1890.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Miss Bertha H. Surdam, an active member of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, has fallen asleep in Jesus; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt appreciation of her many amiable personal qualities, the evident simplicity and devotion of her Christian life, and the faithful service she has rendered as corresponding secretary of our society since its organization, and in various spheres of activity in our beloved church.

Resolved, That while we are filled with sorrow by her removal from us, we rejoice in the assurance that our present loss is her eternal gain.

Resolved, That we extend to her parents our sincere sympathy in their great bereavement, and commend them in our prayers to that dear Saviour whom their daughter loved so well.

OTIS H. KENNEDY,
LENA HYER,
D. B. F. RANDOLPH, } Committee.

Approved at a special meeting held Oct. 31, 1890.

From The Christian Advocate, New York, November 27, 1890, by a former Pastor.

SURDAM.—Bertha H., daughter of Charles E. and Mary F. Surdam, entered into rest October 30, 1890, aged 20 years, 1 month, 10 days. When twelve years of age she was converted, and immediately became active for Christ. She gave to her church and interests connected therewith her best service of time and talents. Besides her regular church and Sunday-school work, she has served as secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and as corresponding secretary of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Trinity Church, West New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y. For the past four years her health has been feeble, yet to the extent of her ability she sought to advance the cause she loved. At home or in society she was gentle, unassuming and always ready to minister unto others. From childhood she was cheerful, thankful, and ever appreciated the beautiful, pure, and good, wherever found. Her presence in her home was a constant benediction, and her life before the world a worthy example. During her sickness, she was patient, and sought constantly to look upon the bright side for the sake of her parents, who, with burdened hearts, ministered lovingly to her needs. Those who knew her best loved her most.

F. G. HOWELL.

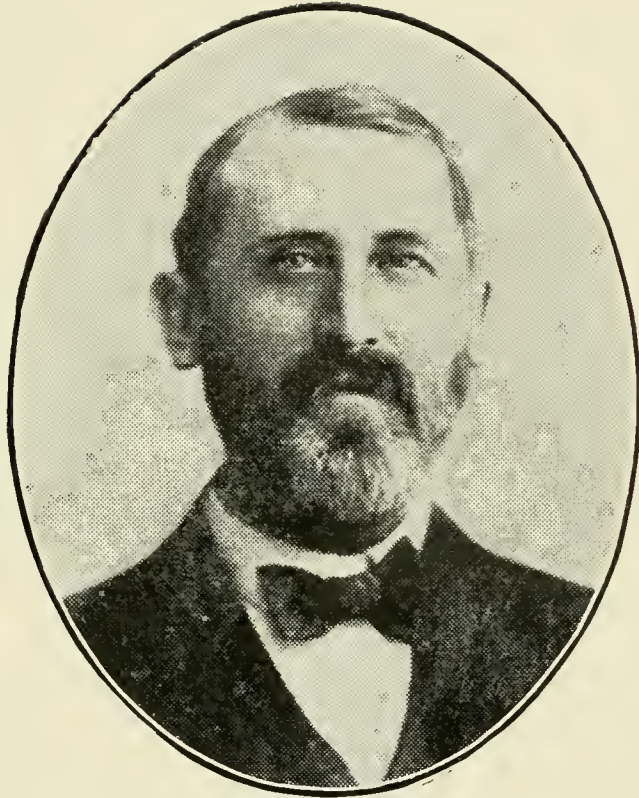
From The Golden Rule, Boston, Mass., Nov. 27, 1890.

Through the death of Miss Bertha H. Surdam the Trinity Methodist Society of West New Brighton, S. I., has suffered a severe loss. Not only was she an earnest active member, but the faithful corresponding secretary of the society.

James Edward was born October 2, 1872, and died September 7, 1873.

Seth S. Surdam was born July 10, 1849. He was educated in the public schools and at the Ithaca Academy. He taught school in his native county and on Long Island, being for several years principal of the Oyster Bay public school. He was also School Commissioner in Queens County for six years. Later he engaged in the hardware business at Candor, N. Y. In 1900 he removed to Morristown, N. J., and was in "The Jerseyman" office until his death, which occurred October 16, 1907. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati Lodge F. & A. M., and Loantaka Council of the Royal Arcanum. In 1878 he married Lillie J., daughter of Malvina Wooster and Fidelia Holcomb of Leroy, Pa. Two children were born to them, Alvena Maria and Charles Francis.

It is with a deep sense of a personal loss, shared not only by all connected with "The Jerseyman" office, but by many of our patrons, that we record the death of Seth S. Surdam, who passed away at his home on Mt. Kemble avenue, on Wednesday, October 16. During the seven years of his residence in Morristown he had made many friends by his pleasant manners and painstaking care to be accu-



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rate and just in everything that required his attention and in his dealings with his fellows. The loss of his son a year ago was a severe blow to him and aggravated a chronic trouble, which resulted in a severe illness last winter, a recurrence of which caused his death.

The funeral services were held at his late residence on Thursday evening, the Rev. A. G. Russell, of Oyster Bay, a former pastor, officiating. He spoke very feelingly of the Christian character of the deceased and his influence, which was felt throughout the community and in the schools of the county. The remains were taken to Candor to-day, where the interment will be to-morrow.—*I. R. Pierson in The Jerseyman.*

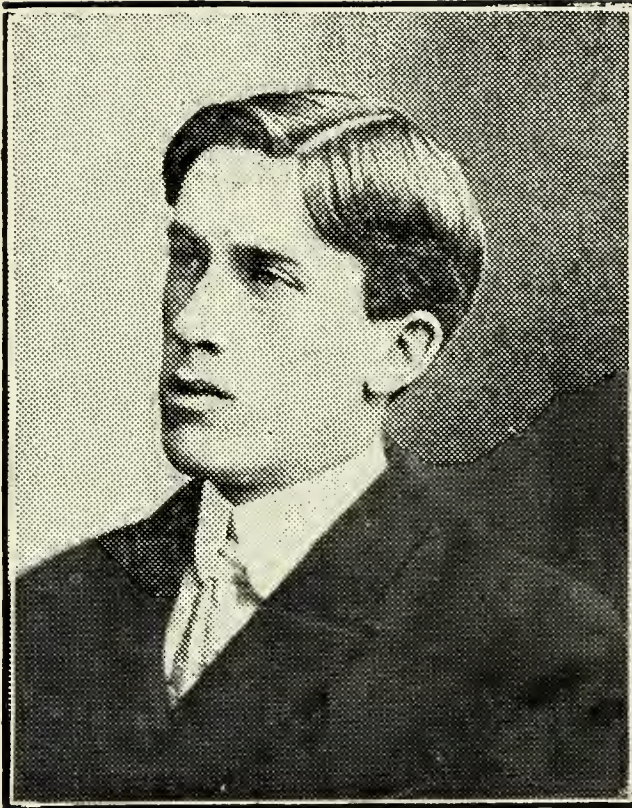
The services at Candor were held on Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jennings. Rev. W. F. Dickinson, of Homer, N. Y., officiated and took for his text, "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Rev. O. H. Denny offered prayer; Mrs. F. L. Heath, Mrs. J. B. Meloy and Miss Holdridge furnished appropriate and well-rendered music. The high regard in which Mr. Surdam was held in Morristown was shown in part by the beautiful flowers which were brought from there: a very large piece, with masonic emblems and pedestal, from Cincinnati Lodge; a large anchor from the Bible class, and wreaths, roses, chrysanthemums and other flowers from his personal friends. He was buried in Maple Grove cemetery, by the side of his son Charles.—*Candor Courier.*

Alvena M., born September 2, 1882, was married October 4, 1904, to James Jennings,

Jr., of Candor, N. Y.; they have two children, Frances Mary, b. September 22, 1905, and Janet Surdam, b. September 21, 1907.

Charles Francis, was born April 23, 1886, and died October 13, 1906, from injuries received while playing football. He was the last great-grandson of Daniel Surdam and the only hope of perpetuating the name through that branch of the family.

The game, which was between the Morristown High School and the Morristown School, a boarding and college preparatory school for young men, two miles from the city, stood 6 to 0 in favor of the High School and only five minutes more to play. He had made the only touchdown, and was clearly the favorite in the field. The accident was a very unusual one and not in any way attributable to harsh playing. He was making a "flying tackle," and in some way fell upon his head and shoulders, the immediate cause of his death being a hemorrhage at the base of the brain. Two doctors were present and he was taken to the hospital ward of the school and cared for by them, and his parents and their family physician were hurried to his bedside, but nothing could be done for him. He was unconscious from the first,



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and expired three hours after he was injured.

The remains were removed to his home in Morristown, where on Monday evening a funeral service was held which was very largely attended by the young people of the city, and at which the Rev. Albert Erdman of Morristown and the Rev. A. G. Russell of Oyster Bay officiated. The next morning the remains were escorted to the railroad station by the young men of the High School and taken to Candor, N. Y., where another service was held at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Jennings, Jr. Interment was made in Maple Grove cemetery.

He was graduated from the Morristown High School in June and was doing post-graduate work preparatory to entering Syracuse University, where he intended to fit himself for teaching mathematics, in which he was especially proficient. He was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and of Bible Class "56" of the South Street Presbyterian Church. He had also decided to join the church at the next communion. The high esteem in which he and his parents were held and the sympathy that was felt for them were in some degree indicated by the many letters of condolence re-

ceived and beautiful floral pieces sent to the funeral by the Morristown School, High School class of 1906, Gamma Sigma society, Class "56," Y. M. C. A., choir of the First Presbyterian Church, the young men of Morristown and personal friends.

The High School football team disbanded and may never be reorganized.

At a special meeting of Morristown High School Athletic Association held on October 20, 1906, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His divine wisdom has removed from our midst one of our members; in view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of our late member, Charles F. Surdam, and of the still heavier loss to those who were nearest and dearest to him;

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to his memory to say, that in regretting his removal from among us, we mourn for one who was fearless and true, ever ready to do his duty as a player and a student, courteous and kind to those with whom he came in contact, and worthy of our highest esteem.

Resolved, That we tenderly condole with the family of our deceased associate in this their hour of trial and affliction, and commend them to the keeping of Him who looks with pitying eye upon the distressed and afflicted.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased as a token of respect and regard felt by the members of this Asso-

ciation, and that these resolutions be spread in full upon the minutes and printed in "The Maple Leaf."

Orville Surdam was born December 30, 1860. When twenty years of age he entered the Cortland Normal School with every prospect of a successful life, but he was stricken with typhoid fever and died August 29, 1880, leaving a widowed mother fifty-eight years of age. After his death she lived alone for nearly twenty years, but spent the last year or two of her life with her brother, Francis Earsley, and his family on the old home farm where she was born.

LETTY M. SURDAM JOHNSON

Letty Maria Surdam was born August 1, 1809, in Salisbury, Conn. She was therefore four years old when the family left Salisbury and twelve when they settled in Richford.

When she arrived at young womanhood she sewed and taught school, probably in the vicinity of Marathon, and when twenty three years of age, February 5, 1832, she married Harvey Johnson of Lapeer, who was born March 13, 1804.

The Johnsons were English, and two of Harvey's grandfather's brothers and their father fought with King George, but Harvey's grandfather, John, and one brother fought with Washington. John was aide to Washington, and his grandson, Franklin Johnson, now, or recently, living at Whitney's Point, has the papers, signed by Washington, giving to the widow of John a pension of sixty-six dollars a year on account of the brave and efficient service rendered by her husband to his country.

The Johnson family came from Schoharie County, N. Y., to Lapeer, and at least four of the brothers, William, Royal, Harvey and Erastus, bought farms adjoining each other. Harvey bought what is now known as the Giles Goodale place, north of the "Whig" schoolhouse.

Afterward, he sold that and bought the farm now owned by F. M. Surdam, and lived in a log house some distance west from where the house now stands. The ruins are near some chestnut trees in the pasture north of land now owned by Eliza Bliss. Next they lived on the farm recently sold by Elmer Hults to Leonard Sheldon.

Then he bought the place now owned by Seymour Hults and lived there until his death. At the time of the death of the wife, Letty, they lived in a log house part way down the hill toward the Samuel Bliss place.

Letty was not only a teacher but she wrote some very good poetry. One verse, which has been preserved by her son Lee, was composed before her marriage, while riding alone on horseback over a bridle path from Richford to Lapeer. The writing is in a fine, firm hand, and reads as follows:

See how the moments pass, how swift they haste
away,
In this instructive glass behold thy life's decay.

Oh, waste not then thy prime in sin's pernicious
road,
Redeem thy precious time: acquaint thyself with
God.

She was the mother of eight children, all of whom, except one, were living at the time of her death, which occurred August 18, 1848. All of her daughters taught school.

October 3, 1850, Mr. Johnson married for his second wife Betsey Lott, a widow, whose maiden name was Smith. She died June 20, 1875, and Mr. Johnson July 25, 1876. The second wife had no children.

Jane L. Johnson was born March 15, 1833. She taught school for a time, and February 13, 1862, was married to Lewis, son of Orin and Marion Day of Lapeer. Mr. Day was born May 17, 1828, and died January 8, 1882. They had three children, Curtis A., b. October 13, 1863, Frank O., December 10, 1864, and Grace A., June 22, 1869; Frank died April 7, 1893. Mrs. Day, her son Curtis and her daughter live in Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y.

Lee Johnson was born August 21, 1834, and on the 8th of February, 1861, married Augusta, daughter of Zenas Thompson and Patienc

Church. Lee bought his father's farm and they lived there about twenty years, then several years in Marathon. At present they reside about half a mile west from Hunts Corners. They have had two sons and three daughters. Earl Lee was born November 24, 1863, and died August 30, 1896; in October, 1888, he married Addie, daughter of James Byrnes of Elmira, N. Y., who died December 1, 1904; they had no children. The brief story of his life could not be better told than by his sister:

Earl's death was caused by an accident on the Illinois Central Railroad, of which company he was an employee. As his train was entering Kankakee, just out of Chicago, he was missed, and investigation showed that probably he had missed his footing and fell from the car while on duty, receiving injuries that were probably instantly fatal. His remains were buried at Marathon in the family lot.

Early in life Earl learned telegraphy and became very shortly a rapid operator; but defective hearing prevented his being able to catch rapid messages. Two of his strongest characteristics were perseverance and independence-to-succeed-unaided. When he was convinced that his success in telegraphy was impossible he embraced the only opportunity that seemed within his reach, that of railroading. This he followed, with the exception of a few months, until his death. He met with two previous accidents—once of so serious a nature that escape from death seemed miraculous.

Always happy and thoughtful of others, never aggressive but firm in defending right and justice, he won the friendship of many and the respect of all, and exerted a strong influence over his fellow-workmen, winning a truly great honor in the sight of God and the nobler of men, that of leading those about him to better purposes and aims and to nobler manhood.

Written in memory of my brother as I knew him.

ELIZABETH J. BUCKLAND.

Letty Belinda was b. March 27, 1865. On February 3, 1892, she was married to Clark A., son of Augustus Burgess and Albertine Pheteplace of Marathon, N. Y.; they have one child, Augustus Lee, b. May 21, 1893; their present residence is Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary Elizabeth, b. October 22, 1866, was m. October 1892, to George Washington, son of Selden Buckland and Clarissa Gilmore of Binghamton, N. Y., and a great-grandson of Captain Buckland, who was a spy in the service of Washington during the war of the Revolution. They live in Buffalo, N. Y.; their only child, Bernice Augusta, b. November 11, 1894, died July 14, 1895. The following clipping is from the *Marathon Independent*:

The sad intelligence of the death of Bernice A. Buckland, only daughter of G. W. and Elizabeth J. Buckland, of 51 West Genesee street, Buffalo, was

announced Sabbath morning, July 14. The funeral services were held from the family residence Monday at 10 A. M. Most impressive services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Coats of the First Baptist Church. The casket was covered with flowers presented by affectionate and loving friends. The services were opened by singing "Safe in the arms of Jesus" by the quartet, after which the Rev. Mr. Coats offered a fervent prayer, commending the bereaved friends to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." After a brief discourse the choir sang "Waiting at the Beautiful Gate."

A brief service was held the following day at Marathon, N. Y., by the Rev. E. R. D. Briggs. Here all that loving hands could do was done to beautify the final resting-place of the cherished blossom. Flowers were beautifully arranged by loving friends who awaited the sad home-coming, noticeably, an exquisitely arranged pillow of white carnations with "Bernice" of mountain daisies, by Mrs. C. A. Burgess; a wreath of white roses and carnations, by W. O. and E. S. Buckland. Flowers everywhere dispelled the grim hand of death. A word of prayer and comfort, a few flowers scattered by a mother's loving hand, and all was done for one who had been the light and life of a now sad home.

Amos Deville, was b. May 21, 1870; he is unmarried and resides with his parents.

Lura M., born November 7, 1879, d. February 13, 1880.

Charity Johnson, born August 22, 1836, was married November 12, 1856, to Samuel S., son of Calvin and Hannah Bliss of Lapeer. The greater part of their married life was spent upon the farm which they recently sold to Elmer Hults; it is east of and adjoining the farm of Seymour Hults. Several years ago Mr. Bliss and his family removed to Marathon, where he died June 26, 1908; the house upon the farm was burned a few years ago and has not been rebuilt. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss had six children: Bion H., b. November 16, 1857, d. April 5, 1858. Jennie L., b. July 31, 1859, d. March 22, 1879; she was an unusually bright and intelligent young lady, and her death not only brought great grief to her family but a personal loss to all who knew her.

Bailey L. was b. October 6, 1861; he began life with every prospect of a bright and successful future, but his health failed and for many years he has been an invalid. Mary Lovicie, b. March 16, 1866, was m. September 20, 1893, to Charles A., son of Albert and Sarah McAlpine of Pittston, Pa.; they live in Syracuse, N. Y., and have no children.

Grant W., b. June 3, 1868, is unmarried and, with his mother, lives at Marathon, N. Y.

Caroline M. was born September 17, 1870; she evidently has dedicated her life to school work and is a teacher in the city of Syracuse.

Eliza Johnson, born February 24, 1839, was nine years old when her mother died. The family was large and Jane and Charity kept the house and cared for the two little children, and Eliza had a good home in Lyman Watros' family until she was eighteen years of age. She was married February 8, 1861, to James W. Bliss, born March 29, 1839, a brother of Samuel Bliss. Mr. Bliss died November 4, 1870. Mrs. Bliss lives at Marathon, N. Y. They had one son, Watson J., b. March 28, 1865; he m. December 27, 1893, Nellie G. Johnson, and they have one son, Walter Harold, b. May 3, 1904; they live at Marathon.

Lovicie Johnson was born March 13, 1841, and after the death of her mother she lived with her uncle, Orville Surdam, until her marriage, September 19, 1860, to Charles Wadhams, son of Joseph Lovell and Maryetta Wadhams of Marathon. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell removed to Michigan and now reside at Hillsdale. They have three children: Ellsworth, b. September 5, 1861, was m. Decem-

ber 19, 1883, to Addie A., daughter of Oscar F. Grey and Hannah C. Thompson of Nunda, N. Y.; Mr. Lovell is superintendent of the county farm at Hillsdale; they have had three children: the first, a son, b. December 3, 1885, died December 9, 1885; the second, Eugene Clare, b. February 28, 1891, and Helen Marjorie, October 9, 1905. Charles Eugene, was b. March 2, 1863, and on the 15th of December, 1897, m. Harriet, daughter of Arthur Merchant and Ann Rainey of Jonesville, Mich., where they now reside. Mary Elizabeth, b. February 1, 1869, lives with her parents; she is a teacher, and has been principal of the Jonesville high school for ten years.

A fifth daughter which was born to Letty and Harvey Johnson August 16, 1843, and died September 18, 1843, was not named.

Amos Johnson, the second son of Letty and Harvey, was born December 20, 1844, and died October 8, 1868. He married June 6, 1867, Emma, daughter of Almeron Talbot and Diana Harvey of Hunts Corners. They had one child, Flora, born June 7, 1868, died October 1, 1869. The widow married Elmer Homer, and is still living near Hunts Corners.

Letty Johnson, the sixth daughter, was born December 15, 1847, and died February 17, 1894. She was married December 31, 1867, to Freeman Cook of Lapeer, where he still resides. They had one son, Asahel O., born June 1, 1871. He married April 30, 1904, Belle, daughter of Charles Richardson and Loretta Nelson. They live at Marathon.

MARTHA E. SURDAM FREEMAN

Martha Emily Surdam was born at Salisbury, Conn., August 1, 1811, and was ten years of age when her father's family settled in Richford. She taught school for some time, and on August 31, 1836, was married to Gilbert Gaston Freeman, the third child and second son of Joseph Freeman. Matilda Freeman Gates says:

We do not know the Freeman history farther back, and only know that there was a sister Ruth who married Mr. Talmage, and was the grandmother of William Shaw. They were from Berkshire County, Mass. Joseph Freeman married Eunice Gaston of Lee, Mass., in December, 1801. The Gastons were descended from French Huguenots who emigrated to Ireland and acquired estates there. Several of our grandmother's family came to Madison County, N. Y., and their descendants are still there, though not many bear that name. Our grandparents came to Berkshire, N. Y., in 1803 with Captain Branch and other families, a colony that gave the name to Berkshire.

Here father was born August 23, 1808, and here

he died August 30, 1892. Mother's birthday was August 1, 1811, and she died September 5, 1884.

Our parents lived in the north part of Richford, near Harford Mills, from the time of their marriage until April, 1849, when they moved to West Newark, and in March, 1853, to Caroline, near Speedsville, where they lived till the autumn of 1874, when they removed to Berkshire. Their children were: Matilda Jane, born January 11, 1838; Harriet Eliza, July 26, 1839; Louisa Maria, July 6, 1841; Frances Henrietta, June 6, 1844; Lewis Newell, January 21, 1848; Henry Augustine, April 29, 1850. In later years Henry wrote his name Charles Henry.

Matilda Jane Freeman married the Rev. Stephen Pratt Gates, only son of Bezaliel Gates and Sally Pratt.

Mr. Gates' father lived at East Haddam, Conn.; then at Chester, where Stephen was born January 10, 1839. When he was five years old they removed to Rome, Pa. He entered Jefferson College as a sophomore in 1859, was graduated in 1862, and entered Princeton Theological Seminary that fall. Very soon after his graduation (April, 1865) he went to Canton, beginning his ministry in the Presbyterian Church there June 1, 1865, and ending it April 25, 1889. He had two short pastorates afterward, both broken off by serious illness. He was married June 8, 1867, to Emma Frances Fay of Hinckley, Ill., whose grandmother was Emily Pratt, sister of his mother. She died March 16, 1871. Their eldest daughter, Alice Sophia, born July 15, 1868, died January 24, 1871, and the second daughter, Sarah Frances, was born December 24, 1869. In the summer of 1863 Mr.

Gates joined the Pennsylvania State Militia and served six or seven weeks.

Mr. Gates married for his second wife Matilda Freeman November 14, 1872. Their children were Leslie Freeman, born December 21, 1873; Harry Clark, b. April 28, 1876; Howard Wells, b. October 1, 1879, d. April 24, 1881. Mr. Gates died March 26, 1896. Mrs. Gates and her step daughter, Sarah, who is a librarian in the Normal School at Mansfield, live at Canton, Pa.

Leslie Freeman was married December 21, 1903, to Josephine R. Lamson of Chicago; Miss Lamson was of Holland descent through the Van Voorhees or Van Voorst families; for several years Mr. Gates was with the Chicago house of D. Appleton & Co., but in 1906 he became a member of the firm of Lamson Bros. & Co., Chicago. Harry Clark was for some time engaged in business in Chicago; during the Spanish-American war he enlisted July 12, 1898 in Co. M, 9th Regiment Pa. Vols., and went to Chickamauga, was there until the end of August, had malarial fever, was sent home to save his life, and was mustered out with his regiment October 30; on the 23d of January, 1907, he m. Anne Frances, daughter of Mrs. Ansel D. Williams of Canton, Pa.; they live

at Canton, and have one child, Emily Frances, b. April 22, 1908.

Harriet Eliza Freeman married William T. Shaw, son of William Shaw and Betsey Talmage of Berkshire. William Shaw, Sr., was born in Charleton, Saratoga Co., N. Y., and married Betsy Talmage; went to Berkshire in 1820 and settled on the farm where he died and where the son William lived. They reared five children—two sons and three daughters. All have now passed away except the youngest son, Henry, who lives in Lyndon, Ill. He and his wife have just celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of their marriage. The following is taken from a local paper:

William Talmage Shaw died Monday morning, May 4, of cerebral hemorrhage and old age at his home in Berkshire. On Thursday and Friday before he complained of not feeling well and did not attend to his regular duties, but Saturday he felt better and attended an auction in Berkshire village. Sunday he felt somewhat better and did chores at his barns, went to bed Sunday night, thinking he was and would be better, went to sleep and to all appearances never awoke. Mrs. Shaw on awaking in the morning found him dead, he evidently having just passed away.

Mr. Shaw was born in Berkshire, September 11,

1824, on the same farm where he lived and died. October 24, 1860, he was married to Harriet E. Freeman of Speedsville, who survives him. He leaves one son, William J. Shaw. Mr. Shaw was one of the oldest inhabitants of the town and highly respected by all who knew him. He gave at one time great attention to animal breeding, raising the finest carriage horses in this section of the country, and had a very fine herd of Shorthorn cattle, of which he was always justly proud. He had been a large dairyman and took great interest in this industry. He was for several years vice-president of The New York State Dairymen's Association, was one of the founders of the Northern Tioga Agricultural Society, and one of its directors until old age no longer permitted, but always taking a great interest in the success of this society. He was a member of the Congregational Church, having united with that church when thirteen years of age.

Harriet and William Shaw's children were: William Freeman, b. July 11, 1866; Robert Henry, b. November 29, 1871, d. July 19, 1882; Lewis Talmage, b. June 4, 1873, d. July 15, 1882. They also adopted, Nov. 23, 1865, Charles Carpenter, son of Mrs. Shaw's sister, Louisa. Charles was born November 14, 1865, and died April 28, 1884. William was m. November 29, 1888, to Florence, daughter of Charles Harrington and Sarah Davis of Harford Mills, N. Y. Mrs. Shaw lives with her son at Berkshire.

Louisa Maria Freeman was married June 16, 1855, to George Carpenter, born May 19, 1834, son of Daniel Carpenter and Ruth Snow of Berkshire, N. Y. Mrs. Carpenter died November 23, 1865, in Berkshire. Mr. Carpenter now lives in Maine, N. Y. Their children were Sarah Blanche, born December 17, 1856; Frank, b. July 11, 1858, d. November 30, 1869; Laura Givens, October 2, 1861, and Charlie, or Charese, November 14, 1865. The mother died when Charles was nine days old, and he was adopted by his aunt, Mrs. Shaw.

Sarah B. Carpenter was married December 1, 1875, to P. R. Whiting, son of Samuel Whiting, of Speedsville, N. Y.; they live at Cortland, N. Y. Their children were: Ross S., b. July 23, 1877; Fred G., October 10, 1879; Charles P., December 26, 1882; Ethel Louise, July 18, 1886; Glen, September 18, 1889; Ray, May 21, 1891, d. June 5, 1891; Caroline Frances, July 15, 1894, and Blanche, March 21, 1897. Ross S., May 10, 1897, m. Pearl Wickes, daughter of George Emmett and Anna Alida Wickes; they live at Berkshire, N. Y., and have children, Marlea Purley, b. September 10, 1898, Laura Doris, February 24, 1903, and George Earl, December 29,

1905. Fred G. m. August 22, 1906, Sylvia A., daughter of John and Anna Holmes of Cortland, N. Y.; they have one child, Ruth, b. August 22, 1908, and live at Cortland. Charles P., m. May 3, 1904, Lilian M., b. January 20, 1883, daughter of Franklin and Mary Stebbins of Truxton, N. Y.; they live at Canastota, N. Y., and have one child Robert Stebbins, b. February 15, 1908.

Laura G. Carpenter was married February 24, 1882, to William E., born September 1, 1858, son of Orlando Prentice and Jane King of Belvidere, Ill. They reside at Newark Valley, N. Y., and have one daughter, Pearl Maria, b. February 11, 1886.

Frances Henrietta Freeman was married May 24, 1882, to David B. Cooper, son of Andrew Cooper and Sallie McGilvray of Sterling, N. Y. Mr. Cooper is a general agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. His first wife was Theresa Jennie, daughter of James Smith, of Sterling, N. Y., and they had four children: Amy B., b. July 30, 1866, George N., July 13, 1869, B. Ives, November 26, 1874, and Walter J., July 2, 1879. The mother died February 8, 1881. The daughter and two younger sons took full courses at Syracuse University. Amy

B. was m. May 23, 1893, to C. William Wurster; they live in New York, and Mr. Wurster is with the Stearns Auto. Company, Broadway, New York. George N. m. August 7, 1895, Mabel K. Lewis, and is in the insurance business with his father; they have two children, David Knox, b. September 2, 1897, and Charlotte Frances, b. July 7, 1902. B. Ives m. Frances Meyers, lives in Syracuse, and is manager of a branch of the General Chemical Company of New York; their children are David Ives, b. March 2, 1907, and Frances H., b. June 29, 1908. Walter is an architect with the Great Neck Improvement Company, and lives with Bramwell Davis, Great Neck, L. I.

Lewis Newell Freeman was married October 3, 1870, in Omaha, Neb., to Celia Weeks, born October 3, 1848, daughter of Joseph Weeks and Imogene Cookson of Kansas City, Mo., formerly of Niagara County, N. Y. They live at Crawford, Neb., and he is a dealer in general merchandise. Their children are Clifton Leslie, born May 8, 1872; Ethel Louise, September 19, 1875, d. October 6, 1876; Lulu Marguerite, August 25, 1883, and Beth Imogene October 13, 1886. Clifton Leslie resides at Belle Fourche, S. Dak.; on Sep-

tember 8, 1897, he married Kate M., born April 19, 1865, daughter of Walter and M. Louise Buncher of Lincoln, Neb.; they have four children, Genevieve Evelyn, b. January 12, 1899, Newell Edwin, February 8, 1902, Lora Louise, May 28, 1906, and Charles Leslie, August 22, 1908. Beth Imogene was m. July 12, 1908, to Walter S., son of John Henry and Ellen C. Wood; they live at Terry, S. Dak.

Henry A. Freeman married September 21, 1875, Elva, daughter of Sherrard Slater of Caroline Center, N. Y. Their only child, Elizabeth Emily, was born in Caroline February 23, 1881. About 1892 they removed to New York city and Henry was secretary of a branch of the New York Central Railroad Young Men's Christian Association. June 21, 1893, the daughter died. Elva also died while their home was in New York. Early in 1894 Henry went to Allegheny City, Pa., and died there September 14 of the same year.

DANIEL ORVILLE SURDAM

Daniel Orville Surdam was born at Vernon, N. Y., February 1, 1814. He was not as fond of books as his brothers and sisters and was the only one of the children who did not teach school, but when his teachers offered prizes for certain tasks he would spend his evenings upon the floor by the fireplace and generally was the winner.

When twenty-one years of age he hired out to Harry Hay, and after seven years of service, like Jacob of old, he took his daughter in marriage. Mary Maria, daughter of Harry and Mary Hay, born July 10, 1823, was married to Daniel Orville Surdam May 29, 1842. He bought a farm adjoining that of his father-in-law, about one and one-half miles west of Hunts Corners, and there he spent the remainder of his life. The wife died March 9, 1884, and he followed her May 9, 1892. He was a successful farmer, and for several years was supervisor of the town of Lapeer. Orville and Mary had two children.

Frances Matilda Surdam, born May 24, 1846, was married June 8, 1866, to Talma Hill, born December 27, 1841, son of Ferris and Hannah Dimick Hill of Roxbury, Delaware Co., N. Y. They lived on the homestead for several years but now reside in Cortland, N. Y. They have three children:

Orville Surdam, b. June 19, 1870, m. Laura C. Walker August 13, 1893; they have had three children, Lloyd W., b. September 28, 1894, d. June 14, 1900; Ralph, b. October 18, 1897, and Mary Elizabeth, July 5, 1901; they live on the Orville Surdam homestead.

Mary Matilda, b. January 12, 1873, was m. August 13, 1891, to Jason W., son of George W. and Francis E. Goodale of Marathon; their children are, Julian Hill, b. November 14, 1892, Genevieve Lucile, April 14, 1897, and Francis Roderick, April 26, 1898. Mrs. Goodale and her children live at Cortland, N. Y.

Grace Elizabeth, b. June 19, 1881, lives with her mother in Cortland.

Mary Elizabeth, second daughter of Daniel Orville and Mary M. Surdam, was born July 13, 1851. As a young lady she was exceptionally bright and promising, but when six-

teen years of age, and while attending school in Cortland she contracted typhoid fever which terminated in pneumonia, and she died September 14, 1867.

CHARLES ORSON SURDAM

Charles Orson Surdam was born at Marathon November 22, 1817. When a young man he was unusually bright and active, an athlete, an expert rifleman, and a violinist. He taught school for a few winters, the last being at Caroline. When about twenty-five years of age, and without any known cause he suffered a mental breakdown. Some believed it was principally due to the Millerite excitement, for many minds became unbalanced when William Miller preached and fifty thousand people believed that the world would come to an end in 1843. He regained to a considerable degree his mental faculties, his memory especially being good, and he occasionally paid visits to his relatives. His physical health was always good and he lived to be an old man. He died February 6, 1893, and was buried in the cemetery at Richford Hill.

There have been one hundred and ninety-four direct descendants of Daniel and Letty Surdam, and one hundred and twenty-five are living at the present time—August 10, 1909—as follows:

	<i>Born</i>	<i>Now Living</i>
Children	8	00
Grandchildren	41	19
Great-grandchildren	74	45
Great-great-grandchildren	65	55
Great-great-great-grandchildren	6	6
Totals	194	125

The descendants came through the several branches of the family as follows:

	<i>Born</i>	<i>Living</i>
Eliza	37	28
Jerusha	38	17
Edward	29	18
Letty	35	23
Martha Emily	41	30
Orville	12	9

Eighty-eight have married into the family and sixty-two of them are now living, making the present total membership one hundred and eighty-seven.

The names Surdam, Akins and Wattles will, with those now living, pass from our register, and from the list of those who may attend our meetings, because there are no sons or grandsons to perpetuate them. The name Johnson seems

likely to share the same fate. The Freeman name will probably continue through the two sons of Clifton L. Freeman of Belle Fourche, S. Dak. But we trust that all the descendants, though bearing other names, will honor their fathers and mothers and their grandfathers and grandmothers and, by annual gatherings and otherwise, will also keep green the memory of the forty-one "first cousins," the grandchildren of our pioneer ancestors, Daniel and Letty Surdam.

SARAH SURDAM FITCH

Sarah (Sally) Surdam was born at Salisbury, Conn., January 14, 1779, and when eighteen years of age she married David Fitch. We know nothing of the ancestors of Mr. Fitch, but very likely they were among the early English settlers who became quite prominent, and for whom Fitchburg, Mass., was named.

John Fitch, who was born at East Windsor, Conn., January 21, 1743, was armorer in the military service during the Revolution and a surveyor for the Government. He also, twenty years before Fulton built the "Clermont," constructed a steam barge which was used on the Delaware River for nearly two years.

Sarah Surdam and David Fitch, who was born May 2, 1768, were married in Connecticut in November, 1796, and removed to Chenango County, N. Y., thence to Marathon, where their family and the family of Daniel Surdam lived in the same house for two or three years. From

there they removed in 1819 or 1820 to Richford and settled in the southern part of what was later known as Richford Hill, about two miles from Richford village, a mile nearly south from the place where Daniel Surdam located a year or two later, and about a mile and a half north from the home of Peter Perry.

Mr. Fitch was a successful farmer and took good care of his large family. He died February 24, 1846, aged nearly seventy-eight years, and Mrs. Fitch died February 18, 1866, aged eighty-seven.

Their children were, Lucetta, born 1798; Oramel, 1800; Amanda, June, 1804; Jane, 1806; Adoniram, April 1, 1808; John, February 28, 1811; Sarah Eliza, 1814; Lydia Cornelia, March 23, 1817.

Lucetta died when two years of age.

Oramel remained on the homestead during the life-time of his parents and until a few years after the death of John and his wife, when the family was broken up and the farm sold. In November, 1868, he went west and lived a year or two with Adoniram, after which he returned and spent the last twenty-one years of his life with Eliza at Caroline Cen-

ter, where he died April 14, 1892. From the *Ithaca Journal*:

Death has again entered our neighborhood and removed from our midst one of the oldest and most respected citizens, Mr. Oramel Fitch, aged ninety-one years. Death came quite suddenly from an organic disease of the heart. The funeral services were held at his home last Saturday, conducted by the Rev. A. F. Brown. Interment in the Richford cemetery.

Amanda Fitch was married in 1821 to Charles Wheaton, son of Abner Wheaton and Ruth Comstock of Kilawog, N. Y. They had four children, Ruth, born October 12, 1823, Mason S., July 31, 1826, and George and Louise, who died in infancy. When Ruth and Mason were quite young their father left them and their mother and eloped with the mother's younger sister, Jane. The statement of Mason in regard to them is: "They went to Chautauqua County and we don't know very much about them. They had children, but we don't know how many or when they were born. They lived and died in Jamestown." By economy and with some assistance from her father and brothers Amanda kept her little family together, and in turn her children gave her a good home in

her old age. She died November 27, 1877, aged seventy-three years.

Ruth Wheaton was married January 17, 1843, to David Clark, son of Joseph Clark and Fanny Persons of Richford. They lived on the "Catskill Turnpike," one or two miles west from Richford. Their children were: Frances Louise, b. November 7, 1843, Alice Josephine, November 11, 1845, Mary Adelaide, February 4, 1847, Ruth Delia, July 18, 1850, Emma Amanda, October 18, 1853, John Josiah, February 7, 1857, and Charles Rand, September, 1859. Mary, Emma and Charles died in October, 1860, and the father January 27, 1861. After the death of Mr. Clark and Mrs. Wheaton (Mason's wife), Ruth and Mason and their mother lived together on Mason's farm about one-half mile south of the schoolhouse on Richford Hill; Ruth died April 18, 1883. Frances Louise Clark was m. March 7, 1860, to Henry Robison, son of Solomon Robison and Johanna Freeman of Caroline; they lived at Slaterville Springs, and had one child, Emma Adelaide, b. November 17, 1863, and d. August 15, 1869; Mr. Robison died May 1, 1908. The *Ithaca Journal* said:

The death of Henry H. Robison occurred at his home in Slaterville Springs on Friday. Mr. Robison had been an invalid for about two years and was nearly sixty-seven years of age. He was born and had spent all his life in the town of Caroline. Mr. Robison was a well-known farmer and had many acquaintances in this city. He was universally liked and leaves a large number of friends. For the past twenty-five years, until he became ill, he scarcely missed a Saturday when he did not come to this city to sell butter and other produce.

He was prominent in the work of the Methodist Church, and for many years was leader of the choir, taking great interest in training the children for special days. He was a Republican in politics and for some time was chairman of the Republican town committee.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at two o'clock from his late residence, the Rev. G. C. Jacobs of the Slaterville Methodist Church, officiating.

Alice Josephine Clark was married March 25, 1868, to Albert R., son of Charles and Clarissa Benjamin of Slaterville, N. Y.; they live at Clarks, Neb., and have five children, Charles M., b. May 20, 1872, Albert C., b. June 3, 1875, Fitch C., May 31, 1877, Arthur C., April 7, 1883, and Carrie S., June 1, 1886; Charles M. Benjamin was m. August 2, 1897 to May Wheeler, and they live near Bridgeport, Conn., their children are Alice Margaret, b. August 31, 1898, Albert

Rial, April 19, 1900, Frances May, April 23, 1905, d. November 19, 1905, Robert Irwin, September 23, 1906, and Herbert Heath, December 29, 1908; Albert C. and Fitch C. live at Belgrade, Neb.; Albert was m. March 25, 1900, to Bethel Barber, and they have two or three children; and Fitch m. March 23, 1904, Mabel Spiker, and they have one or two children. Ruth Delia Clark was married March 7, 1867, to her mother's cousin (see Orson D. Fitch *infra*). John Josiah Clark was married August 19, 1884, to Emma S., daughter of Isaac and Clarinda Hawn of Poland, Ohio, and they reside at Clarks, Neb.; they have two children, Clara Delia, b. August 17, 1885, and John Duvere, b. July 15, 1900; Clara was m. October 17, 1903, to Lee Hobart, and they live at Ogden, Utah.

Mason S. Wheaton was married July 5, 1851, to Harriet Elliot, daughter of William B. Elliot and Paulina P. Luther of Richford, N. Y. Their children were Mary J., b. April 28, 1852, and George Frank, November 15, 1857. Mrs. Wheaton died September 13, 1861, and August 11, 1867, Mr. Wheaton married for a second wife Mrs. Sophronia Wilcox, widow of Henry Wilcox and mother

of Almond, Smith, John and Pamela Wilcox, Their children were, Harriet and Henry, twins, b. February 8, 1869, and Anna R., March 15, 1878. Mrs. Wheaton died March 31, 1898, and Mr. Wheaton Sept. 17, 1903. Mr. Wheaton was a quiet, unostentatious man, and was highly respected by a large circle of acquaintances. He was a valuable citizen and a good neighbor, and in his home he was a kind and indulgent husband and father. He was especially gifted in music, being a violinist of superior ability and the leader of the church choir for many years. Mary J. Wheaton was m. May 24, 1868, to Gardner F., son of Edward Fellows; Gardner was b. June 15, 1849, and d. September 15, 1904; they had two children, Frank E., b. in 1869, and Clara E. in 1881; the widow and her daughter live at Harford Mills; Frank m. September 16, 1896, Clara Topping; they live at Cortland and have one child, Glen D., b. August 24, 1898. George Frank did not marry; his health has been poor—has some mental trouble—and is in a sanitarium in Independence, Iowa. Harriet Wheaton m. Wayland B., son of Job and Molancy Ayers of Richford, and they reside at Homer, N. Y.; they were m. August 10,

1887, and have had two children, Gertrude, b. June 18, 1888, and Lester, b. August 8, 1890, d. October 12, 1890; Gertrude was m. March 10, 1907, to John W. Watson, b. April 12, 1887, son of Joseph A. Watson and Isabel S. Truman of Homer, N. Y.; they live at Homer, and have one child, Clifford Ayers, b. December 9, 1907. Henry Wheaton fitted himself for school-teaching, and after being graduated from Syracuse University was principal of the public school at Fultonville, N. Y., and later at Tonawanda, N. Y.; he is at present in the high school at Montclair, N. J.; June 27, 1900, he m. Mary E., daughter of James Henry and Charlotte Shelp of Fultonville; their children are Henry Holden, b. May 22, 1902, and James Shelp, June 19, 1904. Anna R. lives with her brother Henry at Montclair.

Adoniram Fitch and Diantha Colby, daughter of Daniel Colby of Richford Hill, were married November 10, 1828. They had a good farm adjoining the Fitch homestead on the north, and lived there until about 1863, when they removed to Jones County, Iowa, where he died March 20, 1892. His wife died December 24, 1881. They had seven children: Daniel W., born October 18, 1850, died

March 24, 1879; Jane E., July 4, 1852; Oramel, 1855; Ida M., August 13, 1856; John S., March 5, 1859; Nellie, May 30, 1864, and Edwin, June 1, 1869.

Jane E. married Gustavus Streeter, and they live at Central City, Neb. Their children are, Orson, b. 1869, Emory O., 1872, Ida May, 1874, and Lewis, 1878, d. 1881. Orson m. Etta Shaw; Emory, Elizabeth Roberson; and Ida, W. A. Newton.

Ida M. married Addison W., son of H. W. Hallock. They live at Clarks, Neb., and have had four children: Milo E., b. April 12, 1880, d. October 5, 1881; Delta Maud, August 1, 1882; Harry N., June 19, 1884; and Earl R., July 23, 1887. Delta Maud m. Ford S. Shenk, and they have three children, Zola H., b. April 26, 1900; George F., December 28, 1902, and Claud, June 10, 1905.

John S. and Edwin live at Markersville, Alberta, Canada, John married Ida Oliver, and Edwin, May Wynne.

Nellie married William Smith, and they live at Canyon City, Oregon.

John Fitch was married July 4, 1844, to Maria Moore, daughter of Jesse Moore and Cyn-

thia Trumbull of Richford, N. Y. Mrs. Fitch died probably in 1856, and Mr. Fitch February 12, 1861. He was very highly regarded by all who knew him, and sometime after his death a memorial service was held in the church which he had been largely instrumental in building. The church was filled with sympathizing friends and the service was unusually solemn and impressive. Their children were, Elizabeth S., born March 12, 1846; Orson D., September 8, 1847; Cynthia M., October 6, 1849; Ann E., October 28, 1851; Hubert John, October 31, 1853; and Adele M., July 29, 1856.

Elizabeth S. was married January 13, 1864, to Orrin P., son of Ransom Rich and Miriam Gardner of Caroline, N. Y. They had seven children: Ransom J., born January 7, 1865, William P., January 22, 1869, Hubert O., March 14, 1871, Lewis G., April 6, 1873, Anna M., June 15, 1875, Albert O., April 14, 1877, and Kittie M., March 15, 1879. The mother died June 5, 1908, after a lingering illness which she endured with Christian fortitude. Ransom J. m. December 10, 1889, Anna R., daughter of John and Sarah J. Knapp of Moravia, N. Y.; they live in Caroline and have two children, Bessie R., b.

May 2, 1891, and Francis O., May 8, 1895. William P. was m. October 4, 1891, to E. Maude, daughter of Henry Speed, and lives at Slaterville Springs; they have one son, Clifford Speed, b. November 16, 1895. Hubert O. m. February 16, 1898, Mary J., daughter of T. Meeks and Edna Meeks of Speedsville, N. Y.; they live at Speedsville. Lewis G. m. December 20, 1894, Mary B., daughter of Charles and Harriet Earsley of Blackman Hill; they live at Berkshire, N. Y., and have four children: Hilma Genevieve, b. June 29, 1896, Hilda Elizabeth, November 16, 1897, Mabel Leona, February 24, 1905, and Albert Merle, June 1, 1907. Anna M. was m. November 7, 1897, to Edgar, son of Luther Welch and Kate Houk of Richford; they live at Brookton and have four children: Claude, b. June 24, 1900, Leonard, February 2, 1903, Albert E., October 9, 1905, and Cornelia Bernice, July 28, 1908. Albert O. and Kittie are unmarried and live with their father in Caroline.

Orson David Fitch was married March 7, 1867, to Ruth Delia Clark (see page 164). In the spring of 1869 they removed to Nebraska, and in 1903 to Evarts, Alberta, Canada. In 1904 Mr. Fitch wrote: "We have

been here almost two years. It is a new country, but we like it very much. We have 960 acres of land, all in one body, and we can do as much work as we want to." They have had eight children: Alice Amanda, born December 23, 1867, died November, 1873, Albert Henry, January 12, 1870, Earl Burdette, July 19, 1875, Paul Benjamin, November 3, 1877, Robert Guy, March 30, 1880, died November 5, 1884, Clarence Hubert, February 2, 1883, Orson David, November 22, 1887, died February 27, 1888, and Lewis John, September 6, 1892. Albert Henry was m. July 24, 1895, to Mabelle Louise Miles; their children are, Orson Leonard, b. May 18, 1896, Alice Myra, July 28, 1898, d. April 8, 1899, and Richard Miles, April 3, 1900. Earl Burdette was m. Jan. 18, 1898, to Edith Maria Baugh; they have four children: Orson George, b. September 7, 1899, Delia Pauline, November 12, 1900, Mina Elizabeth, February 19, 1903, and Robert Guy, June 28, 1904. Paul Benjamin was m. April 29, 1904, to Geneva May Patrick; they live at Beaver Crossing, Neb., and have three children, Cecil Clark, b. October 10, 1905, Ruth Alta, March 12, 1907, and Alice Josephine, January 6, 1909.

Cynthia M. was married February 26, 1870, to Byron Wattles (see page 112).

Ann E. was married May 24, 1868, to Smith Wilcox, son of Henry Wilcox and Sophronia Berry. They live between the schoolhouse and the Mason Wheaton home. Mrs. Wilcox is the only descendant of the Surdams or Fitches who lives in the neighborhood of the old homesteads. They have had three children: Almond, b. October 24, 1870, d. September 4, 1872, a daughter b. June 9, 1872, d. June 18, 1872, and Gertrude, b. February 18, 1875, d. April 2, 1875.

Hubert J. is unmarried and lives with his brother Orson at Everts, Alberta, Canada.

Adele M. was married September, 1879, to Charles H. Buck, and died December 13, 1883. They lived at Homer, N. Y., and Mrs. Buck died there. Mr. Buck died in Springfield, Mo., in December, 1894. They had one daughter, Edna, who was born in Homer, September 27, 1883. She is unmarried and lives at "Greystone," Bronxwood Park, New York city.

Sarah Eliza Fitch, born September 3, 1814, was married January 2, 1845, to Calvin Clark,

Jr., son of Calvin Clark and Judith Hathaway of Caroline Center. Mr. Clark died September 15, 1864, and Mrs. Clark September 25, 1902. Their children were Anna Sophia, born January 9, 1846, Robert Charles, June 14, 1848, and Sabra Electa, May 3, 1853.

Anna S. was married February 1, 1872, to Francis A., son of James H. Snow and Sarah J. Taft of Caroline Center. They live at Caroline Center, and have three children, Lamont Clark, b. December 10, 1873, Fanny Louise, January 8, 1878, and Arthur Taft, June 12, 1882. Lamont was m. January 29, 1907, to Frances, daughter of Richard and Helen Whittaker of Caroline Center; they live at Caroline Center, and have one child, Edith Elizabeth, b. October 4, 1907. Fanny is unmarried. Arthur was m. December 29, 1908, to Edith Whittaker, and they live at Canajoharie, N. Y.

Robert C. was married in 1881 to Jessie D. Snow, a sister of Francis A. Snow, who married Anna S. Clark. They live at Caroline Center, as does also Sabra Electra, the younger daughter.

Lydia Cornelia Fitch, the youngest daughter of David and Sally Fitch, born March 23, 1817, was married April 29, 1841, to George P. Clark, brother of David Clark, the husband of Ruth Wheaton. They lived about one mile west of Richford until 1857, then removed to Elmira, N. Y., where Mr. Clark died March 20, 1868. For many years the widow lived at Ovid, Mich., with her son David, then returned to the East and spent the last years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. John Davis. She was the last of her generation, and died May 10, 1906, aged eighty-nine years. The *Ithaca Journal* of May 15, 1906, said:

At two o'clock P. M. Saturday, May 12, at the residence of Mrs. John Davis of Caroline Center, occurred the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Cornelia Clark, widow of George Clark. The Rev. F. E. Lott of the M. E. Church officiated. Interment was made in the cemetery at Slaterville. Mrs. Clark was born the 22d of March, 1817. One who knew her well says: "She was an earnest, devoted Christian woman, faithful and consecrated in all her work, and truly merited the 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters and three sons: Mrs. John Davis, Caroline Center, Mrs. Frank Russell, Detroit, Mich., George Clark, Ovid, Mich., Judson Clark, Port Huron, Mich., and David Clark, Caroline Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark had six children, David F., born May 9, 1842, Eliza C., November 4, 1844, died July 26, 1865, Emily Albertina, February 16, 1848, Frank C., May 3, 1850, George P., May 6, 1853, and Charles Judson, August 1, 1860.

David is unmarried and lives at Caroline Center.

Eliza was married in May, 1860, to George, son of Nathaniel Dunbar and Mary Jones of Erin, N. Y. They had one son, Fred Fitch, born September 26, 1864. He married May 8, 1887, Florence May, daughter of Lewis Cole and Alice Dodge of Freeville, N. Y.; they live at Van Etten, N. Y., and have four children, Ernest Levern, b. April 25, 1889, Alice Alene, July 11, 1891, Nina Belle, January 22, 1895, and Mary Antoinette, August 17, 1896.

Emily Albertina married John, son of Isaac and Lovina Davis, of Buffalo, N. Y. They live at Caroline Center, and have one daughter, Mary L., born August 3, 1878. Mary m. John H. Brink, of Caroline Center, son of Thomas R. and Maria Brink; they have four children, Paul Davis, b. December 3, 1898, Ruth Albertina, October 14, 1900,

Ethel C., October 1, 1905, and Elizabeth, May 23, 1908.

Frank C. married Warren, son of Herman Russell and Maria Sherwood, of Enfield, N. Y. They live in Detroit, Mich., and have two children, Clark A., b. August 8, 1870, and Sarah Albertina, April 1, 1873. Clark A. m. March 25, 1899, Maria, daughter of George Hoffman and Louisa Frederick of Germany; they live in Detroit, and have two children, Harold Ernest, b. April 7, 1900, and Gladys Albertine, January 31, 1903. Sarah Albertina was m. June 10, 1897, to Louis W., son of William and Emma Lindeman of Detroit; their home is in Detroit, and they have one child, Louis W., b. July 14, 1900.

George P. m. Lily Dehoren and they live at Ovid, Mich. Their children are Fred D., b. March 12, 1883, and Frank R., b. February 3, 1885. Fred D. m. and they have one child, Warren George b. July 15, 1907.

Charles Judson was married in 1891 to Caroline, daughter of Sanford and Rhoda Mack of Middlebury, Mich. Their home is at Port Huron, Mich. They have no children.

REUNIONS

Thursday, August 23, 1900, occurred the first family reunion of the descendants of Daniel and Letty Slater Surdam at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, near Berkshire, Tioga County. The day was an ideal one and enjoyed by forty-two of the relatives. Shortly past the hour dinner was announced, and soon around the tables in the spacious dining-room, which were laden with the best capable hands could furnish, were seated a congenial and happy company, who did ample justice to the good things placed before them; after which all were seated in the parlors and listened to a short history of the Surdam family related by Seth Akins, aged seventy-one, the oldest relative present. F. M. Surdam read a letter from his brother, Charles E. Surdam of Morristown, N. J., in which he gave something of the genealogy of the family, and also expressed regrets for himself and brother Seth and their wives at not being able to be pres-

ent. Mrs. Shaw read a very interesting letter from her sister, Mrs. Matilda Freeman Gates of Leroy, Pa. (See page 76.)

The following officers were chosen for the coming year:

President—Seth Akins, Speedsville.

Vice-President—Byron Wattles, Caroline.

Secretary—F. M. Surdam, Hunt's Corners.

Treasurer—William Shaw, Jr., Berkshire.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. William Shaw, Jr.,
Berkshire.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wattles was chosen for the reunion August 21, 1901.

After the business of the day was completed all arranged themselves in the grove near by and Harry Swift of Richford took a photograph of the company.

Following are the names of those present: Seth Akins and wife, Speedsville; Seymour Hults and wife, Francis M. Surdam and wife, Lee Johnson and wife, Mrs. Frances Surdam Hill and son Orville Hill, Hunts Corners; Byron Wattles and wife, Caroline; Henry Robison and wife, Slater-ville; William Prentice, wife and daughter, Newark; William Rich and wife, Lewis Rich, wife and two children, Ransom Rich, wife and two children, Caroline; William Shaw and wife, William Shaw, Jr., and wife, Berkshire; Mason S. Wheaton and daughter Anna, West Hill;

Mrs. Emily Akins Gore, Speedsville; Mrs. Zelia Akins Baker, Olin Baker, Henry Baker, Fairfield; Frank Baker, Speedsville; Mrs. Charles Higgins, Caroline; Mrs. Jane Johnson Day, Curtis Day, Grace Day, Lisle.

MRS. LEE JOHNSON, Secretary.

The second reunion was held August 21, 1901, at the home of Byron Wattles, Caroline. Those present were:

Mrs. Matilda Freeman Gates, William T. Shaw and wife, H. S. Akins and wife, Seymour Hults and wife, Byron Wattles and wife and son Carlton, Mrs. Zelia Baker, Mrs. Emily Gore, Mrs. Frances Freeman Cooper, Sara Akins, F. M. Surdam and wife, Mrs. Almira Wattles, Mrs. Eliza Clark, Sabra E. Clark, Robert C. Clark and wife, John Davis and wife, W. E. Prentice, wife and daughter Pearl, Smith Wilcox and wife, William K. Boice and wife and Julia Boice, Mrs. Nancy Wattles, S. C. Whiting and child, Hubert Wattles, Lee Johnson, A. Deville Johnson, Mason S. Wheaton, Anna R. Wheaton, Mrs. Jane L. Day, Charity Bliss, Grant W. Bliss, Benjamin Wattles, Anna Snow, Fanny L. Snow, Mrs. O. P. Rich, Ransom J. Rich and wife and Bessie Rich, Francis O. Rich, Lewis G. Rich and wife, Albert Rich, Kittie M. Rich, Mrs. Edgar E. Welch, Mrs. H. H. Robison, H. O. Rich and wife, E. E. Hults, wife and Murilla and Harold Hults, Charles Francis Surdam, Warren Baker, wife and Joseph and Walter Baker, Gertrude Ayers, Frank C. Baker, W. A. Baker, wife and son Carlton, R. C. Akins,

wife and Frank B. Akins, Orlo A. Baker, wife and son
Seth E. Baker, U. L. Robins, Rev. I. R. Wilson.—85.

BIRTHS DURING THE YEAR:

Oct. 23, 1900.	Orpha Thompson.	See p. 72
Nov. 12, “	Delia Pauline Fitch.	170
17, “	Ransom Perry.	68
Feb. 1, 1901.	Edith R. Johnson.	74
Apr. 20, “	Myrtle Irene Bowie.	95
July 5, “	Mary Elizabeth Hill.	154

No marriages or deaths have been reported.

F. M. SURDAM, Secretary.

The third annual reunion of the Surdam family was held August 21, 1902, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Surdam at Hunts Corners, sixty-one being present.

At the business meeting, which followed a bountiful dinner, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

President—F. M. Surdam.

Secretary—E. E. Hults.

Treasurer—Seymour Hults.

It was also voted to hold our annual gatherings on the third Wednesday in August.

PRESENT.

Francis M. Surdam, Rachel Beattie Surdam, Charles E. Surdam, Mary F. Heath Surdam, Seth S. Surdam,

Lillie J. Wooster Surdam, Frances Freeman Cooper, Lee Johnson, Augusta Thompson Johnson, William T. Shaw, Harriet Freeman Shaw, S. S. Bliss, Charity Johnson Bliss, Grant M. Bliss, Lovicie Bliss McAlpine, Caroline M. Bliss, Eliza Johnson Bliss, Jane L. Johnson Day, Curtis H. Day, Grace A. Day, Mason S. Wheaton, Anna R. Wheaton, Talma Hill, Frances Surdam Hill, Orville S. Hill, Laura Walker Hill, Grace Elizabeth Hill, Mary Matilda Hill Goodale, Seymour Hults, Eliza Surdam Hults, William K. Boice, Georgianna W. Boice, H. H. Watros, Julia Boice Watros, James W. Reed, Mary Wattles Reed, Chauncey Wattles Reed, Sarah Carpenter Whiting, Charles P. Whiting, Carrie F. Whiting, B. B. Wattles, Neenah Welch Wattles, Ransom J. Rich, Anna R. Rich, Francis O. Rich, Albert O. Rich, Martha L. Bradt, Henry Bradt, Fred Bradt, Iva Bradt, Mattie Bradt, Asa Cook, Elmer E. Hults, Murilla E. Hults, Harold E. Hults, Mabel Hunt Hults, Julian Hill Goodale, Genevieve Lucile Goodale, Francis Roderick Goodale, Ralph Hill, Mary Elizabeth Hill.—61.

BIRTHS DURING THE YEAR:

Oct. 14, 1901.	Ruth Albertina Brink.	174
Dec. 11, “	Edward Kenneth Reed.	102
Feb. 8, 1902.	Newell Edwin Freeman.	152
Apr. 10, “	Kathryn Edith West.	111
July 17, “	Asa J. Johnson.	74
July 29, “	Ruth Tarbox.	72
July 30, “	Henry Llewellyn Bowie.	95
Aug. 4, “	Louisa Thompson.	72

MARRIAGES.

- Nov. 30, 1901. Daniel Martin Akins and
Hester A. Knox. 94
- June 4, 1902. Lucy Woodford Wattles
and Bert Roosa Mitchell. 111

DEATHS.

- Apr. 24, 1902. Janette E. Merrick, wife of
Lyman C. Perry. 74

MRS. E. E. HULTS, Secretary.

The fourth annual reunion of the Surdam family was held at the home of Lee Johnson at Hunts Corners August 21, 1903, the date having been changed to celebrate the sixty-ninth anniversary of the date when he joined the Surdam forces. The following persons were present:

Lee Johnson, Augusta T. Johnson, A. D. Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson Buckland, Belinda Johnson Burgess, Augustine Lee Burgess, Mason S. Wheaton, Anna R. Wheaton, Francis M. Surdam, Rachel Beattie Surdam, Welthy C. Wattles, Benjamin Boice Wattles, Seth S. Surdam, Lillie J. W. Surdam, Seymour Hults, Eliza Surdam Hults, Elmer E. Hults, Mabel Hunt Hults, Murilla Eliza Hults, Harold Elmer Hults, Harriet E. Freeman Shaw, Matilda J. Freeman Gates, Frances Surdam Hill, Grace E. Hill, Julian Hill Goodale, Frances R. Goodale, Orville Surdam Hill, John Davis, Albertina Clark Davis, John H. Brink, Mary Davis Brink, Paul D. Brink, Ruth A. Brink, Jane L. Johnson Day, Curtis H. Day, Samuel

S. Bliss, Charity Johnson Bliss, Grant W. Bliss, Smith Wilcox, Ann E. Fitch Wilcox, Eliza Johnson Bliss, Asa Cook.—43.

The meeting was called to order by the president, F. M. Surdam. The report of the secretary, Elmer E. Hults, was read and approved; also the report of the treasurer, Seymour Hults.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Hubert Wattles. The following officers were elected:

President—William Boice.

Secretary—Byron Wattles.

Treasurer—John Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were assisted in entertaining by their son, A. Deville, and their daughters, Mrs. C. A. Burgess of Cincinnati, O., and Mrs. G. W. Buckland of Buffalo, N. Y. The day was perfect and tables were spread under an awning on the lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings served the dinner, and their little granddaughter, M. Vice Witty, presided at the lemonade table in the dining-room.

Photographs of the company were taken by A. D. Johnson and Mrs. Buckland.

Very old letters (dates not given) were read—written before envelopes and postage stamps were in use to Mrs. Letty Surdam Johnson, one from Persis Surdam of Potter Co., Penn., wife

of Ira Surdam, the other from Jerusha Wattles of Caroline.

Lines composed by Letty Surdam before her marriage in 1832 were examined and read with interest. After her marriage to Harvey Johnson she tacked them in the back of the old family clock, and they are now preserved under glass by her son Lee. The paper on which they were written is yellow with age (see page 135).

Although we meet to-day with great pleasure at again seeing each other, a feeling of sorrow intrudes upon our minds. We have to record several breaks in our family circle and we greatly miss familiar faces. Mrs. Eliza Fitch Clark, the oldest member of our circle, went home last September; and in October occurred the death of Charles Higgins. In May of this year our beloved cousin, William Shaw, was called to rest, and in the same month Mrs. Nancy Robinson Wattles passed away. As friends and relatives we are called to mourn; but to those of the home circle the loss must be deepest, and to them we extend our sincere sympathy.

We have record of nine births, two marriages and four deaths.

BIRTHS.

July	7, 1902.	Charlotte Frances Cooper.	151
Dec.	28, " "	George F. Shenk.	167

Jan.	31, 1903.	Gladys Albertine Russell.	175
Feb.	2, “	Leonard Welch.	169
	16, “	William Gurdon Watros.	110
	19, “	Mina Elizabeth Fitch.	170
	24, “	Laura Doris Whiting.	149
Mar.	7, “	Mildred G. Baker.	93
May	22, “	Henry Holden Wheaton.	166

MARRIAGES.

Aug.	20, 1902.	Florence Helene Perry and John Williamson.	71
Sept.	24, “	Gertrude Smith and Will- iam Mitchell.	109

DEATHS.

Sept.	25, 1902.	Eliza Fitch Clark.	171
Oct.	11, “	Charles Higgins.	100
May	4, 1903.	William T. Shaw.	147
	31, “	Nancy Robinson Wattles.	110

E. E. HULTS, Secretary.

The fifth annual reunion was held at the home of Hubert Wattles, Brookton, N. Y., August 17, 1904. The following persons were present:

F. M. Surdam and wife, William K. Boice, F. C. Baker, W. A. Baker and wife, R. J. Rich, Anna Rich, Smith Wilcox, Ann Wilcox, H. S. Akins and wife, Emily Akins Gore, Zelia Akins Baker, Matilda J. Freeman

Gates, Seymour Hults, Eliza Surdam Hults, Augusta Johnson, A. D. Johnson, Hubert Wattles and wife, Byron Wattles and wife, John C. Baker, C. S. Wattles, Mrs. John Davis, Mary B. Rich, Hilma G. Rich, Elizabeth Rich, L. G. Rich, Mary L. Brink, Ruth A. Brink, Paul D. Brink, Kittie M. Rich, Bessie R. Rich, Francis G. Rich, Edgar E. Welch and wife, Claude A. Welch, Leonard B. Welch, Bert R. Mitchell and wife, H. H. Watros, O. S. Hill, C. L. Davis, Eudora Davis, Mrs. F. A. Snow, Fanny L. Snow, F. A. Snow, John Davis, Mrs. Laura Walker Hill, W. P. Rich, Maud Speed Rich, Clifford Speed Rich, Mrs. O. P. Rich, Albert O. Rich, Charles Francis Surdam.—59.

The meeting was called to order by the president, William Boice, and the report of the secretary was read and approved; also the report of the treasurer, John Davis. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Seth Akins.

Officers elected:

President—Francis A. Snow, Caroline Center, N. Y.

Secretary—C. E. Surdam, Morristown, N. J.

Treasurer—John Davis, Caroline Center, N. Y.

The day was very pleasant and the lawn was clean and beautifully arranged for the occasion. The tables were filled to their utmost with the delicacies of the season. After luncheon visiting and handshaking with old friends was enjoyed. Next, some remarks were made by the Rev. I. B. Wilson, and we were entertained by his daughter Edith. The following letter from C. E. Surdam was read:

MORRISTOWN, N. J., August 4, 1904.

DEAR COUSINS:

I had anticipated the pleasure of meeting with you this year, but am not able to do so. I also regret that the register and family history are not yet completed. I have found it quite difficult to obtain the addresses of some who are living, and almost impossible to secure full and complete records of several who have died. A few to whom I have written for information have neglected to reply, but nearly all have responded promptly, and I have greatly enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and forming new ones. We do not know each other as well as we ought to, but the annual meetings will accomplish a great deal in this direction.

During the year I have spent a little time in the library of the Genealogical Society of New York, but have found nothing new in regard to our early ancestors in this country or in Holland.

In conclusion I wish to call your attention to a few facts which have come to my knowledge. Cornelia Fitch Clark, the last of the fifth generation, aged eighty-seven, is living at Ovid, Mich., and Ross S. Whiting's little daughters are the first of the ninth generation.

Of the forty-one grandchildren of Daniel Surdam only one died in infancy, and one at the age of sixteen; all the others reached the full age of manhood and womanhood, and twenty-two are still living at an average age of sixty-five years.

This is a most remarkable record of longevity, but more remarkable is the fact that the six children of Eliza Surdam Akins, except Warren (who died

from an injury), are all living at an average of seventy-two years.

Sarah Surdam Fitch had twenty-two grandchildren, and fifteen, I believe, are now living, at an average age of about fifty-four years.

Jane Surdam Perry had twenty grandchildren, and eight survive, at an average of about sixty years.

With kind regards I remain

Very truly yours, C. E. SURDAM.

The time passed rapidly and we were soon obliged to take our departure, hoping to all meet one year from to-day at H. S. Akins', Speedsville.

BIRTHS.

Mar. 24, 1904.	Mary Lucretia Hults.	124
May 3, "	Walter Harold Bliss.	141
June 14, "	Floyd William Everhart.	94
19, "	James S. Wheaton.	166
28, "	Robert Guy Fitch.	170

MARRIAGES.

Oct. 17, 1903.	Clara Delia Clark and Lee Hobart.	164
Dec. 21, "	Leslie Freeman Gates and Josephine R. Lamson.	146
Jan. 4, 1904.	Harriet E. Carpenter and John W. Bowie.	96
Mar. 23, "	Fitch C. Benjamin and Mabel Spiker.	164

- Apr. 29, 1904. Paul Benjamin Fitch and
Geneva May Patrick. 170
- Apr. 30, " Asahel O. Cook and Belle
Richardson. 143

DEATHS.

Mason S. Wheaton (son of Amanda Fitch Wheaton) attended the reunion a year ago, and was in his usual health until about the 15th of September, when he was suddenly taken ill and died on the 17th, at the advanced age of 77 years, 1 month and 18 days. His funeral was held on the 20th, and he was buried in the cemetery on Richford Hill. See page 165.

Mary Baker, daughter of Zelia Akins Baker, and wife of Robert Charles Akins, died at her home in Ovid Center, N. Y., April 21, 1904. See page 92.

BYRON WATTLES, Secretary.

The sixth annual reunion of the Surdam family was held at the home of H. S. Akins, Speedsville, N. Y., August 16, 1905. The following persons were present:

Henry S. Akins and his wife Alvira, Zelia Akins Baker, Emily Akins Gore, Sara Akins, Matilda Freeman Gates, Harriet Freeman Shaw, Hubert Wattles and his wife Welthy, William K. Boice and his wife Georgianna Wattles, Byron Wattles and his wife Cynthia, Charity

Johnson Bliss, Francis M. Surdam and his wife Rachel, Seth S. Surdam, his wife Lillie and son Charles Francis, Seymour Hults and his wife Eliza Surdam, Robert C. Clark and his wife Jessie, David F. Clark, Francis A. Snow and his wife Anna Clark, Smith Wilcox and his wife Ann Fitch, John Davis and his wife Albertina Clark, S. Perry Tarbox and his wife Jane, Robert Charles Akins and his son Frank, Amos A. Johnson and his wife Orpha Tarbox, Warren A. Baker, his wife Etta and their children, Joseph, Walter and Mildred, Orlo A. Baker, his wife Lena and their children, Lena, Seth and Lewis, Frank C. Baker, Laura G. Prentice, Caroline M. Bliss, Anna R. Wheaton, Fanny L. Snow, Ransom J. Rich, his wife Anna and their children, Bessie and Francis, Hubert O. Rich and his wife Mary, Ross S. Whiting, his wife Purley and their children, Marlea and Laura.—62.

The morning was cold and rainy, but the cousins were not dismayed, for Hollanders learned long ago to shut the water out, so about the usual number were in attendance. The first to arrive were the four cousins from Pennsylvania, who were with us for the first time.

We found a commodious tent pitched beside the house, having a wind-break, which made it very comfortable. The day soon brightened until it was fair.

When the dinner hour for farmers arrived the tables were well laden with good things and we were invited to partake of them. Each appointed himself a committee of one on the pure food question and proceeded to analyze a good

supply. All were reported "the real thing" as labeled.

After dinner we were called to order by the president, Francis A. Snow. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, with many items of interest furnished by the secretary, C. E. Surdam, who was unable to be present. The report of the treasurer, John Davis, was also accepted. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows:

President—F. M. Surdam.

Secretary—C. E. Surdam.

Treasurer—S. Hults.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Seymour Hults.

The men enjoyed their "roll of comfort" while the women "gathered up the crumbs" and a general visit was enjoyed until time to go home.

S. S. SURDAM, *Secretary pro tem.*

BIRTHS.

Aug. 20, 1904.	Wilbur Baker.	94
Oct. 13, "	Frederick Woodhull Baker.	93
Feb. 24, 1905.	Mabel Leona Rich.	169
June 10, "	Claud Shenk.	167

MARRIAGES.

Oct. 4, 1904.	Alvena M. Surdam and James Jennings, Jr.	129
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REUNIONS

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Feb.	8, 1905.	George Bert Akins and Grace Everhart.	93
	11, “	Lena Belle Tarbox and Albert D. Segar.	74

DEATHS.

Sept.	15, 1904.	Gardiner Fellows.	165
Dec.	1, “	Addie Burns Johnson.	137
	30, “	Catharine House Akins.	88
Jan.	1, 1905.	Jessie Bliss Gallagher.	107
	—, “	Francis G. Perry.	69

Further investigation during the past year, along the line of our ancestry, has failed to convince me that we are connected with the *Suydams*, the descendants of Hendrick Rycken of Newtown, Long Island, who, about the year 1710, took the name *Suydam*.

The church records at Albany from 1630 to 1680 have been destroyed, so there is nothing covering that period except the public documents and court records. In those I find: “ 1658, June 4. Action, Sheriff against Jurrian Teunissen, glazier, for payment of excise.” “ 1660. Complaint against Jurrian Teunissen and Marcelis Jansen, tavern keepers, for entertaining persons at night after the ringing of the bell,—fined 70 guilders.” [\$28.] “ 1660, Sept. 1st. Complaint against Jurrian Teunissen for beating some of the magistrates at Mrs. Dyckman's house, and for

abusing the worshipful Court. Defendant pleads gross intoxication and is fined 30 guilders " [12 dollars.] " 1662. Minutes of the rejection of the prayer of Jurrian Teunissen to keep a tavern at the north side of the Esopus Kill." [Kingston.]

But he was only an *ancestral uncle*, and I think he became a " Reformed Dutchman," for in 1674 permission was granted him and two other men to purchase from the Indians a tract of land at Katskill, " provided they settle the land immediately." And in 1676 Nicholas Van Rensselaer sent a letter to Gov. Andros nominating him to be a commissary of Rensselaerwick. He afterward appears in and about Albany as a real estate dealer of some prominence.

With sincere regrets that I cannot meet with you this year and with kindest regards and best wishes, I remain very sincerely yours,

C. E. SURDAM, Secretary.

The seventh annual reunion of the Surdam family was held on Wednesday, August 15, 1906, at the home of Seymour Hulst, Hunt's Corners, N. Y. There were sixty-one present, as follows:

Descendants of Eliza Surdam Akins	4
H. S. Akins and wife, Sara Akins, Frank Baker.	
Descendants of Jerusha Surdam Wattles.....	00

Descendants of Edward William Surdam.....	16
<p>Eliza Hults and her husband Seymour, F. M. Surdam and his wife Rachel, Charles E. Surdam, Seth S. Surdam and his wife Lillie, Elmer E. Hults, his wife Mabel and their children, Murrilla, Harold, Mary L. and Robert S., Alvena M. Jennings, her husband James and their daughter Frances Mary.</p>	
Descendants of Letty Maria Surdam Johnson.....	21
<p>Jane L. Day, her son Curtis and her daughter Grace, Lee Johnson, his wife Augusta and their son Deville, Charity Johnson Bliss, her husband Samuel, their son Grant and daughters Caroline M. Bliss and Mrs. C. A. McAlpine, Watson J. Bliss, his wife and their children Walter and Wanda, M. Elizabeth Lovell, Asa O. Cook, Freeman Cook, his wife and their son Robert J.</p>	
Descendants of Emily Surdam Freeman	8
<p>Harriet Freeman Shaw, Ross S. Whiting, his wife and their children, Marlea, Laura and Earl, Ethel L. Whiting.</p>	
Descendants of Daniel Orville Surdam.....	5
<p>Frances M. Hill and her daughters Grace E. Hill and Mary M. Goodale, and grandchildren Francis Roderick and Genevieve Lucile Goodale.</p>	
Descendants of Sally Surdam Fitch.....	3
<p>John Davis and his wife Emily Albertina, Anna R. Wheaton.</p>	
Descendants of Jane Surdam Perry.	4
<p>Edwin Perry, his wife and their daughters, Mrs. John Williamson and Mrs. James Williamson.</p>	
<p style="text-align: right;">Total... ..</p>	
	61
<p>Forty-six direct descendants and fifteen members by marriage.</p>	

Officers elected:

President—Seth S. Surdam.

Secretary—C. E. Surdam.

Treasurer—Seymour Hults.

The day was perfect and passed all too quickly to give an opportunity to greet those who usually assemble year after year to inquire after the absent ones, and to become acquainted with the few who met with us for the first time. It will be of interest to those who read this report a hundred years hence to know that the senior member of the Surdam family, H. S. Akins, and his wife were the first to arrive, and that they were brought by Frank Bliss, a nephew of Lucinda Wattles Bliss, in his automobile. That was the first appearance of such a machine at our reunions; but it will not be the last, as they are rapidly overrunning the country; the number of licenses already issued in the state of New Jersey being more than thirty thousand.

A very interesting greeting in poetry was received from Mrs. Huldah Howe of North Bingham, Pa., a daughter of Willis Tarbox and a great-granddaughter of Jane Surdam Perry. It was read, and has been copied in the secretary's book.

I have not had time to do much investigating during the year, but have found that Ira Sur-

dam, whose name was often mentioned when we were children, was a son of Peter, the eldest brother of our grandfather, Daniel, and that a son, Melville A., and several other descendants now live in Pennsylvania.

I have also learned that the Hoosick Falls branch, which includes C. A. Surdam of Rochester, the Rev. C. A. Surdam of Pittston, Pa., and Rev. Dr. Winters of New York, belongs to our family.

I also found while looking up the Hoosick Surdams that "Margaret Sirdam, mother of Samuel Sirdam, died in Salisbury, Conn., Oct. 10, 1750, in the seventy-ninth year of her age." She was our ancestral mother, Margaret Lawrence, wife of Teunis Pietersz, and was therefore born in 1671.

BIRTHS.

Sept. 16, 1905.	John William Mitchell.	109
22, "	Frances Mary Jennings.	130
Oct. 7, "	Ethel C. Brink.	174
9, "	Helen Marjorie Lovell.	142
9, "	Alberta E. Welch	169
Dec. 29, "	George Earl Whiting.	149
Mar. 17, 1906.	Robert Seymour Hults.	124
May 28, "	Lora Louisa Freeman.	152

MARRIAGE.

Mar. 24, 1906.	Adaraga Perry and James Williamson.	71
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DEATHS.

Three deaths have occurred since our last meeting.

On the 21st of December, 1905, we lost one of the members of the oldest generation of which there are any now living, the third from Tunis Surdam and the fifth from Teunis Pietersz—Byron Wattles, son of Lathrop Wattles and Jerusha Surdam. He was the youngest of the family—not quite fifty-nine years of age—but his health had not been good for several years. He was very much interested in our reunions and generally attended them. In 1900 he was elected vice-president and in 1903 secretary. See p. 111.

The second was that of Catharine R. Bowie, wife of Marcellus Bowie of Pisgah, Md., and only daughter of Martin Akins. The news of her death was received through her little daughter Katie, twelve years of age. She said that her mother had pneumonia followed by hasty consumption. Her death occurred March 6, 1906. See page 95.

Lydia Cornelia Clark died May 10, 1906, in the ninetieth year of her age. She was the last of her generation, which was the fourth of the Surdam family in America. See page 173.

C. E. SURDAM, Secretary.

The eighth annual reunion of the Surdam family was held on Wednesday, August 21, 1907, at the home of F. M. Surdam.

The day was very pleasant. Early morning showers had laid the dust, which had been very disagreeable, but unfortunately the rain made the roads too slippery for safe automobiling, so that Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Akins, who had planned to come as the previous year, could not attend.

Ira Surdam's son Melville, from Pennsylvania, was present—the first representative of that family to attend a reunion.

After a bountiful dinner the business meeting, in the absence of both president and secretary, was called to order by F. M. Surdam, who proposed the name of William E. Prentice for chairman. The motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. E. E. Hults was asked to act as secretary. The secretary's report was read and listened to with interest.

A letter from Ellsworth Lovell of Hillsdale, Mich., was greatly enjoyed, and the interest was enhanced by the remarks of Chairman Prentice, who had visited Mr. Lovell during the preceding summer.

Mrs. Jane L. Surdam Day invited the cousins to meet with her for the reunion of 1908.

The officers elected were:

President—John Davis.

Secretary—C. E. Surdam.

Treasurer—Curtis Day.

Fifty-one were present:

F. M. Surdam and wife, Seymour Hults and wife, Melville A. Surdam, Elmer E. Hults, wife and four children, Murilla, Harold, Robert and Mary, Lee Johnson and wife, A. D. Johnson, Mrs. Linnie Burgess and son Lee Augustine, Mrs. Frances Surdam Hill, Orville Hill, wife and children Ralph M. and Mary, Julian Hill Goodale, Genevieve Lucile Goodale and Francis Roderick Goodale, Mrs. Matilda J. Freeman Gates, Mrs. Harriet F. Shaw, Mrs. Frances Freeman Cooper, Samuel S. Bliss and wife, Grant W. Bliss, Caroline M. Bliss, Henry Bradt and wife and Eva M. Bradt, Mrs. Jane L. Day, Curtis Day and Grace A. Day, W. E. Prentice and wife, William K. Boice, Mrs. Julia Watros and Kenneth Watros, Frank G. Higgins and wife, R. J. Rich and wife and Bessie, Francis O. and Kitty Rich, John Davis and wife.

There were reported to the secretary during the year four births, four marriages and three deaths.

BIRTHS.

Aug. 24, 1906.	Henry Surdam Baker.	93
Feb. 2, 1907.	Samuel Marion Tarbox.	73
Mar. 2, “	David Ives Cooper.	151
June 1, “	Albert Merle Rich.	169

MARRIAGES.

Aug. 22, 1906.	Fred G. Whiting and Sylvia A. Holmes.	150
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Jan. 23, 1907.	Henry Clark Gates and Anne F. Williams.	146
Jan. 30, “	Lamont C. Snow and Frances Whittaker.	172
Mar. 10, “	Gertrude Ayers and John Watson.	166

DEATHS.

The first death during the year was that of Charles Francis Surdam, only son of Seth S. and Lillie J. Surdam of Morristown, N. J. See p. 130.

The second was that of James William, the second son of Mary J. Wattles and James W. Reed of Glen Ridge, N. J., and grandson of Chauncey L. Wattles. He was a bright, promising boy and only fourteen years of age (see page 102).

The third was that of Georgianna Boice, who was a regular attendant at our reunions when her health permitted her to be present. She was one of the forty-one grandchildren of Daniel and Letty Surdam. Her death occurred May 3, 1907. See page 109.

Regretting my inability to be present and with love and best wishes I remain,

Your cousin,

C. E. SURDAM, Secretary.

The ninth annual reunion of the Surdam family was held on Wednesday, August 19, 1908, at the home of Mrs. Jane L. Johnson Day, and surely at no place has a more cordial welcome been extended, even though "mine host" was limping painfully and Miss Grace wore her left arm in a sling.

The cool breezes of the morning made traveling delightful, although some may be able to tell future generations the exact date of the building of the state road from Center Lisle to Manningville.

The descendants of Daniel Surdam and his sisters Jane and Sarah were pleased to greet two other of the descendants of Peter Surdam in the persons of Thomas Surdam of Sunderlin, Pa., and his sister, Mrs. Lizzie Surdam Worden, of Ulysses, Pa.

Tables were spread in the pleasant dining-room, and as the generous supply of good things made appearance and disappeared it seemed a general opinion that all the Surdams were famously good cooks. As the very climax of the meal, fruit-cake and candy, which had been prepared by loving cousins at Hillsdale, Mich., were passed, a greeting from Mary Elizabeth Lovell to the friends was read. It was learned a bit later that Mrs. Ellsworth Lovell had made the

cake and Miss Mary E. Lovell the candy. Both were most delicious, and while partaking of them many were heard to express great pleasure at the thoughtfulness which prompted the deed.

Directly after the dinner the business meeting was called to order by President John Davis, who called for the reading of the secretary's report. In the absence of Mr. Surdam Mrs. E. E. Hults was requested to act as secretary.

The secretary's annual report was read, also a letter from Mrs. Frances Freeman Cooper. The interest manifested in these reports was intense, and at the close of the reading a motion was unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be tendered to C. E. Surdam for his painstaking efforts and for the souvenirs which he has furnished each year.

Cousin Matilda F. Gates was granted the privilege of the floor, and expressed the opinion that it would be well to have a surplus in the treasury, so that when our secretary should publish his genealogical pamphlets the reunions might help in a degree in the expense. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Officers elected:

President—John Davis.

Secretary—C. E. Surdam.

Treasurer—Ransom J. Rich.

Those present were:

John Davis and wife, George Clark, Michigan, David Clark, Ransom J. Rich and wife, Bessie Rich, Francis O. Rich, Kitty M. Rich, Lee Johnson and wife, A. Deville Johnson, Mrs. C. A. Burgess, Cleveland, Ohio, Thomas J. Surdam, Sunderlin, Penn., Asa O. Cook and wife, Grant W. Bliss, Miss Caroline M. Bliss, Mrs. Lizzie Surdam Worden, Ulysses, Penn., Henry Bradt and wife, Henry Baker, Mrs. Frances Surdam Hill, Seymour Hults, Mrs. Eliza Surdam Hults, Mrs. Matilda J. Freeman Gates, Canton, Penn., Mrs. Harriet E. F. Shaw, W. J. Bliss and wife, Walter Bliss, F. M. Surdam and wife, Mrs. E. E. Hults, Mary L. Hults, Robert S. Hults, W. E. Prentice and wife, Mrs. Eliza Bliss, Mrs. Jane L. Day, Grace A. Day, Curtis Day, Mrs. Wm. E. Hunt.—43.

MRS. E. E. HULTS, *Secretary pro tem.*

Genealogical report for the year:

BIRTHS.

Sept. 21, 1907.	Janet Surdam Jennings.	130
Oct. 4, "	Edith Elizabeth Snow.	172
31, "	Minerva Persis Surdam.	64
Nov. 26, "	Marion Arleigh Williamson.	71
Dec. 9, "	Clifford Ayers Watson.	166
Dec. 28, "	Helen Maria Akins.	93
Feb. 15, 1908.	Robert Stebbins Whiting.	150
Apr. 22, "	Emily Frances Gates.	147
	[This birth makes cousin Matilda Gates, at the age of seventy, eligible to membership in the "Society of Grandmothers."]	
May 23, 1908.	Elizabeth Brink.	175

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June 29, 1908.	Frances H. Cooper.	151
July 8, “	Cornelia Bernice Welch.	169

MARRIAGES.

Nov. —, 1907.	Clarence Hubert Fitch and Jennie Wynne.	170
July 12, 1908.	Beth Imogene Freeman and Walter S. Wood.	152

DEATHS.

The first death to occur after the last reunion was that of Frank Baker Akins, younger son of Mary Baker and Robert Charles Akins of Ovid Center, N. Y. He died September 7, 1907, aged eighteen years. He was a grandson of Zelia Akins Baker. See page 92.

The second was that of Seth S. Surdam of Morristown, N. J., the youngest surviving grandchild of Daniel and Letty Surdam. The tragic death of his only son, Charles Francis, which occurred October 13, 1906, was a stunning blow from which he did not recover. Broken-hearted and not as robust as he appeared to be, he was an easy prey for disease, and during February, March and April following he was very ill from a complication of diseases. During the summer he was fairly well, but he had a second attack on the 26th of September, and after intense suffering he passed away on the 16th of October, just a year from the day that Charles' remains were taken

to Candor. In his death his family and those near to him have suffered a great loss. In his home he was a model husband and father; as a brother he was without fault; to the church and his social obligations he was always faithful, and in business he was as honest, honorable and conscientious as any man I ever knew. See page 128.

Henry H. Robison, husband of Frances Louise Clark, who is a great-granddaughter of Sarah Surdam Fitch, died at his home in Slaterville Springs May 1, 1908. See page 162.

On the fifth of June, 1908, at her home in Caroline, Elizabeth S. Rich, after a long illness. She was the first child born to John and Maria Fitch, and a granddaughter of Sarah Surdam Fitch (see page 168). She was sixty-two years of age and had been married forty-four years. Her illness was dropsy and heart disease. For the last three years she had been confined to her home, and for the last few weeks was unable to lie down. The family feel their loss very deeply as she was a devoted wife and mother. The daughter Kitty, who was with her all of the time, deserves great credit for her care and devotion, although they all did what they could. Her casket was covered with flowers and there were many others. She will be mourned by all who knew her.

Samuel S. Bliss, husband of Charity Johnson Bliss, died in Marathon, N. Y., June 26, 1908, after an illness of about five days. He was born in Lapeer February 15, 1833, and therefore was seventy-five years of age. A man of excellent character and highly respected in the community in which he lived. See page 140.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY.

The history of the Surdam family is now practically completed—at least as far as it seems advisable to carry the investigation, and the essential facts are clearly established. All Sardams, Surdams and Van Surdams are descendants of Lawrence and Samuel, sons of Teunis Pietersz. Samuel lived at Great Barrington, Mass., and Salisbury, Conn., and died at the latter place in 1772, leaving three sons and two daughters. Lawrence died at Great Barrington in 1731 and left a widow, Elenor, and three sons, Peter, Andrew and Tunis. Tunis, our ancestor, lived and died (1808) at Salisbury, Conn. Andrew also lived at Salisbury, and died in 1809, leaving children. The descendants of Samuel and Andrew have generally spelled the name Sardam. Peter and his wife, four sons and three daughters removed from Salisbury to Hoosick, N. Y., where he died in 1801. Peter's descendants are scattered through New York state, but are mostly in

the vicinity of Hoosick Falls. Several of that branch have spelled the name Van Surdam.

The descendants of our progenitor, Tunis Surdam, are found in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Mississippi, Texas, Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, Oregon, and Alberta Province, Canada.

Peter, John, Christina and Hannah remained in Connecticut and Massachusetts. John did not marry. Christina is believed to have married a Mr. Russell. Hannah married Benjamin Harrison. Peter had twelve children, among whom was Ira, who married Persis Keyes and removed to Pennsylvania. They had nine children and several grandchildren, who mostly reside in Pennsylvania and western New York. The descendants of Daniel have all been found, and nearly all of the Perrys and Fitches.

With kind regards,

Your cousin,

C. E. SURDAM.

The tenth annual reunion of the Surdam family was held on Wednesday, August 18, 1909, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, at Caroline Center.

Although the weather was decidedly moist and the roads were muddy every one was in a

very cheerful frame of mind because the much-needed rain had come. The number present proved that Hollanders and their descendants are not afraid of water.

Inside the house there was no hint of the gloom prevailing outside, for our welcome was genial and bright. The rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and flowers, while American flags adorned the piazza.

The dinner was served in the pleasant dining room and, as is always the case, the supply of substantials and "goodies" was very bountiful.

The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Davis, who called for the reading of the secretary's report. In the absence of Mr. Surdam, Mrs. James Jennings, Jr., acted as secretary. After the annual report was read the treasurer's report was read and approved. A letter from Mrs. Frances Freeman Cooper, regretting her inability to be present, was read, after which the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Matilda J. F. Gates.

Secretary—C. E. Surdam.

Treasurer—Ransom J. Rich.

Motions were made and carried that a collection be taken to help defray the expense of mailing the genealogical records, and that the date for reunions be changed from the third to the

first Wednesday in August; also that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Davis for their hospitality.

Those present were:

John Davis and wife, Francis M. Surdam and wife, John H. Brink and wife, and Paul D., Ruth A., Ethel and Elizabeth Brink, Lamont C. Snow and wife and Edith E. Snow, Alvena M. Jennings and daughters Frances May and Janet Surdam Jennings, David F. Clark, W. E. Prentice and wife, Mrs. Ross S. Whiting and daughter Laura, William K. Boice, Sara J. Akins, William G. Watros, Robert C. Clark and wife, Mrs. Harriet Freeman Shaw, Matilda J. Freeman Gates, Francis A. Snow and wife, Henry Baker, Ransom J. Rich, his wife Anna and their children Bessie R. and Francis O., Kittie M. Rich, Albert O. Rich, Lewis G. Rich and wife and Hilma G. and Elizabeth Rich, Clifford Rich, Sabra E. Clark, Fanny L. Snow, Mrs. F. L. Robison, Mattie A. Robison, R. E. Brink, L. A. Patch and wife, Marcia A. Davis, Fanny M. Little, Mrs. H. M. Pierce.—52.

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BIRTHS.

Aug. 21, 1908.	Charles Leslie Freeman.	152
22, "	Ruth Whiting.	150
Dec. 29, "	Herbert Heath Benjamin.	164
Jan. 6, 1909.	Alice Josephine Fitch.	170
Mar. 12, "	Ellen Ruth Fitch.	
	Da. of Clarence H. Fitch and Jennie Wynne.	170
Apr 20, 1909.	Vivian Althea Williamson.	
	Da. of Adaraga Perry and James Williamson.	71

Aug. 1, 1909. Charles Edward Hults.
 Son of Elmer E. and Mabel Hults. 124

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 29, 1908. Arthur Taft Snow and
 Edith Whittaker. 172

June 9, 1909. Lulu Marguerite Freeman 151
 and Edgar W., son of Pe-
 ter and Margarete Lin-
 smith of Toledo, Ohio.

DEATHS.

Feb. 22, 1909. George B. Gore. 90
 Step-son of Emily Akins Gore.

Apr. 30, " Carleton Wattles. 112
 Only son of Cynthia Fitch Wattles.

The " Genealogy of the Surdam Family " is being printed and will be ready for distribution in a few weeks. It is my present intention to send a copy to each family and not make a charge for it, but to allow those who are willing to pay the cost of the book or less to do so, the amount so paid to go toward a permanent fund, the interest on which will be sufficient to pay the secretary for printing and mailing the annual notices and minutes of the reunions.

I very much regret that I again am unable to meet with you.

With kindest regards to all I remain

Yours very truly,

C. E. SURDAM, Secretary.

ERRORS AND DELAYED INFORMATION

Page 60. Frumente Winters should be Frumententi.

Page 71. Florence Perry and John Williamson have one son, Marion Arleigh, born November 26, 1907. Adaraga Perry was married March 24, 1906, to James Williamson, and they have one daughter, Vivian Althea, born April 20, 1909.

Page 72. M. G. Tarbox, eldest son of S. Perry Tarbox, was married October 2, 1905, to Mary Tarbox of Roaring Branch, Penn.

Page 73. Grant and Maud Tarbox have two children, Lillian, born February 28, 1898, and Samuel M., born February 2, 1907.

Page 74. Anna, daughter of George Tarbox, was born May 31, 1889, and Lena Belle August 28, 1884. Anna was married April 1, 1908, to Fred W. Segar, and they have one son, born June 16, 1909.

Page 92. Frank Baker Akins, son of Mary

Baker and Robert Charles Akins, died September 7, 1907.

Page 141. Watson J. Bliss and wife have two children, Wanda A., born December 17, 1899, and Walter H., born May 3, 1904.

Page 168. Mrs. Maria Fitch died March 23, 1860, not in 1856.

Page 172. Sabra Electra should be Sabra Electa.

Page 88. Mary Lucette (not Lisetta) Akins married George P. Curran of Ithaca, and they had one son, Harry L. G. Curran. Mr. Curran died July 18, 1904, and the widow married, Aug. 28, 1906, for a second husband, William F. Kent, who died March 7, 1909.

Page 90. Crawford Co. should be Bradford Co.

Pages 100, 226. Charles Higgins was born Nov. 30, 1825, and he and Eliza Jane Wattles were married Jan. 11, 1848.

Page 121. Richard Lee Surdam was born Aug. 24, 1839.

Page 124. Rachel Beattie was born Oct. 14, 1842.

Page 166. Adoniram Fitch and Diantha Colby were married Nov. 10, 1848.

GENEALOGICAL RECORD

TEUNIS PIETERSZ AND HIS FAMILY.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Born.</i>	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
	Teunis Pietersz.	.....	.....	.....	...
	Margret Lowrentz.	1671 } May 26, 1691	.....	Oct. 10, 1750	79
1	Hayltje.	Jan. 28, 1694	.....	.....	...
2	Pieter.	Apr. 11, 1700	.....	.....	...
3	Ariantje.	June 23, 1703	.....	.....	...
4	Lawrence.	Aug. 12, 1705	.....	1731	28
5	Samuel.	Jan. 30, 1709	Oct. 22, 1736	1772	67
6	Catharine.	.....	.....	.....	...

LAWRENCE SARDAM AND HIS FAMILY.

	Lawrence Sardam.	June 23, 1703 } .....	.....	1731	28
	Elenor -----	1723	.....	.....	...
1	Peter.	.....	Oct. 5, 1748	Aug. 22, 1801	78
2	Andrew.	.....	Aug. 4, 1751	Apr. —, 1809	58
3	Tunis Ist.	.....	.....	Feb. —, 1808	...

TUNIS SARDAM 1ST AND HIS FAMILY.

1	Tunis Sardam.	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Jane ———	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Peter.	Dec. 7, 1761	.....	.....	.....
4	Eleanor.	Apr. 4, 1763	.....	.....	.....
5	Christeen.	Aug. 27, 1765	Nov. 26, 1789	.....	1777 14
6	Hannah.	July 9, 1768	.....	.....	.....
7	Lydia.	Feb. 11, 1771	Aug. —, 1816	.....	..... 82
8	Jane.	Jan. 18, 1774	1798	June 29, 1845	71
9	Daniel.	June 7, 1776	.....	Feb. 9, 1859	83
	Sarah.	Jan. 14, 1779	.....	Jan. 18, 1866	87
	John.	Dec. 8, 1782	.....	.....	.....
	Christeen Surdam.	Aug. 25, 1765	Nov. 26, 1789	.....	.....
	Benjamin Harrison.	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Children ?				
	Lydia Surdam.	Feb. 11, 1771	Aug. —, 1816	.....	1853 82
	Francis Keyes.	.....	.....	.....	.....
	No children.				

JANE SURDAM AND HER FAMILY (Record Incomplete).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Jane Surdam.	Jan. 18, 1774		June 29, 1845	71
	Peter Perry.	Nov. 22, 1769	1798	Feb. 27, 1845	76
1	Norman.	Oct. 20, 1800	.....	Mar. 10, 1874	74
2	Luther.	May 3, 1804	.....	July 1, 1865	61
3	Eleanor.	July 3, 1807	.....	June 3, 1885	78
4	Jane.	June 1, 1811	.....	Aug. 7, 1895	84
5	Gurdon.	Jan. 16, 1817	.....	Jan. 13, 1863	46

DESCENDANTS OF NORMAN PERRY—CHILDREN.

	Norman Perry.	Oct. 20, 1800	.....	Mar. 10, 1874	74
	Orpha Patridge.	.....	.....	.....	...
1	Oliver N.	1841	.....	.....	...
2	Lewis.	1846	.....	Salisbury	...
3	Alice.	1850	.....	[Prison	...

GRANDCHILDREN.

	Oliver N. Perry.	1841	.....	.....	...
	Rebecca G. Van Syckle.	.....	.....	.....	...
4	Alice.	1866	.....	.....	...
5	Edith M.	1872	.....	.....	...

Alice Perry. 1850 }
 Sidney Smith. }
 Had children.

DESCENDANTS OF LUTHER PERRY—CHILDREN.

1	Luther Perry.	May 3, 1804	July 1, 1865	61
2	Maria Quimby.	Oct. 1, 1810	.....	68
3	Alonzo.	Mar. 23, 1830	..... 1898	17
4	William.	May 3, 1832	.....	28
5	Samuel F.	Apr. 18, 1835	Jan. 1, 1859	7
6	R. Jane.	Feb. 7, 1838	.....	65
7	Francis Gurdon.	Oct. 13, 1840	.....	.....
8	Daniel Meade.	June 25, 1843	Sept. 12, 1871	.....
9	Edwin A.	Feb. 20, 1846	Sept. II, 1881	.....
	George M.	Mar. —, 1848	.....	2
	Oscar.	Sept. 4, 1855	Oct. 9, 1855	.....

GRANDCHILDREN.

10	Alonzo Perry.	Mar. 23, 1830	..... 1898	68
	Jane Tarbox.	.....	.....	.....
	One child—died young.	.....	.....	.....
11	Samuel F. Perry.	Apr. 18, 1835	Jan. 1, 1859	28
12	Eliza F. Gates.	Dec. 15, 1844	.....	.....
	Ransom J.	Feb. 9, 1860	Aug. 2, 1886	.....
	Lafayette.	June 22, 1862	Dec. 26, 1885	.....

DESCENDANTS OF LUTHER PERRY (Continued).

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Born.</i>	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
	Francis G. Perry.	Oct. 13, 1840	.....	Jan. —, 1905	65
	Jane Turner.	.....	.....	.....	...
	Had children.				
	Daniel Meade Perry.	June 25, 1843	Sept. 12, 1871	.....	...
	Rachel Blair Kelsey.	Nov. 4, 1846	.....	.....	...
13	Leola Blair.	.....	.....	.....	...
	Edwin A. Perry.	Feb. 20, 1846	Sept. 11, 1881	.....	...
	Lucy Smith.	Aug. 27, 1855	.....	.....	...
14	Florence Helene.	Feb. 7, 1883	Aug. 20, 1902	.....	...
15	Adaraga.	Jan. 21, 1888	Mar. 24, 1906	.....	...
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.					
	Ransom J. Perry.	Feb. 9, 1860	Aug. 2, 1886	.....	...
	Lottie Deakin.	Mar. 1, 1864	.....	.....	...
16	Genevieve.	May 16, 1887	.....	.....	...
17	Beatrice.	Oct. 22, 1890	.....	.....	...
18	Ransom.	Nov. 17, 1900	.....	.....	...
	Lafayette Perry.	June 22, 1862	Dec. 28, 1885	.....	...
	Cora Baldwin.	Sept. 29, 1861	.....	.....	...
19	Olive Baldwin.	Oct. 25, 1886	.....	.....	...
20	Ruth Baldwin.	Jan. 19, 1896	.....	.....	...
21	Allen Baldwin.	Oct. 12, 1898	.....	.....	...

	Florence Helene Perry.	Feb. 7, 1883	Aug. 20, 1902	.....	.....
	John Williamson.	Aug. 8, 1879		.....	.....
22	Marion Arleigh.	Nov. 26, 1907		.....	.....
	Adaraga Perry.	Jan. 21, 1888	Mar. 24, 1906	.....	.....
	James Williamson.	June 23, 1885		.....	.....
23	Vivian Althea.	Apr. 20, 1909		.....	.....

DESCENDANTS OF ELEANOR PERRY.

	Eleanor Perry.	July 3, 1807	June 30, 1885	78
	Rounsville Briggs.	.....	.....	.....
1	Mary.	.....	.....	.....
	Mary Briggs.	.....	.....	.....
	Amos Johnson.	.....	.....	.....
	Children ?			

DESCENDANTS OF JANE PERRY—CHILDREN.

	Jane Perry.	June 1, 1811	Oct. 8, 1836	Aug. 7, 1895	84
	Samuel Tarbox.	Mar. 25, 1810	July 16, 1871	Feb. 17, 1880	70
1	Willis.	Jan. 30, 1838	Apr. 15, 1860	.....	.....
2	S. Perry.	Sept. 14, 1840	Nov. 13, 1864	.....	.....
3	Orpha M.	Sept. 23, 1842	.....	.....	.....
4	Caleb.	Aug. 25, 1845	.....	Feb. 26, 1856	11
5	George.	Sept. 26, 1851	Apr. 14, 1874	.....	.....

DESCENDANTS OF JANE PERRY (Continued)—GRANDCHILDREN.

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Willis Tarbox.	Jan. 30, 1838	July 16, 1871	.....	.....
	Roseltha Shutt.	Nov. 9, 1851	.....	.....	.....
6	Huldah.	Jan. 20, 1872	Apr. 8, 1896	.....	.....
7	Clinton.	Nov. 27, 1874	Feb. 23, 1894	.....	.....
8	Lydia.	Sept. 24, 1878	Nov. 28, 1892	.....	.....
	S. Perry Tarbox.	Sept. 14, 1840	Apr. 15, 1860	.....	.....
	Jane E. Graham.	Jan. 9, 1843	.....	.....	.....
9	Marvin G.	Mar. 13, 1862	Oct. 2, 1905	.....	.....
10	John M.	July 24, 1865	.....	.....	.....
11	Sylvia J.	Nov. 1, 1866	Nov. 19, 1884	Nov. 14, 1865	.....
12	Grant L.	Jan. 29, 1871	June 12, 1897	.....	.....
	Orpha M. Tarbox.	Sept. 23, 1842	Nov. 13, 1864	.....	.....
	Amos A. Johnson.	Sept. 22, 1836	.....	.....	.....
13	S. Wallace.	Feb. 26, 1866	Feb. 10, 1889	.....	.....
14	Frank A.	Sept. 16, 1868	Nov. 20, 1897	.....	.....
15	Jennie M.	Oct. 18, 1870	.....	Apr. 3, 1881	11
	George Tarbox.	Sept. 26, 1851	Apr. 14, 1878	.....	.....
	Abbie Boom.	Jan. 6, 1861	.....	.....	.....
16	Lena Belle.	Aug. 28, 1884	Feb. 11, 1905	.....	.....
17	Anna.	May 31, 1889	Apr. 1, 1908	.....	.....
18	Ernie.	Sept. 22, 1891	.....	.....	.....

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

19	Huldah Tarbox. Reuben N. Howe. Lucy Roseltha.	Jan. 20, 1872 } May 23, 1861 } Apr. 8, 1896 Jan. 27, 1898	...............
20	Clinton Tarbox. Millie Westfall. Claud.	Nov. 27, 1874 } Jan. 23, 1875 } Feb. 23, 1894 Dec. 27, 1896	...............
21	Ina.	Mar. 7, 1898	.....
22	Ruth.	July 29, 1902	.....
23	Lydia Tarbox. Grant Thompson.	Sept. 24, 1878 } June 9, 1873 } Nov. 28, 1892	..........
24	Flossie. Susie.	July 23, 1895 June 5, 1898	..........
25	Orpha.	Oct. 23, 1900	.....
26	Louise.	Aug. 4, 1902	.....
	Marvin G. Tarbox. Mary Tarbox.	Mar. 13, 1862 } } Oct. 2, 1905	..........
27	Sylvia J. Tarbox. Martin Hamilton.	Nov. 1, 1866 } Nov. 28, 1861 } Nov. 19, 1884	..........
28	Leon. Harland.	June 15, 1891 Jan. 4, 1893	Oct. 15, 1891
29	Eunice.	Mar. 28, 1898	.....

DESCENDANTS OF JANE PERRY (Continued)—GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Born.</i>	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
	Grant L. Tarbox.	Jan. 29, 1871	June 12, 1897	.....	...
	Maud Hawley.	Jan. 7, 1881	
30	Lillian.	Feb. 28, 1898	.....	.....	...
31	Samuel Marion.	Feb. 14, 1907	.....	.....	...
	S. Wallace Johnson.	Feb. 26, 1866	Feb. 10, 1889	.....	...
	Mary Westfall.	May 10, 1873	
32	Jennie.	June 21, 1893	.....	.....	...
33	Floyd.	Jan. 16, 1898	.....	Feb. 22, 1898	...
	Frank A. Johnson.	Sept. 16, 1868	Nov. 20, 1897	.....	...
	Electa Ackerman.	Aug. 10, 1878	
34	Amos F.	Sept. 10, 1899	.....	.....	...
35	Edith R.	Feb. 1, 1901	.....	.....	...
36	Asa J.	July 17, 1902	.....	.....	...

DESCENDANTS OF GURDON PERRY (incomplete)—CHILDREN.

	Gurdon M. Perry.	Jan. 16, 1817	.....	Jan. 13, 1863	46
	Harriet Hackett Crum.	May 4, 1815	.....	July 11, 1895	80
1	Lyman C.	Aug. 3, 1842	July 3, 1868	May 14, 1895	53
2	Nathaniel T.	Nov. 9, 1846	.....	Feb. 12, 1874	28

GRANDCHILDREN.

Lyman C. Perry.	Aug. 3, 1842	July 3, 1868	May 14, 1895	53
Janette E. Merrick.	Apr. 24, 1850		Apr. 24, 1902	52
Hettie M.	Aug. 5, 1871	Oct 17, 1891	.....	...
Katie M.	Jan. 15, 1880	.....	.....	...

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

Hettie M. Perry.	Aug. 5, 1871	Oct. 17, 1891	.....	...
Aurelius C. White.	.....	.....	.....	...
Lyman E.	Dec. 21, 1892	.....	Sept. 3, 1893	...

DANIEL SURDAM AND FAMILY.

Daniel Surdam.	June 7, 1776	Dec. 23, 1798	Jan. 9, 1859	83
Letty Maria Slater.	Jan. 1, 1778	May 22, 1827	Apr. 24, 1860	82
Eliza.	Oct. 20, 1799	1823	Jan. 18, 1839	40
Jerusha.	Oct. 8, 1802	.....	Jan. 4, 1885	83
Jane.	Nov. 8, 1804	.....	May 9, 1826	22
Edward William.	Apr. 14, 1807	July 21, 1836	Dec. 3, 1872	65
Letty Maria.	Apr. 1, 1809	1832	Aug. 18, 1848	39
Martha Emily.	Aug. 1, 1811	Aug. 31, 1836	Sept. 5, 1884	73
Daniel Orville.	Feb. 1, 1814	May 29, 1842	May 9, 1892	78
Charles Orson.	Nov. 22, 1817	.....	Feb. 8, 1893	76

DESCENDANTS OF ELIZA SURDAM—CHILDREN.

No	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
1	Eliza Surdam.	Oct. 20, 1799	May 22, 1827	Jan. 18, 1839	40
2	William Henry Akins.	Mar. 1, 1804	June 26, 1867	Jan. 3, 1877	73
3	Henry Seth.	June 8, 1828	Nov. 30, 1868	.....	..
4	Emily.	Dec. 14, 1829	Dec. 18, 1856	.....	..
5	Zelia Eliza.	Sept. 6, 1831	.....	.....	..
6	Warren.	Sept. 28, 1833	.....	Mar. 6, 1860	27
	Daniel Martin.	Aug. 5, 1835	Nov. 28, 1859	.....	..
	Sarah Jane.	Oct. 31, 1837	.....	.....	..
	Second Wife.	1816	1842	Dec. 3, 1904	88
	Catharine House.	April 27, 1844	.....	.....	..
	Mary Lisetta.	.....	.....	.....	..
	GRANDCHILDREN.				
	Henry Seth Akins.	July 8, 1828	June 26, 1867	.....	..
	Mrs. Emily A Goodrich.	May, —, 1833	.....	Aug. 9, 1890	57
	Second Wife.	.....	.....	.....	..
	Mrs. Alvira L. Hunt.	Nov. 28, 1844	Sept. 30, 1891	.....	..
	No children.	.....	.....	.....	..
	Emily Akins.	Dec. 14, 1829	Nov. 30, 1868	.....	..
	George C. Gore.	Sept. 7, 1820	.....	Aug. 24, 1870	50
	Step-children:	.....	.....	.....	..
	Frank E. Gore.	Apr. 17, 1858	.....	.....	..

Lizzie A. Gore.	Apr. 17, 1860	.....	.....	.....	.....
George B. Gore.	Mar. 2, 1862	.....	.....	Feb. 22, 1909	.. 47
John F. Gore.	Feb. 28, 1864	..	..	Feb. 28, 1886	22
Zelia Akins.	Sept. 6, 1831	}	Dec. 18, 1856	.....	..
Anthony Baker.	Oct. 25, 1819		Mar. 30, 1887	Dec. 2, 1872	53
William Amasa.	May 5, 1858		Dec. 25, 1878	.....	..
Mary.	Oct. 31, 1859		.....	Apr. 21, 1904	44
Frank Curtis.	Oct. 4, 1861		.....	.....	..
Warren Akins.	Dec. 13, 1863		Feb. 25, 1891	.....	..
Olin M.	Dec. 22, 1865		Mar. 15, 1899	.....	..
Henry.	Oct. 22, 1868		.....	.....	..
Orlo Anthony.	Oct. 11, 1870		Sept. 23, 1896	.....	..
Martha Emily.	Jan. 29, 1873		Feb. 14, 1894	.....	..
David Martin Akins.	Aug. 5, 1835	}	Nov. 28, 1859	.....	..
Catharine R. Williams.	Jan. —, 1833		.....	Aug. 29, 1895	62
Henry W.	Mar. 5, 1861		.....	Sept. 29, 1890	29
Catharine Reingear.	May 29, 1865		Jan. 23, 1884	Mar. 6, 1906	41
Corinne.	Jan. 7, 1875		.....	Feb. 19, 1875	..
Second Wife:	.....		Nov. 30, 1901	.....	..
Hester A. Knox.	.....		.....	.....	..

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

William Amasa Baker.	May 5, 1858	}	Mar. 30, 1887	.....	..
Nancy Woodhull.	Apr. 30, 1867		.....	.....	..
John Carleton.	June 7, 1898		.....	.....	..

DESCENDANTS OF ELIZA SURDAM (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Mary Baker.	Oct. 31, 1859	Dec. 25, 1878	Apr. 21, 1904	44
	Robert Charles Aiken.	May 16, 1853		.....	..
19	George Bert.	Nov. 28, 1882	Feb. 8, 1905	.....	..
20	Frank Baker.	Nov. 29, 1888	.....	Sept. 7, 1907	19
	Warren Akins Baker.	Dec. 13, 1863	Feb. 21, 1891	.....	..
	Etta Everhart.	June 22, 1866	.....	.....	..
21	Joseph C.	Oct. 30, 1897	.....	.....	..
22	Walter A.	Dec. 26, 1899	.....	.....	..
23	Mildred G.	Mar. 7, 1903	.....	.....	..
24	Henry Surdam.	Aug. 24, 1906	.....	.....	..
	Olin M. Baker.	Dec. 22, 1865	Mar. 15, 1899	.....	..
	Mrs. Adda Woodhull Grover	Feb. 22, 1871		.....	..
25	Richard Smith.	June 28, 1900	.....	.....	..
26	Frederick Woodhull. Step-son.	Oct. 13, 1904	.....	.....	..
	Harry Alfred Grover.	May 26, 1894	.....	.....	..
	Orlo Anthony Baker.	Oct. 11, 1870	Sept. 23, 1896	.....	..
	Lena Everhart.	May 21, 1877		.....	..
27	Seth Everhart.	Sept. 25, 1897	.....	.....	..
28	Wilbur.	Aug. 20, 1904	.....	.....	..

29	Martha Emily Baker. William Everhart. Floyd William.	Jan. 29, 1873 } Apr. 27, 1870 } June 19, 1904	Feb. 14, 1894..........	...............
	Henry W. Akins. Mattie Walker. No children.	Mar. 5, 1861 } .....	..... .....	Sept. 29, 1890
30	Catharine Reingard Akins. Thomas Carpenter.	May 29, 1865 } Mar. 27, 1861 }	Jan. 23, 1884 Jan. 4, 1904	Mar. 6, 1906 Aug. 13, 1896
31	Harriet Etheldra. Myrtle Corinne.	Oct. 29, 1888 Nov. 22, 1891	..... .....	..... Nov. 8, 1896
32	Catharine Aiken. Second Husband.	Apr. 3, 1895	.....	.....
33	Marcellus Bowie. Heise Marcellus.	Mar. 24, 1875 } Aug. 18, 1899 }	Aug. 31, 1898	..... Nov. 17, 1899
34	Myrtle Irene.	Apr. 20, 1901	.....	.....
35	Henry Llewellyn.	July 30, 1902	.....	.....

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

36	George Bert Akins. May Grace Everhart. Helen Maria.	Nov. 28, 1882 } Aug. 14, 1883 }	Feb. 8, 1905..........	...............
	Harriet E. Carpenter. John W. Bowie.	Oct. 29, 1888 } Mar. 20, 1883 }	Jan. 4, 1904	..........

DESCENDANTS OF JERUSHA SURDAM—CHILDREN.

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Jerusha Surdam.	Oct. 8, 1802		Jan. 4, 1835	82
	Lathrop Wattles.	Aug. 17, 1799	1823	Feb. 4, 1871	71
1	Eliza Jane.	Nov. 17, 1824	.....	Jan. 16, 1870	45
2	Chauncey Lathrop.	Mar. 27, 1826	Oct. 19, 1857	Jan. 8, 1890	64
3	Letty Maria.	May 16, 1828	.....	Jan. 7, 1893	65
4	William Henry.	Mar. 16, 1830	Jan. 7, 1870	Apr. 23, 1885	55
5	Hubert.	Apr. 13, 1832	Jan. 14, 1863	.....	...
6	Lucinda J.	Apr. 1, 1834	Feb. 4, 1849	Mar. 13, 1891	57
7	Harriet.	Mar. 24, 1836	.....	Jan. 12, 1896	60
8	Georgiana.	Apr. 7, 1838	Apr. 24, 1859	May 3, 1907	69
9	Daniel Webster.	Mar. 3, 1840	.....	June 3, 1883	43
10	Charles Mason.	Oct. 15, 1842	Feb. 8, 1866	May 8, 1876	34
11	Carleton Squires.	June 26, 1844	Feb. 16, 1876	July 18, 1891	47
12	Byron.	Feb. 15, 1847	Feb. 26, 1870	Dec. 21, 1905	59
GRANDCHILDREN.					
	Eliza Jane Wattles.	Nov. 17, 1824	.....	Jan. 16, 1870	45
	Charles Higgins.	.....	.....	Oct. 11, 1902	..
13	Frank G.	Mar. 20, 1857	Mar. 14, 1855	.....	...
14	Clara.	Aug. 20, 1860	.....	May 13, 1898	28
	Chauncey L. Wattles.	Mar. 27, 1826	.....	Jan. 8, 1890	64
	Julia Barker.	Jan. 31, 1829	Oct. 19, 1857	.....	...
15	Cephas B.	Apr. 11, 1861	.....	July 5, 1863	2

16	Mary J.	Aug. 29, 1864	Oct. 31, 1888	.....	...
	Letty Maria Wattles.	May 16, 1828 {		Jan. 7, 1893	64
	Joseph Wool.	Mar. 22, 1824 {	.....	Sept. 29, 1893	69
17	Vincent.	Apr. 1, 1857	June 23, 1900	.....	...
	William Henry Wattles.	Mar. 16, 1830 {		Apr. 23, 1885	55
	Zada Thomas.	Apr. 4, 1835 }	Jan. 7, 1870	Nov. 8, 1888	53
	No children.				
	Hubert Wattles.	Apr. 13, 1832 }	Jan. 14, 1863	.....	...
	Welthy Boice.	Aug. 12, 1837 }		.....	...
18	Georgiana.	Aug. 4, 1864	Oct. 24, 1889	.....	...
19	William H.	Sept. 1, 1866	.....	Oct. 22, 1892	26
20	Benjamin B.	July 12, 1870	June 30, 1895	.....	...
	Lucinda J. Wattles.	Apr. 1, 1834 {		Mar. 13, 1891	57
	Cassimore Bliss.	Aug. 12, 1831 }	Feb. 4, 1849	1859	28
21	Jessie.	Oct. 30, 1855	Aug. 9, 1893	Jan. 1, 1905	49
22	Kate.	Sept. 26, 1857	Jan. 23, 1877	.....	...
	Second Husband.				
	G. S. Gallagher.	Nov. —, 1848	Apr. 19, 1873	Feb. 16, 1897	48
	Harriet Wattles.	Mar. 24, 1836 {		Jan. 12, 1896	60
	Stephen Pettigrove.	.....	.....	.....	...
	No children.				

DESCENDANTS OF JERUSHA SURDAM (Continued).

<i>No</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Born.</i>	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Age.</i>	
23	Georgiana Wattles.	Apr. 7, 1838 }	Apr. 12, 1859	May 3, 1907	69	
	William Boice.	Nov. 7, 1836 }		.....	...
	Hattie J.	Nov. 25, 1875		Nov. 27, 1875	...	
24	Daniel Webster Wattles.	Mar. 3, 1840 }	Nov. 25, 1880	June 3, 1883	43	
	Nancy Robinson.	Oct. 21, 1838 }		May 31, 1903	64	
No children.						
25	Charles Mason Wattles.	Oct. 15, 1842 }	Feb. 8, 1866	May 8, 1876	33	
	Catharine E. Maqueston.	June 20, 1846 }		.....	...
	Carrie Maqueston.	Nov. 23, 1866		Jan. 30, 1892
	Edith Marens.	Nov. 4, 1869	
26	Carleton Squires Wattles.	June 26, 1844 }	Feb. 16, 1876	July 18, 1891	47	
	Elizabeth A. Gunderman.	Apr. 14, 1853 }		.....	...
	Lucy Woodford.	Sept. 17, 1877		June 4, 1902
27	Byron Wattles.	Feb. 15, 1847 }	Feb. 26, 1870	Dec. 21, 1905	58	
	Cynthia Fitch.	Oct. 6, 1849 }		.....	...
	Carleton.	Jan. 26, 1874		May 18, 1893	Apr. 30, 1909	35
	Harry Lathrop.	Apr. 4, 1876		May 18, 1876	...
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GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

Frank G. Higgins.	Mar. 20, 1857	Mar. 14, 1885
Sara Krum.	Nov. 21, 1862	
No children.				
Mary J. Wattles.	Aug. 29, 1864	Oct. 31, 1888	.....	...
James W. Reed.	Jan. 11, 1861		.....	...
Chauncey Wattles.	Aug. 20, 1889	.....	.....	...
James William.	Sept. 28, 1892	.....	Feb. 19, 1907	14
Edward Kenneth.	Dec. 11, 1901	.....	.....	...
Vincent Wool.	April 1, 1857	June 23, 1900	.....	...
Alice Swasey.	.....		.....	...
No children.				
Georgiana Wattles.	Aug. 4, 1864	Aug. 24, 1889	.....	...
Daniel W. Oakley.	.....		.....	...
No children.				
Benjamin B. Wattles.	July 12, 1870	June 30, 1895	.....	...
Neenah Welch.	Dec. 17, 1868		.....	...
No children.				
Jessie Bliss.	Oct. 30, 1855	Aug. 9, 1893	Jan. 1, 1905	49
G. L. Gallagher.	Nov. —, 1848		Feb. 27, 1897	48
No children.				

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DESCENDANTS OF JERUSA SURDAM (Continued).

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Born.</i>	<i>Married.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Age.</i>
	Kate Bliss.	Sept. 26, 1857	
	James Smith.	Jan. 21, 1857	Jan. 23, 1877	.....	...
32	Gertrude.	Dec. 18, 1878	Sept. 24, 1902	.....	...
33	Frances.	Nov. 3, 1891	.....	July 4, 1895	3
34	Oliver.	Mar. 30, 1894	.....	.....	...
	Carrie M. Wattles.	Nov. 23, 1866		.....	...
	J. Garner West.	June 30, 1864	Jan. 30, 1892	.....	...
35	Marjorie.	Apr. 4, 1900	.....	.....	...
36	Kathryn Edith.	Apr. 10, 1902	.....	.....	...
	Lucy Woodford Wattles.	Sept. 17, 1877		.....	...
	Bert Roosa Mitchell.	Mar. 27, 1878	June 4, 1902	.....	...
	No children.			.....	...
	Carleton Wattles.	Jan. 26, 1874		Apr. 30, 1909	35
	Addie Farley.	.....	May 18, 1893	.....	...
	No children.			.....	...
	Gertrude K. Smith.	Dec. 18, 1878		.....	...
	William Mitchell.	Nov. 24, 1878	Sept. 24, 1902	.....	...
37	John William.	Sept. 16, 1905	.....	.....	...

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD WILLIAM SURDAM—CHILDREN.

1	Edward W. Surdam.	Apr. 14, 1807 }	July 21, 1836	Dec. 2, 1872	65
	Jerusha Earsley.	July 10, 1812 }		Apr. 30, 1857	44
2	Mary Jane.	Oct. 18, 1837	June 26, 1861	Feb. 23, 1875	37
3	Richard Lee.	Aug. 24, 1839	.....	Apr. 13, 1865	25
4	Eliza.	July 12, 1841	Aug. 30, 1863	.....	...
5	Francis M.	Apr. 2, 1843	June 1, 1870	.....	...
6	Charles Edward.	Oct. 20, 1845	Oct. 15, 1868	.....	...
	Seth S.	July 10, 1849	July 17, 1878	Oct. 16, 1907	58
	Second Wife:				
	Ruth M. Earsley.	Aug. 18, 1822	Feb. 20, 1860	Jan. 2, 1900	77
7	Orville.	Dec. 30, 1860	Aug. 29, 1880	20

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8	Mary Jane Surdam.	Oct. 18, 1837 }	June 26, 1861	Feb. 23, 1875	37
	Frank F. French.	July 16, 1834 }	
9	Frank F.	Sept. 27, 1862	Oct. 19, 1892	.....	...
	Charles Edward	Aug. 17, 1864	May 15, 1890	.....	...
10	Mary.	June 4, 1868	.....	June 30, 1868	...
	Eliza Surdam.	July 12, 1841 }		.....	...
	Seymour Hults.	Dec. 28, 1838 }	Aug. 30, 1863	.....	...
11	Minnie.	Mar. 4, 1866	.....	Oct. 19, 1867	1
12	Elmer E.	Sept. 13, 1870	Nov. 14, 1895	.....	...

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD WILLIAM SURDAM (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.	
	Francis M. Surdam.	Apr. 2, 1843	June 1, 1870	.....	...
	Rachel Beatty.	Oct. 14, 1843	
	No children.					
	Charles E. Surdam.	Oct. 20, 1845	Oct. 15, 1868	.....	...
	Mary Frances Heath.	Sept. 8, 1847	
13	Bertha Heath.	Sept. 20, 1870	.....	Oct. 30, 1890	20
14	James Edward.	Oct. 2, 1872	.....	Sept. 7, 1873	1
	Seth S. Surdam.	July 10, 1849	July 17, 1878	Oct. 16, 1907	58	
	Lillie J. Wooster.	Aug. 2, 1852	
15	Alvena M.	Sept. 2, 1882	Oct. 4, 1904	.....	...
16	Charles Francis.	Apr. 23, 1886		Oct. 13, 1906	20
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.						
	Frank F. French, Jr.	Sept. 26, 1862	Oct. 19, 1892	.....	...
	Laura Blaike.	Apr. 6, 1874		Nov. 13, 1894	20
17	Elma Louise.	Jan. 27, 1894	.....	.....	...
	Second Wife.					
	Lillie Jones.	Jan. 27, 1881	Nov. 21, 1899	.....	...
	Charles E. French.	Aug. 17, 1864	
	Louie A. Wray.	Jan. 4, 1865	.....	.....	...

18	Myrtis.	July 14, 1891	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Mary.	Feb. 10, 1893	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Charles E.	Nov. 14, 1894	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	Elmer E. Hults.	Sept. 13, 1870	}	Nov. 14, 1895	.....	.....
22	Mabel Hunt.	Sept. 24, 1876		
23	Lewis Hunt.	July 4, 1896	.....	.....	Aug. 5, 1896	.....
24	Murilla Eliza	Nov. 7, 1897	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Harold Elmer.	May 12, 1899	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Mary Lucretia.	Mar. 24, 1904	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Robert Seymour.	Mar. 17, 1906	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Charles Edward	Aug. 1, 1909	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Alvena M. Surdam.	Sept. 2, 1882	}	Oct. 4, 1904	.....	.....
28	James Jennings, Jr.	Aug. 23, 1879		
	Frances Mary.	Sept. 22, 1905	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Janet Surdam.	Sept. 21, 1907	.....	.....	.....	.....

DESCENDANTS OF LETTY MARIA SURDAM—CHILDREN.

1	Letty Maria Surdam.	Aug. 1, 1809	}	Feb. 5, 1832	Aug. 18, 1848	39
2	Harvey Johnson.	Mar. 13, 1804			July 25, 1876	72
3	Jane L.	Mar. 15, 1833	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Lee.	Aug. 21, 1834	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Charity.	Aug. 22, 1836	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Eliza.	Feb. 24, 1839	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lovicie.	Mar. 13, 1841	.....	.....	.....	.....

DESCENDANTS OF LETTY MARIA SURDAM (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
6	A daughter.	Aug. 16, 1843	.....	Sept. 18, 1843	..
7	Amos.	Dec. 20, 1844	June 6, 1867	Oct. 8, 1868	24
8	Letty.	Dec. 15, 1847	Dec. 31, 1867	Feb. 17, 1894	46
	Second Wife.				
	Mrs. Betsey Smith Lott.	.....	Oct. 3, 1850	June 20, 1875	..
	GRANDCHILDREN.				
	Jane L. Johnson.	Mar. 15, 1833	Feb. 13, 1862	.....	..
	Lewis Day.	May 17, 1828	.....	Jan. 8, 1882	53
9	Curtis A.	Oct. 13, 1863	.....	.....	..
10	Frank O.	Dec. 10, 1864	.....	Apr. 7, 1893	28
11	Grace A.	June 22, 1869	.....	.....	..
	Lee Johnson.	Aug. 21, 1834	Feb. 8, 1861	.....	..
	Augusta Thompson.	Oct. 19, 1841	.....	.....	..
12	Karl Lee.	Nov. 24, 1863	Oct. 24, 1888	Aug. 30, 1896	33
13	Letty Behinda.	Mar. 27, 1865	Feb. 3, 1892	.....	..
14	Mary Elizabeth.	Oct. 22, 1866	Oct. 19, 1892	.....	..
15	Amos Deville.	May 21, 1870	.....	.....	..
16	Lura M.	Nov. 7, 1879	.....	Feb. 13, 1880	..
	Charity Johnson.	Aug. 22, 1836	Nov. 12, 1856	.....	..
	Samuel Bliss.	Feb. 15, 1833	.....	June 26, 1908	75
17	Bion H.	Nov. 16, 1857	.....	Apr. 5, 1858	..

18	Jennie.	July 31, 1859	.....	Mar. 22, 1879	20
19	Bailey.	Oct. 6, 1861	.....	.....	...
20	Mary Lovicie.	Mar. 16, 1866	Sept. 20, 1893	.....	...
21	Grant W.	June 3, 1868	.....	.....	...
22	Caroline M.	Sept. 17, 1870	.....	.....	...
	Eliza Johnson.	Feb. 24, 1839	Feb. 8, 1861	.....	...
	James Bliss.	Mar. 29, 1839	Dec. 27, 1893	Nov. 4, 1870	31
23	Watson J.	Mar. 28, 1865	.....	.....	...
	Lovicie Johnson.	Mar. 13, 1841	Sept. 19, 1860	.....	...
	Charles Lovell.	Oct. 13, 1838	.....	.....	...
24	Ellsworth.	Sept. 5, 1861	Dec. 19, 1883	.....	...
25	Charles Eugene.	Mar. 2, 1863	Dec. 15, 1897	.....	...
26	Mary Elizabeth.	Feb. 1, 1869	.....	.....	...
	Amos Johnson.	Dec. 20, 1844	June 6, 1867	Oct. 8, 1868	24
	Emma Talbot.	Jan. 31, 1844	.....	.....	...
27	Flora.	June 7, 1868	.....	Oct. 1, 1869	1
	Letty Johnson.	Dec. 15, 1847	Dec. 31, 1867	Feb. 17, 1894	46
	Freeman Cook.	July 26, 1844
28	Asahel O.	June 1, 1871	Apr. 30, 1904

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Earl Lee Johnson.	Nov. 24, 1863	Oct. 24, 1888	Aug. 30, 1896	33
Addie Burns.	Dec. 1, 1904	...
No children.				

DESCENDANTS OF LETTY MARIA SURDAM—GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Letty B. Johnson.	Mar. 27, 1865	Feb. 2, 1892	.....	...
	Clark A. Burgess.	.....	.....	.....	...
29	Augustus Lee.	May 21, 1893	.....	.....	...
	Mary E. Johnson.	Oct. 22, 1866	Oct. 19, 1892	.....	...
	George W. Buckland.	Oct. 7, 1865	.....	.....	...
30	Bernice Augusta.	Nov. 11, 1894	.....	July 14, 1895	...
	Mary Lovicie Bliss.	Mar. 16, 1866	Sept. 20, 1893	.....	...
	Charles A. McAlpine.	Dec. 1, 1850	.....	.....	...
	No children.				
	Watson J. Bliss.	Mar. 28, 1865	Dec. 27, 1893	.....	...
	Nellie G. Johnson.	Jan. 28, 1871	.....	.....	...
31	Wanda A.	Dec. 17, 1899	.....	.....	...
32	Walter Harold.	May 3, 1904	.....	.....	...
	Ellsworth Lovell.	Sept. 5, 1861	Dec. 19, 1883	.....	...
	Addie A. Grey.	May 30, 1862	.....	.....	...
33	A son.	Dec. 3, 1885	.....	Dec. 9, 1885	...
34	Eugene Claire.	Feb. 28, 1891	.....	.....	...
35	Helen Marjorie.	Oct. 9, 1905	.....	.....	...
	Charles Eugene Lovell.	Mar. 2, 1863	Dec. 15, 1897	.....	...
	Harriet Merchant.	Apr. 4, 1864	.....	.....	...

Asahel O. Cook. June 1, 1871 } Apr. 30, 1904 ...
 Belle Richardson. Oct. 10, 1874 }

DESCENDANTS OF MARTHA EMILY SURDAM—CHILDREN.

1	Martha Emily Surdam.	Aug. 1, 1811 }	Aug. 31, 1836	Sept. 5, 1884	73
2	Gilbert Gaston Freeman.	Aug. 23, 1808 }	Nov. 14, 1872	Aug. 30, 1892	84
3	Matilda Jaue.	Jan. 11, 1838	Oct. 24, 1860	.....	...
4	Harriet Eliza.	July 26, 1839	June 16, 1855	Nov. 23, 1865	24
5	Louisa Maria.	July 6, 1841	May 24, 1882	.....	...
6	Frances Henrietta.	June 6, 1844	Oct. 3, 1870	.....	...
	Lewis Newell.	Jan. 21, 1848	Sept. —, 1875	Sept. 14, 1894	44
	Henry Augustine.	Apr. 29, 1850			

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7	Matilda Jane Freeman.	Jan. 11, 1838 }	Nov. 14, 1872
8	Rev. Stephen P. Gates.	Jan. 10, 1839 }	Dec. 21, 1903	Mar. 26, 1896	57
9	Leslie Freeman.	Dec. 21, 1873	Jan. 23, 1907	.....	...
	Harry Clark.	Apr. 28, 1876	.....	Apr. 24, 1881	1
	Howard Wells.	Oct. 1, 1879	.....	
	Step-daughters.				
	Alice Sophia Gates.	July 15, 1868	.....	Jan. 24, 1871	2
	Sarah Frances Gates.	Dec. 24, 1869	.....	.....	...
	Harriet Eliza Freeman	July 26, 1839 }	Oct. 24, 1860	.....	...
	William T. Shaw.	Sept. 11, 1824 }	Nov. 29, 1888	May 4, 1903	79
10	William Freeman.	July 11, 1866		.....	...

DESCENDANTS OF MARTHA EMILY SURDAM—(Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
11	Robert Henry.	Nov. 29, 1871	.....	July 19, 1882	11
12	Lewis Talmage. Adopted son.	June 4, 1873	.....	July 15, 1882	9
	Charles F. Carpenter.	Nov. 14, 1865	.....	Apr. 28, 1884	18
	Louisa Maria Freeman.	July 6, 1841	June 16, 1855	Nov. 23, 1865	24
	George Carpenter.	May 19, 1834	Dec. 1, 1875	.....	.....
	Sarah Blanche.	Dec. 17, 1856	.....	Nov. 30, 1869	11
	Frank.	July 11, 1858	Feb. 24, 1882	.....	.....
13	Laura Givens.	Oct. 2, 1861	.....	Apr. 28, 1884	18
14	Charles F.	Nov. 14, 1865	.....	.....	.....
15	Frances Henrietta Freeman	June 6, 1844	May 24, 1882	.....	.....
16	David Cooper. Step-children.	Apr. 19, 1844	.....	.....	.....
	Amy B. Cooper.	July 30, 1866	May 23, 1893	.....	.....
	George N. Cooper.	July 13, 1869	Aug. 7, 1895	.....	.....
	B. Ives Cooper.	Nov. 26, 1874	.....	.....	.....
	Walter J. Cooper.	July 2, 1879	.....	.....	.....
	Lewis N. Freeman.	Jan. 21, 1848	Oct. 3, 1870	.....	.....
	Celia Weeks.	Oct. 3, 1848	Sept. 8, 1897	.....	.....
17	Clifton Leslie.	May 8, 1872	.....	Oct. 6, 1876	1
18	Ethel Louise.	Sept. 19, 1875	.....	.....	.....

19 Lulu Marguerite. Aug. 25, 1883 June 9, 1909
 20 Beth Imogene. Oct. 13, 1886 July 12, 1908
 Henry A. Freeman. Apr. 28, 1850 } Sept. 14, 1894 44
 Elva Slater. 1854 } Jan. —, 1891 37
 21 Elizabeth Emily. Feb. 23, 1881 June 21, 1893 12

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Leslie Freeman Gates. Dec. 21, 1873 }
 Josephine R. Lamson. July 1, 1880 }
 No children.

22 Harry Clark Gates. Apr. 28, 1876 }
 Anne F. Williams. Jan. 31, 1880 }
 Emily Frances. Apr. 22, 1908 }
 William Freeman Shaw. July 11, 1866 }
 Florence Harrington. Feb. 5, 1871 }
 No children.

23 Sarah Blanche Carpenter. Dec. 17 1856 }
 P. R. Whiting. Oct. 3, 1849 }
 24 Ross S. July 23, 1877 }
 Fred G. Oct. 10, 1879 }
 25 Charles P. Dec. 26, 1882 }
 26 Ethel Louise. July 18, 1886 }
 27 Glen. Sept. 18, 1889 }
 28 Ray. May 21, 1891 }
 Dec. 1, 1875
 May 10, 1897
 Aug. 22, 1906
 May 3, 1904

 June 5, 1891

DESCENDANTS OF MARTHA EMILY SURDAM—(Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
29	Caroline Frances.	July 15, 1894	.....	.....	...
30	Blanche.	Mar. 21, 1897	.....	.....	...
	Laura G. Carpenter.	Oct. 2, 1861	Feb. 24, 1882	.....	...
	William E. Prentice.	Sept. 1, 1858	.....	.....	...
31	Pearl Maria.	Feb. 11, 1886	.....	.....	...
	Amy B. Cooper.	July 30, 1866	May 23, 1893	.....	...
	C. William Wurster.	.....	.....	.....	...
	No children.				
	George N. Cooper.	July 13, 1869	Aug. 7, 1895	.....	...
	Mabel K. Lewis.	.....	.....	.....	...
	David Knox.	Sept. 2, 1897	.....	.....	...
	Charlotte Frances.	July 7, 1902	.....	.....	...
	B. Ives Cooper.	Nov. 26, 1874	.....	.....	...
	Frances Meyers.	.....	.....	.....	...
	David Ives.	Mar. 2, 1907	.....	.....	...
	Frances H.	June 29, 1908	.....	.....	...
	Clifton Leslie Freeman.	May 8, 1872	Sept. 8, 1897	.....	...
	Kate M. Buncher.	Apr. 19, 1865	.....	.....	...
32	Genevieve Evelyn.	Jan. 12, 1899	.....	.....	...
33	Newell Edwin.	Feb. 8, 1902	.....	.....	...

34 Lora Louisa. May 28, 1906
 35 Charles Leslie. Aug. 21, 1908
 Lulu Marguerite Freeman. Aug. 25, 1883 } June 9, 1909
 Edgar W. Linsmith. }
 Beth Imogene Freeman. Oct. 13, 1886 } July 12, 1908
 Walter S. Wood. }

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Ross S. Whiting. July 25, 1877 } May 10, 1897
 Pearl Wickes. Nov. 17, 1879 }
 36 Marlea Purley. Sept. 10, 1899
 37 Laura Doris. Feb. 24, 1903
 38 George Earl. Dec. 29, 1905
 Fred G. Whiting. Oct. 10, 1879 } Aug. 22, 1906
 Sylvia A. Holmes. Feb. 9, 1885 }
 39 Ruth. Aug. 22, 1908
 Charles P. Whiting. Dec. 26, 1882 } May 3, 1904
 Lillian M. Stebbins. Jan. 20, 1883 }
 40 Robert Stebbins. Feb. 15, 1908

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL ORVILLE SURDAM—CHILDREN.

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died	Age.
	Daniel Orville Surdam.	Feb. 1, 1814 }	May 29, 1842	May 9, 1892	78
	Mary Maria Hay.	July 10, 1823 }		Mar. 9, 1884	61
1	Frances Matilda.	May 24, 1846	Jan. 8, 1866	.....	..
2	Mary Elizabeth.	July 13, 1851	.....	Sept. 14, 1867	16
	GRANDCHILDREN.				
	Frances M. Surdam.	May 24, 1846 }	Jan. 8, 1866	.....	..
	Talma Hill.	Dec. 21, 1841 }		.....	..
3	Orville Surdam.	June 19, 1870	Aug. 13, 1893	.....	..
4	Mary Matilda.	Jan. 12, 1873	Aug. 13, 1891	.....	..
5	Grace Elizabeth.	June 19, 1881	.....	.....	..
	GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.				
	Orville S. Hill.	June 19, 1870 }	Aug. 13, 1893	.....	..
	Laura C. Walker.	June 20, 1872 }		.....	..
6	Lloyd W.	Sept. 28, 1894	.....	Jan. 14, 1900	5
7	Ralph.	Oct. 18, 1897	.....	.....	..
8	Mary Elizabeth.	July 5, 1901	.....	.....	..
	Mary M. Hill.	Jan. 12, 1873 }	Aug. 13, 1891	.....	..
	Jason W. Goodale.	Apr. 26, 1871 }		.....	..
	Julian Hill.	Nov. 14, 1892
9	Genevieve Lucile.	Apr. 14, 1897
10	Francis Roderick.	Apr. 26, 1898
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SARAH SURDAM AND FAMILY.

Sarah Surdam.	Jan. 14, 1779	Nov. 1, 1796	Feb. 18, 1866	87
David Fitch.	May 2, 1768		Feb. 24, 1846	78
Lucetta.	1798		1800	2
Oramel.	1800		Apr. 14, 1892	92
Amanda.	June —, 1804	1821	Nov. 27, 1877	73
Jane.	Jan. —, 1806		.....	...
Adoniram.	Apr. 1, 1808	Nov. 10, 1828	Mar. 20, 1892	84
John.	Feb. 28, 1811	July 4, 1844	Feb. 12, 1861	50
Sarah Eliza.	Sept. 3, 1814	Jan. 2, 1845	Sept. 25, 1902	88
Lydia Cornelia.	Mar. 23, 1817	Apr. 29, 1841	May 10, 1906	89

DESCENDANTS OF AMANDA FITCH—CHILDREN.

Amanda Fitch.	June —, 1804	1821	Nov. 27, 1877	73
Charles P. Wheaton.	.....		.....	...
Ruth.	Oct. 12, 1823	Jan. 17, 1843	Apr. 18, 1883	59
Mason S.	July 31, 1826	July 5, 1851	Sept. 17, 1903	77
George.	.....		.....	...
Louise.	.....		.....	...

GRANDCHILDREN.

Ruth Wheaton.	Oct. 12, 1823	Jan. 17, 1843	Apr. 18, 1883	59
David L. Clark.	Jan. 14, 1820		Jan. 27, 1861	41
Frances Louise.	Nov. 7, 1843	Mar. 7, 1860	.....	...
Alice Josephine.	Nov. 11, 1845	Mar. 25, 1868	.....	...

DESCENDANTS OF AMANDA FITCH—GRANDCHILDREN (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
7	Mary Adelaide.	Feb. 4, 1847	.....	Sept. 27, 1860	13
8	Ruth Delia.	July 18, 1850	Mar. 7, 1867	.....	...
9	Emma Amanda.	Oct. 18, 1853	.....	Oct. 2, 1860	7
10	John Josiah.	Feb. 7, 1857	Aug. 19, 1884	.....	...
11	Charles Rand.	Sept. —, 1859	.....	Oct. 4, 1860	1
	Mason S. Wheaton.	July 31, 1826	July 5, 1851	Sept. 17, 1903	77
	Harriet Elliot.	Mar. 7, 1833	May 24, 1868	Sept. 13, 1861	28
12	Mary J.	Apr. 28, 1852	.....	.....	...
13	George Frank.	Nov. 15, 1857	.....	.....	...
	Second Wife.				
	Mrs. Sophronia Wilcox.	Oct. 12, 1831	Aug. 11, 1867	Mar. 31, 1898	66
14	Harriet.	Feb. 8, 1869	Aug. 10, 1887	.....	...
15	Henry.	Feb. 8, 1869	June 27, 1900	.....	...
16	Anna R.	Mar. 15, 1878	.....	.....	...
GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.					
	Frances Louise Clark.	Nov. 7, 1843	Mar. 7, 1860	.....	...
	Henry Robison.	May 29, 1841	.....	May 1, 1908	67
17	Emma Adelaide.	Nov. 17, 1863	.....	Aug. 15, 1869	5
	Alice Josephine Clark.	Nov. 11, 1845	Mar. 25, 1868	.....	...
	Albert Benjamin.	Aug. 27, 1843	.....	.....	...
18	Charles M.	May 20, 1872	Aug. 2, 1897	.....	...

19	Albert C.	June 3, 1875	Mar. 25, 1900	.....	.....	.....
20	Fitch C.	May 31, 1877	Mar. 23, 1904	.....	.....	.....
21	Arthur C.	Apr. 7, 1883	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Carrie E.	June 1, 1886	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Ruth Delia Clark.	July 18, 1850	Mar. 7, 1867	.....	.....	.....
	Orson D. Fitch.	Sept. 8, 1847	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	Alice Amanda.	Dec. 23, 1867	.....	Nov. --, 1873	6	.....
24	Albert Henry.	July 12, 1870	July 24, 1895	.....	.....	.....
25	Earl Burdette.	July 19, 1875	Jan. 18, 1898	.....	.....	.....
26	Paul Benjamin.	Nov. 3, 1877	Apr. 29, 1904	.....	.....	.....
27	Robert Guy.	Mar. 30, 1880	.....	Nov. 5, 1884	4	.....
28	Clarence Hubert.	Feb. 2, 1883	Nov. --, 1907	.....	.....	.....
29	Orson David.	Nov. 22, 1887	.....	Feb. 27, 1888	.....	.....
30	Lewis John.	Sept. 6, 1892	.....	.....	.....	.....
	John Josiah Clark.	Feb. 7, 1857	Aug. 19, 1884	.....	.....	.....
	Emma S. Hawn.	Sept. 23, 1867	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Clara Delia.	Aug. 17, 1885	Oct. 17, 1903	.....	.....	.....
32	John Duvere.	July 15, 1900	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Mary J. Wheaton.	Apr. 28, 1852	May 24, 1868	.....	.....	.....
	Gardner Fellows.	June 15, 1849	Sept. 16, 1896	.....	.....	.....
33	Frank E.	1869	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Clara E.	1881	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Harriet Wheaton.	Feb. 8, 1869	Aug. 10, 1887	.....	.....	.....
	Wayland B. Ayers.	May 22, 1863	.....	.....	.....	.....

DESCENDANTS OF AMANDA FITCH—GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN (Continued)

No	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
35	Gertrude.	June 18, 1888	Dec. 9, 1907	.....	.....
36	I,eslie.	Aug. 8, 1890	.....	Oct. 12, 1890	.....
	Henry Wheaton.	Feb. 8, 1869	June 27, 1900	.....	.....
	Mary E. Shelp.	May 14, 1875	.....	.....	.....
37	Henry Holden.	May 22, 1903	.....	.....	.....
38	James S.	June 19, 1904	.....	.....	.....
GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.					
	Charles M. Benjamin.	May 20, 1872	Aug. 2, 1897	.....	.....
	Mary Wheeler.	Nov. 1, 1873	.....	.....	.....
39	Alice Margaret.	Aug 31, 1898	.....	.....	.....
40	Albert Rial.	Apr. 19, 1900	.....	.....	.....
41	Frances May.	Apr. 23, 1905	.....	Nov. 19, 1905	.....
42	Robert Irwin.	Sept. 23, 1906	.....	.....	.....
43	Herbert Heath.	Dec. 29, 1908	.....	.....	.....
	Albert C. Benjamin.	June 3, 1875	Mar. 25, 1900	.....	.....
	Bethel Barber.	May 24, 1882	.....	.....	.....
44	Evan.	Mar. 28, 1901	.....	.....	.....
45	Russel.	June 3, 1905	.....	.....	.....
46	Arlo.	Sept. 10, 1908	.....	.....	.....

Fitch C. Benjamin. Mabel Spiker.	May 31, 1877 } July 3, 1883 }	Mar. 23, 1904	..........	..........
Albert Henry Fitch. Mabelle Louise Miles. Orson L. Alice Myra. Richard Miles.	July 12, 1870 } Mar. 20, 1870 } May 18, 1896 July 28, 1898 Apr. 3, 1900	July 24, 1895 Apr. 8, 1899.....	.........................	.........................
Earl Burdette Fitch. Edith Maria Baugh. Orson George. Delia Pauline. Mina Elizabeth. Robert Guy.	July 19, 1875 } July 26, 1875 } Sept. 7, 1899 Nov. 12, 1900 Feb. 19, 1903 June 28, 1904	Jan. 18, 1898.........................	..............................	..............................
Paul Benjamin Fitch. Geneva May Patrick. Cecil Clark. Ruth Alta. Alice Josephine.	Nov. 3, 1877 } Apr. 20, 1886 } Oct. 10, 1905 Mar. 12, 1907 Jan. 6, 1909	Apr. 29, 1904....................	.........................	.........................
Clarence Hubert Fitch. Jennie Wynne. Ellen Ruth.	Feb. 2, 1883 } Oct. 22, 1892 } Mar. 12, 1909	Nov. —, 1907
Clara Delia Clark. Lee Hobart.	Aug. 17, 1885 } Mar. 11, 1883 }	Oct. 17, 1903
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DESCENDANTS OF AMANDA FITCH—GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Frank E. Fellows.	1869 }			
	Clara Topping.	Jan. 25, 1874 }	Sept. 16, 1896		...
58	Glen D.	Aug. 24, 1898	.....	.....	...
	Gertrude Ayers.	June 18, 1888 }			
	John W. Watson.	Apr. 12, 1887 }	Mar. 10, 1907		...
59	Clifford Ayers.	Dec. 9, 1907	.....	.....	...

DESCENDANTS OF ADONIRAM FITCH—CHILDREN.

	Adoniram Fitch.	Apr. 1, 1808 }		Mar. 20, 1892	84
	Diantha Colby.	1828 }	Nov. 10, 1848	Dec. 24, 1881	53
1	Daniel W.	Oct. 18, 1850	.....	Mar. 24, 1879	28
2	Jane E.	July 4, 1852	.....	.....	...
3	Oramel.	1855	.....	.....	...
4	Ida M.	Aug. 13, 1856	Aug. 3, 1879
5	John S.	Mar. 5, 1859
6	Nellie E.	May 30, 1864
7	Edwin F.	June 1, 1869	Dec. 23, 1904

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	Jane E. Fitch.	July 4, 1852 }	
	Gustavus Streeter.1847 }

8	Orson.	1869
9	Emory O.	1872
10	Ida May.	1874
11	Lewis.	1878	.....	.....	1881 3
	Ida M.	Aug. 13, 1856	.....	.....	.....
	Addison W. Hallock.	May 14, 1853	.....	.....	.....
12	Milo E.	Apr. 12, 1880	.....	.....	.....
13	Delta Maude.	Aug. 1, 1882	.....	.....	.....
14	Harry N.	June 19, 1884	.....	.....	.....
15	Earl R.	July 23, 1887	.....	.....	.....
	Orson D. Streeter.	1869	.....	.....	.....
	Etta Shaw.	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Emory O. Streeter.	1872	.....	.....	.....
	Elizabeth Roberson.	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Ida May Streeter	1874	.....	.....	.....
	W. A. Newton.	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Delta M. Hallock.	Aug. 1, 1882	.....	.....	.....
	Ford S. Shenk.	Jan. 26, 1880	.....	.....	.....
16	Zola H.	Apr. 26, 1900	.....	.....	.....
17	George F.	Dec. 28, 1902	.....	.....	.....
18	Claud.	June 10, 1905	.....	.....	.....

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN FITCH—CHILDREN.

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	John Fitch.	Feb. 28, 1811	July 4, 1844	Feb. 12, 1861	50
	Maria Moore.	Oct. 28, 1820		Mar. 23, 1860	39
1	Elizabeth S.	Mar. 12, 1846	Jan. 13, 1864	June 5, 1908	62
2	Orson David.	Sept. 8, 1847	Mar. 7, 1867	.....	...
3	Cynthia M.	Oct. 6, 1849	Feb. 26, 1870	.....	...
4	Ann F.	Oct. 28, 1851	May 24, 1868
5	Hubert J.	Oct. 31, 1853
6	Adele M.	July 29, 1856	Sept. —, 1879	Dec. 3, 1883	27

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	Elizabeth S. Fitch.	Mar. 12, 1846	Jan. 13, 1864	Jan. 5, 1908	62
	Orrin Rich.	June 12, 1840	
7	Ransom J.	Jan. 7, 1865	Dec. 10, 1889	.....	...
8	William P.	Jan. 22, 1869	Oct. 14, 1891	.....	...
9	Hubert O.	Mar. 14, 1871	Feb. 16, 1898	.....	...
10	Lewis G.	Apr. 6, 1873	Dec. 20, 1894	.....	...
11	Anna M.	June 15, 1875	Nov. 7, 1897	.....	...
12	Albert O.	Apr. 14, 1877	.....	.....	...
13	Kittie M.	Mar. 15, 1879	.....	.....	...
	Orson D. Fitch.	Sept. 8, 1847	Mar. 7, 1867	.....	...
	Ruth Delia Clark.	July 18, 1850		.....	...
14	Alice Amanda.	Dec. 23, 1867	.....	Nov. —, 1873	6

15	Albert Henry.	Jan. 12, 1870	July 24, 1895	.....	...
16	Earl Burdette.	July 19, 1875	Jan. 18, 1898	.....	...
17	Paul Benjamin.	Nov. 3, 1877	Apr. 29, 1904	.....	...
18	Robert Guy.	Mar. 30, 1880	.....	Nov. 5, 1884	4
19	Clarence Hubert	Feb. 2, 1883	Nov. —, 1907	.....	...
20	Orson David.	Nov. 22, 1887	.....	Feb. 27, 1888	...
21	Lewis John.	Sept. 6, 1892	.....	.....	...
	Cynthia M. Fitch.	Oct 6, 1849 }	Feb. 26, 1870	.....	...
	Byron Wattles.	Feb. 15, 1847 }		Dec. 21, 1905	58
22	Carleton.	Jan. 26, 1874	May 18, 1893	Apr. 30, 1909	35
23	Harry Lathrop.	Apr. 4, 1876	.....	May 18, 1876	...
	Ann E. Fitch.	Oct. 28, 1851 }	May 24, 1868	.....	...
	Smith Wilcox.	Aug. 25, 1851 }		.....	...
24	Almond.	Oct. 24, 1870	.....	Sept. 4, 1872	2
25	A daughter.	June 9, 1872	.....	June 18, 1872	...
26	Gertrude.	Feb. 18, 1875	.....	Apr. 2, 1875	...
	Adele M. Fitch.	July 29, 1856 }	Sept. —, 1879	Dec. 3, 1883	27
	Charles M. Buck.	Nov. 17, 1854 }		Dec. —, 1894	40
27	Edna.	Sept. 27, 1883

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	Ransom J. Rich.	Jan. 7, 1865 }	Dec. 10, 1889
	Anna R. Knapp.	Mar. 6, 1863 }	

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN FITCH—GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
28	Bessie R.	May 2, 1891	.....	.....	...
29	Francis O.	May 8, 1895	.....	.....	...
30	William P. Rich.	Jan. 22, 1869	Oct. 4, 1891	.....	...
	E. Maude Speed.	Nov. 19, 1874		.....	...
	Clifford.	Nov. 16, 1895		.....	...
31	Hubert O. Rich.	Mar. 14, 1871	Feb. 16, 1898	.....	...
	Mary J. Meeks.	.....		.....	...
No children.					
31	Lewis G. Rich.	Apr. 6, 1873	Dec. 20, 1894	.....	...
	Mary B. Earsley.	Aug. 10, 1875		.....	...
	Hilma Genevieve.	June 29, 1896		.....	...
	Hilda Elizabeth.	Nov. 16, 1897		.....	...
	Mabel Leona.	Feb. 24, 1905		.....	...
34	Albert Merle.	June 1, 1907	.....	.....	...
35	Anna M. Rich.	June 15, 1875	Nov. 7, 1897	.....	...
	Edgar Welch.	Aug. 17, —		.....	...
36	Claude.	June 24, 1900	.....	.....	...
37	Leonard.	Feb. 2, 1903	.....	.....	...
38	Alberta E.	Oct. 9, 1905	.....	.....	...
	Cornelia Bernice.	July 28, 1908	.....	.....	...

Albert Henry Fitch.	Jan. 12, 1870 {	July 24, 1895	.....	.....
Mabelle Louise Miles.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orson L.	May 18, 1896	.....	.....	.....
Alice Myra.	July 28, 1898	.....	Apr. 8, 1899	.....
Richard Miles.	Apr. 3, 1900	.....	.....	.....
Earl Burdette Fitch.	July 19, 1875 {	Jan. 18, 1898	.....	.....
Edith Maria Baugh.	July 26, 1875 {	.....	.....	.....
Orson George.	Sept. 7, 1899	.....	.....	.....
Delia Pauline.	Nov. 12, 1900	.....	.....	.....
Maria Elizabeth.	Feb. 19, 1903	.....	.....	.....
Robert Guy.	June 28, 1904	.....	.....	.....
Paul Benjamin Fitch.	Nov. 3, 1877 {	Apr. 29, 1904	.....	.....
Geneva May Patrick.	Apr. 20, 1886 {	.....	.....	.....
Cecil Clark.	Oct. 10, 1905	.....	.....	.....
Ruth Alta.	Mar. 12, 1907	.....	.....	.....
Alice Josephine.	Jan. 6, 1909	.....	.....	.....
Clarence Hubert Fitch.	Feb. 2, 1883 {	Nov. —, 1907	.....	.....
Jennie Wynne.	Oct. 22, 1892 {	.....	.....	.....
Ellen Ruth.	Mar. 12, 1909
Carleton Wattles,	Jan. 26, 1874 {	May 18, 1893	Apr. 30, 1909	35
Addie Farley.

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DESCENDANTS OF SARAH ELIZA FITCH—CHILDREN.

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	Sarah Eliza Fitch.	Sept. 3, 1814	Jan. 2, 1845	Sept. 25, 1902	88
	Calvin Clark.	Oct. 21, 1814		Sept. 15, 1864	50
1	Anna Sophia.	Jan. 9, 1846	Feb. 1, 1872
2	Robert Charles.	June 14, 1848	June 7, 1881
3	Sabra Electa.	May 3, 1853

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	Anna Sophia Clark.	Jan. 9, 1846	Feb. 1, 1872
	Francis A. Snow.	June 26, 1848	
4	Lamont Clark.	Dec. 10, 1873	Jan. 29, 1907
5	Fannie Louise.	Jan. 8, 1878	.....	.....	..
6	Arthur Taft.	June 12, 1882	Dec. 29, 1908
	Robert C. Clark.	June 14, 1848	June 7, 1881
	Jessie D. Snow.	Sept. 9, 1851	

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	Lamont Clark Snow.	Dec. 10, 1873	Jan. 29, 1907
	Frances Whitaker.	Aug. 24, 1875	
7	Edith Elizabeth.	Oct. 4, 1907
	Arthur Taft Snow.	June 12, 1882	Dec. 29, 1908	.....	..
	Edith Whitaker.	July 18, 1878		.....	..

DESCENDANTS OF LYDIA CORNELIA FITCH—CHILDREN.

1	Lydia Cornelia Fitch.	Mar. 23, 1817 {	Apr. 29, 1841	May 10, 1906	89
	George P. Clark.	Feb. —, 1818 }		Mar. 20, 1868	50
2	David F.	May 9, 1842	.....	.....	..
3	Eliza C.	Nov. 4, 1844	May —, 1860	July 26, 1865	20
4	Emily Albertina.	Feb. 16, 1848	Oct. 11, 1869	.....	..
5	Frank C.	May 3, 1850
6	George P.	May 6, 1853	Jan. 17, 1882
	Charles Judson.	Aug. 1, 1862	1891

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7	Eliza C. Clark.	Nov. 4, 1844 {	May —, 1860	July 26, 1865	20
	George Dunbar.	Sept. —, 1837 }	
	Fred Fitch.	Sept. 21, 1864	May 8, 1887
8	Emily Albertina Clark.	Feb. 16, 1848 {	Oct. 11, 1869	.....	..
	John Davis.	Jan. 14, 1838 }		.....	..
	Mary I.	Aug. 3, 1878	Jan. 26, 1898	.....	..
	Frank C. Clark.	May 3, 1850 {	.....	.....	..
	Warren Russell.	.....	.....	.....	..
9	Clark A.	Sept. 8, 1870	Mar. 25, 1899	.....	..
10	Sarah Albertina.	April 1, 1873	June 10, 1897	.....	..

DESCENDANTS OF LYDIA C. FITCH—GRANDCHILDREN (Continued).

No.	Name.	Born.	Married.	Died.	Age.
	George P. Clark.	May 6, 1853 }		...	...
	Lily Dehoren.	Aug. 12, 1843 }	Jan. 17, 1882	.....	.....
11	Fred D.	Mar. 12, 1883
12	Frank R.	Feb 3, 1885
	Charles Judson Clark.	Aug. 1, 1862 }	
	Caroline Mack.	1891

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13	Fred Fitch Dunbar.	Sept. 21, 1864 }	May 8, 1887
14	Florence M. Cole.	Feb. 12, 1868 }	
15	Ernest Leverne.	Apr. 25, 1889
16	Alice Alene.	July 11, 1891	.....	.....	.....
	Nina Belle.	Jan. 22, 1895	.....	.....	.....
	Mary Autoinette.	Aug. 17, 1896	..	.....	.....
	Mary L. Davis.	Aug. 13, 1878 }		.....	.....
17	John H. Brink.	Sept. 8, 1876 }	Jan. 26, 1898	.....	.....
18	Paul Davis.	Dec. 3, 1898	..	.....	.....
19	Ruth Albertina.	Oct. 14, 1901	.....	.....	.....
20	Ethel C.	Oct. 7, 1905	.....	.....	.....
	Elizabeth.	May 23, 1908	.....	.....	.....

21	Clark A. Russell.	Sept. 8, 1870	.....	.....
	Maria Hoffman.	June 27, ———	.....	.....
22	Harold Ernest.	Apr. 7, 1900	.....	.....
	Gladys Albertine.	Jan. 31, 1903	.....	.....
23	Sarah Albertina Russell.	Apr. 1, 1873	.....	.....
	Louis W. Lindeman.
	Louis W.	July 14, 1900
24	Fred D. Clark.	Mar. 12, 1883
	?
	Warren George.	July 15, 1907

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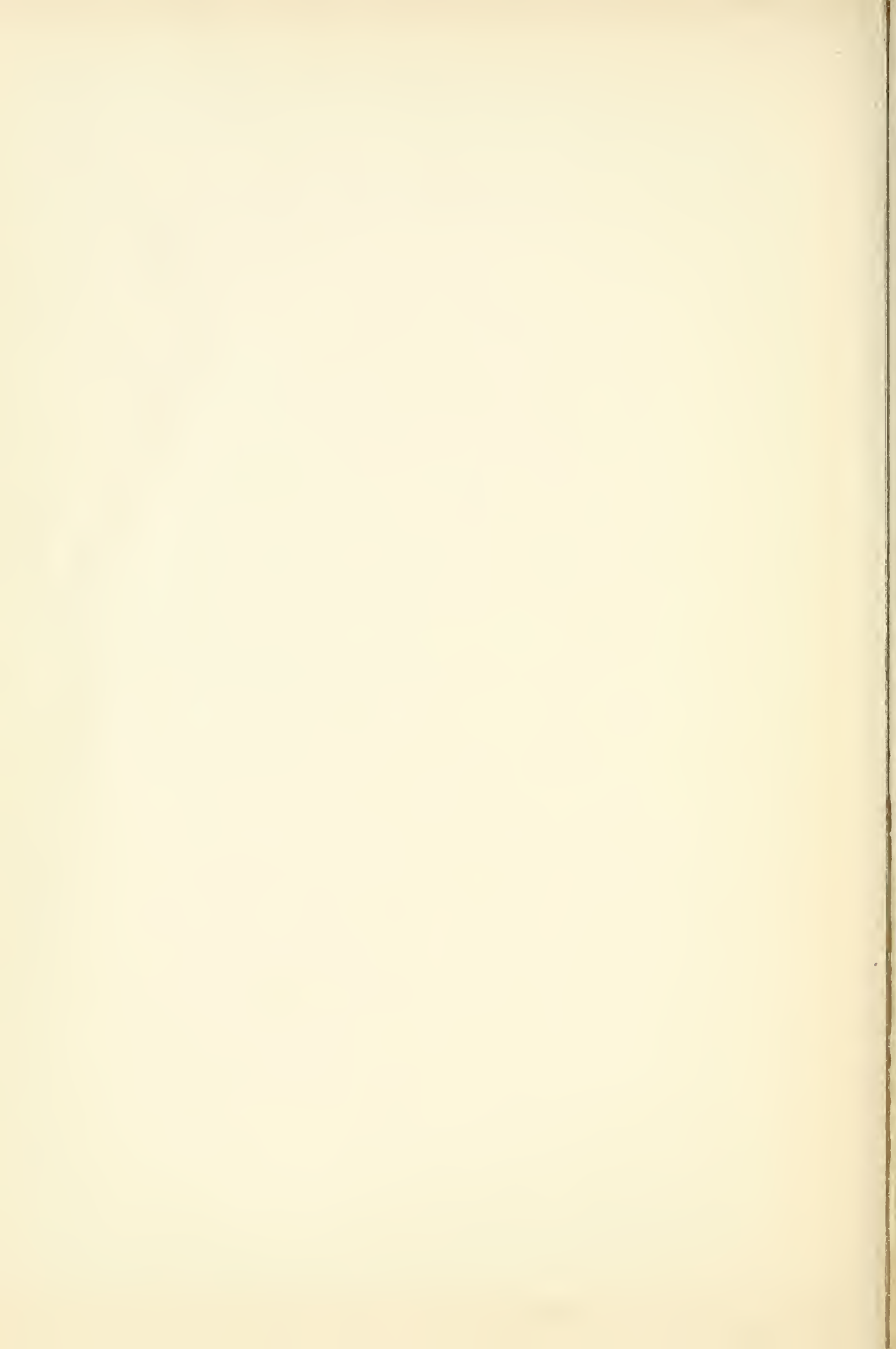
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