

"Mr. Riker has read to me portions of the volume of the 'Annals of Newtown,' and I have traced the outlines of its contents throughout. I deem it a work of great value, exhibiting great industry and thoroughness of research in procuring materials from official and private sources. Few volumes of the kind now before the public exhibit these in so great degree. It will prove an important contribution towards the history of our state. The author has been very successful in tracing the lineage of the early settlers of the town, and filling up the series with interesting biographical remembrances, diligently collected from various sources. This will render it interesting to the numerous descendants of these early settlers, now greatly multiplied and widely spread. It will be to all a valuable contribution to our historical literature. I deem it richly deserving of patronage, and cordially commend it as such.

"THOMAS DE WITT,

"One of the ministers of the Collegiate Reformed
"Dutch Church, New-York."

THE

ANNALS OF NEWTOWN,

IN

QUEENS COUNTY, NEW-YORK:

CONTAINING

Its History from its first Settlement,

TOGETHER WITH

MANY INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE ADJACENT TOWNS;

ALSO,

A PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF NUMEROUS LONG ISLAND FAMILIES
NOW SPREAD OVER THIS AND VARIOUS OTHER
STATES OF THE UNION.

By JAMES RIKER, JR.

"The benefits of God are to be kept in fresh memory and propagated to posterity."
REV. WILLIAM LEVERICH.

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highways at the several kills, to be cleared by the last of this instant, March. They were moreover directed to observe that all fences be kept in good repair, and "to take care of all ways and fences to the poor's bowery, and Peter Cornelius his mill." The court of sessions, which met in June following, directed the immediate execution of this order, and a report to be rendered.

At this time there was "a ferriage at Mespat Kills, for the accommodation of strangers." It was kept by Humphrey Clay, of Bushwick. The creek was crossed above by a bridge on the old highway leading from Brooklyn to Newtown, and both the road and the bridge being sadly out of repair, causing not only inconvenience, but danger to life and limb, the subject engaged the attention of the same court of sessions, who issued the following order:

"Upon complaint of Ralph Warner and divers others, concerning the insufficiency of a certain bridge by the Cripplebush in the usual road betwixt Newtown and the Ferry, whereby great misfortunes have happened to several passengers, the court have thought fit and ordered that the constables and overseers of the several towns of Newtown, Brooklyn, and Bushwick, do appoint two persons out of each of their towns to view the said bridge; and the town within whose bounds it shall be found to be, is forthwith to cause it to be repaired fit for travellers to go over without further danger: and it is likewise ordered that the inhabitants of the respective towns aforementioned, do cause the roadway betwixt Newtown and Brooklyn to be cleared; their several new fences having blocked up the usual old way, which causes many inhabitants, as well as strangers, to lose themselves in the woods."

While attention was thus directed to the temporal comfort and prosperity of the people, their moral and religious improvement was hindered, the town being destitute of a suitable house for public worship. The Rev. Mr. Leverich was strait-

¹ This mill stood on the site of that now of Mr. Jackson, and had been recently erected by the ancestor of the Luyster family, Pieter Corneliasen Luyster, who bought the ground upon which it stood, from the deacons of the Dutch church, at New-York, and obtained the governor's confirmation July 15th, 1668. He however sold the premises "by publique outcrye," in New-York city, June 11th, 1670, to Capt. Thomas Delavall.

ened in his labors, and seems to have meditated a removal, for the people having met on Dec. 18th, to consider the state of their religious affairs, "voted that Mr. William Leverich shall continue at this town to preach the word and be our minister," and also appointed persons, with the constable and overseers, to "agree with Mr. Leverich for his maintenance." They further resolved, "that a rate of forty pounds shall be made, for the building a meeting-house, the one-half to be paid in corn, the other half in cattle." Arrangements were forthwith entered into for the erection of the first church edifice that graced the village of Newtown, which enterprize was among the chief concerns of 1671. It was built upon "a small gore of land," appropriated for the purpose, by Ralph Hunt,¹ a respectable resident of the town; and this church remained for about forty years, the site being now occupied by the large house at the south corner of the main street and the Jamaica road, formerly known as the "Corner House," and recently owned by Peter Duryca.

¹ Ralph Hunt was a useful citizen, as the records abundantly prove. He served long as a town surveyor, and as an overseer; and during the reoccupation by the Dutch, held the office of schepen, or magistrate. He died early in 1677, leaving sons Ralph, Edward, John, and Samuel, and daughters Ann and Mary—the former then the wife of Theophilus Phillips. Of the sons, Ralph and Samuel settled in Jamaica. John was a magistrate in Newtown for some years, and left a son Ralph, and perhaps others. Edward became a man of estate, and died in Newtown in 1716, having five sons, and as many daughters—to wit: Edward, born February 4th, 1684; Richard, Ralph, Thomas, Jonathan, Sarah, Martha, Elizabeth, Hannah, and Abigail. The two sons last named continued in Newtown, but Edward and Richard settled in Hunterdon county, New Jersey. Of some one branch of this family, early transferred from Long Island to New Jersey, was Oliver Hunt, the grandfather of Col. George W. Hunt, of White Pot.

all the land in the western side thereof, including the plantation, both upland and meadow ground, belonging to the said Hendrick Barent Smith, within the limits of their said town, or so much thereof as shall be within the line aforesaid, and that the said Hendrick be a member of said town."

When the result became known to the people of Newtown, no little dissatisfaction was expressed at the terms of the compromise. A meeting was held on the 23d of August, and a deputation appointed to wait upon the governor, and inform him that unless Bushwick should satisfy them for the expense incurred in the purchase of the land ceded to them by the committee, they were unwilling to yield it, but intended to hold possession "according as it was confirmed by Governor Nicoll."

Early in the succeeding year, 1673, the startling news was received that England and Holland were again involved in a war. Orders arrived to Gov. Lovelace to put the province in a state of defence, but so inefficient were the means made use of to fortify the city of New-York, that a Dutch squadron under Commodores Binckes and Evertsen, returning from a predatory visit to the West Indies, entered the harbor, and on July 30th captured the place with very little opposition. Most suddenly and unexpectedly the inhabitants found themselves under their old masters. Capt. Anthony Colve was appointed governor by the naval commanders, and immediately began to reinstate the Dutch government. He issued his proclamation to the several towns to come and make their submission to the States General.

Newtown prepared to obey the order, and deputed Lieut. John Ketcham and John Burroughes, who on the 22d of August, new style, presented themselves before "the lords, commanders, and the noble military council," in the fort at New-York, bearing with them the English colors, and a constable's staff, in token of their submission, and at the same time petitioning for the uninterrupted enjoyment of their privileges. In answer they were assured that they should be allowed the same immunities as were granted the inhabitants and subjects of the Dutch nation. They were directed to notify their town of "Middelburg" to nominate six persons, from whom the honorable court should select three for magistrates,

and also to appoint two deputies to unite with others of "Rust-dorp, Heemstede, Vlissingen, and Oyster Bay," in the presentation of three nominees for the office of scout, or sheriff, and three for that of secretary, which two latter officers were to have authority over these five named towns, now to be united in one jurisdiction for the better subserving of the ends of justice. The town complied with this order on August 24th. The candidates for the magistracy were Gershom Moore, Richard Betts, Jonathan Hazard, John Ketcham, Ralph Hunt, and John Burroughes, of whom the court, on the 31st, confirmed Messrs. Betts, Hazard and Hunt, who were sworn into office on the 6th of September.

In the meantime, Capt. William Knift, and some others, had been despatched to the towns and villages to administer the oath of allegiance to the inhabitants. On the last day of August, they came to Newtown, which at that time numbered ninety-nine adult male residents, but only twenty-three could be found, the rest being absent. The former accepted the oath with due formality, while their names were written down by Capt. Knift's clerk. Directions were left with the magistrates to administer it to the rest of the inhabitants, and forty-eight more were sworn on the 13th of September. Four Quakers scrupled to take the oath, but promised fealty. These were Samuel Scudder, John Way, John Scudder, Jun. and Nathaniel Pettit.

Written instructions were soon after received from the new governor, for the guidance of the magistrates in the future government of the town, though in some minor concerns at least the people continued to dispense their affairs according to the

Lieut. John Ketcham was the progenitor of a considerable family, now extinct in Newtown, but to be found in other places. He first appears at Ipswich, Mass. in 1648, but removed a few years after to Huntington, L. I., which town he represented in the Hempstead assembly, in 1665. Coming to Newtown in 1668, he was the next year elected constable, from which time he was much in public life and enjoyed a large share of popular confidence. He bought the purchase right of Edward Jessup in the Newtown lands, and owned the farms now of Geo. I. Rapelye and Benj. Moore, near Newtown village. He died in 1697. His sons were John, who continued at Huntington; Philip, who remained in Newtown, and left issue; Lieut. Samuel, who also left a family in this town; Nathaniel, who removed to Westchester county; and Joseph, who settled at Christiansa, in Delaware.

The conduct of the Quakers was at length declared to be a disturbance of the peace, a public scandal. Case and two of his adherents, Samuel Scudder and Samuel Furman were reported to the court of sessions, held at Gravesend, June 15th, 1675, whose action thereon is thus recorded. "The court having taken into consideration the miscarriages of Samuel Scudder and Thomas Case, Quakers, by disturbing and seducing the people and inhabitants of this government, contrary to the peace of our sovereign lord, the king, do therefore order that they forthwith give security to the value of forty pounds each, before Mr. Justice Betts, for their good behaviour and appearance at the assizes." Samuel Furman was bound over in the sum of twenty pounds, and charged "to go home about his occasions, and not to disturb the people."

The excitement already produced was now heightened by the improper conduct of Mary, wife of Thomas Case. Entering the church at Newtown on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5th, she thus addressed Mr. Leverich, who was in the pulpit: "Come down thou whited wall, thou art one that feedest thyself and starvest the flock." She was led out of the meeting by Samuel Moore, the constable, and persuaded to be quiet, but this interruption of public worship was deemed too serious an offence to be passed by, and Mr. Moore preferred a complaint against her at the assizes in October, at which time Case and Scudder were also arraigned for trial. The witnesses against them were Capt. John Coe, Thomas Wandell, David Jennings, John Woollstoncrofts, Jonathan Hazard, James Way and Thomas Morrell, the two latter being "half Quakers." To the charges brought against her, Mrs. Case could only reply that she "went in obedience to the Lord, to declare against Mr. Leverich's doctrine." But the divine agency in this affair being not so apparent to the court, she was fined five pounds. Samuel Scudder, when charged with having written a "scandalous letter" to Mr. Leverich, acknowledged it, and was sentenced to pay a fine of six pounds or suffer two months' imprisonment, and then to be of good behaviour in the penalty of twenty pounds.

* Samuel Scudder was the son of John Scudder, who was born in 1619, and came from London to New England in 1635, and thence to Mespat Kills prior to 1660. He died near the close of that century. His sons were the

Samuel Scudder

Elizabeth widow of
Jan Alburtis

William Lawrence m
Elizabeth daughter of John
Scudder 1693

Thomas Case was fined twenty pounds, and bound for his good conduct till the next assizes under a penalty of forty pounds, "and in case of his pursuing his evil practices to the disturbance of the government, or be found amongst any course of those which do the like either at home or abroad" he was to be imprisoned without bail or mainprize.

But the year 1675 was not to pass without a third excitement among the inhabitants of Newtown. This was caused by the opening of an Indian war in New England which awakened painful apprehensions in the province of New-York, lest the Long Island Indians, influenced by King Philip, the shrewd and powerful sachem of the Wampanongs, and joining the hostile confederacy which this chief was exerting himself to effect among the eastern tribes for the destruction of the English settlements, might carry their savage warfare into the towns and villages of this province. Great alarm ensued, and prudence demanded the immediate adoption of defensive measures. The council at New-York having issued a proclamation in which they endeavoured to allay the fears of the inhabitants by assuring them of the falsity of "the late reports of Indians' ill intents," advised each town on Long Island to prepare some place of security to which they might flee for safety, should the enemy make his appearance.

The people of Newtown, who shared largely the prevailing alarms, assembled on October 2d. They selected the meeting-house as the most commodious and defensive position, and resolved to surround the building with a stockade at the distance of twelve feet from the wall, and to erect two flankers; the work to be commenced on the eleventh instant and to be completed, "with all expedition," between that and the sixteenth of the month. Every man was to lend a hand

said Samuel, and John, the first of whom married Phebe, daughter of Edmund Titus, of Westbury, L. I., and died in 1689. His son Samuel died an old man, Aug. 31st, 1764, having issue, Samuel, Mary, who married Peter Renne, Sarah, who died single, and Deborah, who married Daniel Denton of Elizabethtown, N. J. Samuel, last named, married twice, but died without issue, Aug. 31st, 1771. John Scudder, son of John 1st, married in 1669, Joanna, daughter of Captain Richard Betts, and died in 1732, aged about 87. His son John settled at Elizabethtown, N. J. where he died in 1739, leaving sons John, Thomas, Richard and Samuel, whose descendants there are highly respectable.

the persons ejected; which gentlemen, together with Robert Field,¹ and Capt. Joseph Sackett, were also by a vote then taken, and by an instrument in writing, dated on Oct. 23d succeeding, fully empowered to treat with the neighboring towns, and settle all differences as to boundaries. In 1718, they added to the above persons Thomas Stevenson, Joseph Sackett, Jun. and Peter Berrien, and levied a tax of a hundred pounds on the purchase lands, for the defence of the township, because, says the record, "the inhabitants of the towns of Flatbush, Brooklyn, and Bushwick, one Elias Boudinot, and

¹ The Fields, of Newtown, were of respectable English origin, and are believed, by those who have investigated the subject, to have sprung from the ancient family of De La Feld, or Delafeld, after their removal to England, from the Vosges Mountains, in France, as stated in Burk's Landed Gentry. The first of the family in this town was Robert Field, whose father, Robert, was a patentee of Flushing in 1645. As early as 1670, the younger Field was a landholder of Newtown, where he subsequently held the office of overseer. He died, April 13th, 1701, leaving four sons, Robert, Nathaniel, Elnathan, and Ambrose. Robert, the person named in the text, married, in 1690, Phebe, widow of Samuel Scudder. He was a prominent member of the society of Friends, and owned the farm, now of the widow Vanderveer, near Newtown village, which at his death, Jan. 28th, 1735, without issue, he left to his nephew, Robert Field. His brother, Elnathan, died aged, on Jan. 3d, 1754. He had issue, Robert, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Susannah, who became in succession the wives of John Sackett, Phebe who married John Coe, and Mary, who married Robert Coe. Benjamin owned the farm now of Col. Hunt, at White Pot, and had one son, the late Hezekiah Field. Robert, the son of Elnathan, was born May 12th, 1698, inherited the farm of his uncle Robert, married Elizabeth Hicks, and died Sep. 19th, 1767, having had issue, Elnathan, Robert, Thomas, Benjamin, Jacob, Stephen, Whitehead, Abigail, who married Samuel Moore, and Deborah, who married successively Daniel Betts and Waters Smith. Of these sons, *Elnathan* and *Benjamin* removed to Middletown, N. J. where they left families. *Whitehead* had sons, Daniel and Austin. *Jacob* married Charity, daughter of Thomas Whitehead, and died in his 82d year, April 26th, 1815. His children were Mary, who married Samuel Blackwell, Elizabeth, Henry, and Jacob, whose widow survives. *Stephen*, the sixth son of Robert and Elizabeth, remained on the paternal farm, married Helena, daughter of Thomas Whitehead, and had issue, Frances, Deborah Smith, now the widow Van Dam, Sarah, who married Thomas Keeler, Waters, Hannah, now the widow of Jacob Field, Richard, and Stephen. The latter, born Oct. 1st, 1774, married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Blackwell, and died April 15th, 1828, having issue, Abigail, Helen, wife of Cornelius Layster, Sarah Maria, now deceased, Robert M. of New-York city, Stephen, and Cornelia.

thrice m.; first on Aug. 30, 1762, to Letitia Sebring, who d. Feb. 14, 1765; secondly to Harmtie Lefferts, who d. childless; and lastly, on Aug. 3, 1770, to Phebe dau. of Sam'l Skidmore. She d. Apr. 11, 1832, a. 87. Mr. S. had thirteen ch. of whom the following reached maturity, namely: John, b. May 14, 1763; Letitia, b. Sep. 30, 1771, m. Capt. Peter Manifold; Samuel, b. May 21, 1773, d. Sep. 23, 1797; Jane, b. Mar. 9, 1776, now widow of Isaac Heyer, late a distinguished merchant; Hendrick, b. Mar. 22, 1779; Mary, b. Sep. 5, 1780, m. Henry Whitney and Adrian Van Sinderen, Esq.; Harriet, b. Sep. 1, 1782, now Mrs. Stephen Whitney of New-York; Richard, b. Aug. 4, 1784; Ferdinand, b. Sep. 13, 1786, and James, b. Mar. 9, 1788. Of the above sons, all became merchants in New-York, except *James*, who remained on the paternal estate at Hallett's Cove, m. Matilda, dau. of John Greenoak, and d. Sep. 17, 1834, without issue. *Ferdinand*, one of the late firm of Suydam, Sage & Co. m. Eliza dau. of Anthony L. Underhill, and d. Mar. 24, 1851, having issue Henry L., Ferdinand, and Charles. *Richard* m. in 1811, Rachel E. Henderson of Lancaster, Pa. and has ch. Mary A., Caroline, Adaline, Jane, and Louisa. *Hendrick* m. in 1802, Jane dau. of Wm. Lawrence, Esq., and has issue Mary, Aletta, Samuel, Elizabeth, William L. dec., Julia, Cornelia, and Margaret. *John* m. in 1800, Jane Mesier of Poughkeepsie, amassed a fortune, and d. much lamented, some years since, leaving issue Maria, m. to Philip M. Lydig, Henry, Peter-Mesier, John'R., Letitia, Eliza, dec., David L., James A., and Jane, now Mrs. William Remsen.

John R. Suydam

Fac-simile of the signature of HENDRYCK RYCKEN, ancestor of the SUYDAM FAMILY.

THE MOORE FAMILY.



The several families of English extraction bearing this name, are said to find a common head in Thomas De Moore, who came from Normandy with William the Conqueror in the year 1066, and whose name is enrolled in the ancient list taken at their embarkation at St. Valery, and also in the list of those who survived the memorable battle of Hastings, fought on October 14th, in the above year, in which he had a considerable command. From him two English families of distinction claim descent, namely, those of the Earls of Mount-Cashell and Drogheda.

1. Rev. John Moore, the more immediate ancestor of the Newtown family, was, doubtless, of English birth, though it is unknown when or from whence he emigrated. He was an Independent, and the first minister of the town, having been "permitted in New England to preach, but not authorized to administer sacraments." After this mode he officiated "for many years," till his death in 1657. He was reputed a good preacher. In consequence of his interest in the purchase of Newtown from the Indians, the town awarded eighty acres of land to his children, thirty years after his decease. For more of his history see the preceding pages. Soon after his death his widow m. Francis Doughty, son of the Rev. F. Doughty. Mr. Moore left issue John, Gershom, Samuel,² Joseph, and Elizabeth, who m. Content Titus.* *Joseph* removed to South-

* Capt. CONTENT TITUS was b. at Weymouth, Mass., Mar. 28, 1643, being the son of Robert Titus, a respectable husbandman, who, with his wife Hannah, emigrated from near Stansted Abbey in Hertfordshire, Eng. in 1635, and settled first at Weymouth, and then at Seekonk, whence they removed, in or about 1650, to Oyster Bay, L. I. From Robert, through his sons John, Edmund, Samuel, Abiel, and Content, has descended a numerous posterity to Long Island and elsewhere. Content, having lived at Huntington, came to Newtown in 1672, and in the aforesaid year bought the premises given to

ampton, L. I. where he d. in 1728, his posterity still remaining at that place. *Gershom* m. Mary, the widow, I believe, of Jonathan Fish. He was a useful man, and d. in or about 1691, leaving sons *Gershom* and *Jonathan*. *John* left sons *John*, b. 1668, and *Thomas*, b. 1670. Several of the sons of *Gershom* and *John* Moore are believed to have removed to New-Jersey.

2. Samuel Moore, son of Rev. *John*,¹ became a grantee of land at Newtown village in 1662, and afterwards purchased an adjacent tract, previously owned by his father, and which is now included in the premises of *John J. Moore*. In 1684 he bought from *Wm. Hallett*, Sen. a farm near the Poor Bowery, (part of which is now the property of *S. H. Moore*) to which he removed. Capt. Moore held various public offices, and served in the magistracy for a series of years. He d. July 25, 1717, and his widow, whose maiden name was *Mary Reed*, d. May 4, 1738, a. 87. His ch. were *Samuel*,³ *Joseph*,⁴ *Benjamin*,⁵ *Nathaniel*, *Mary*, m. *Nath'l Woodward*; *Margaret*, m. *Pretton*; *Elizabeth*, m. *Hicks*, and *Sarah*, who m. *Daniel Coe*. *Nathaniel* settled at Hopewell, N. J. where his posterity yet remain, as I am informed.

his father-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Moore. At his death Mr. Titus left this property to his son *Robert*, who sold it in 1731 to *Wm. Sackett*, and it afterwards became the Episcopal parsonage. (See the history of these premises, pp. 40, 45, 49, 75, 250.) Mr. Titus proved a most valuable citizen, and so vigorous were his faculties at fourscore years, that he was then chosen an elder of the Presbyterian church. He d. Jan. 17, 1730. In the southwest corner of the ancient public burial ground at Newtown, stands a rude stone that marks his grave, bearing the simple inscription, "Content Titus." He left issue *Robert*, *Silas*, *John*, *Timothy*, *Hannah*, d. unm.; *Phebe*, m. *Jonathan Hunt*; and *Abigail*, who m. *George Furniss*. *Robert* removed, in 1731, to New Castle co. Del.; and *Timothy* settled at Hopewell, N. J., where his posterity is still found. *Silas* remained in Newtown, m. in 1715, *Sarah* dau. of *Edw. Hunt*, and having served as a trustee of the town and an elder of the Presb. church, d. Nov. 2, 1748. His ch. were *Ephraim*, who settled at Hopewell, aforesaid; *Edward*, *John*, *Sarah*, m. *Francis Cornish* and *John Leverich*; and *Susannah*, who m. *Nowell Furman*. *Edward* m. in 1741, *Elizabeth*, dau. of *Benj. Cornish*, and d. in 1780 on his estate at Fresh Ponds, now *Nicholas Wyckoff's*. He had issue *Susannah*, m. *Jona. Furman*; *Abigail*, m. *Daniel Wiggins*; *Hannah*, m. *Daniel North*; *Amy*, m. *Richard Leverich*; *Judith*, m. *Luko Reimsen*; and *James*, who m. *Jane* dau. of *John Debovoise*, and had issue *Edward*, b. 1800, and late of *Williamsburgh*, L. I. dec.; *Eliza-Jane*, b. 1801; and *John Titus*, b. 1803, and now living at the last named place.

3. Samuel Moore, son of Samuel,² also entitled captain, m. Apr. 1, 1705, *Charity*, dau. of *Wm. Hallett*, Esq. and occupied the farm now of *Sam'l B. Townsend*, which passed out of the family but a few years since. Capt. Moore d. Jan. 3, 1758, leaving issue *Samuel*,⁴ b. Apr. 22, 1709; *Charity*, b. Feb. 19, 1713, m. *Fitch*; *Sarah*, b. Dec. 25, 1714, m. *Tucker*; *William*, b. Feb. 20, 1717; *Mary*, b. July 15, 1719, m. *Richard Williams*; *John*,⁵ b. Dec. 23, 1721; *Nathaniel*, b. Apr. 8, 1723; *Augustine*, b. Apr. 28, 1724; *Pelatiah*, b. June 9, 1726, m. *Joseph Titus*; and *Elizabeth*, b. May 17, 1729, who married *Benjamin Moore* of Pennington. *William*, a schoolmaster and surveyor, a single in 1752. *Augustine* m. and had issue only *Augustine*, who d. unm. *Nathaniel* m. Mrs. *Rebecca Barnwell*, dau. of *Jacob Blackwell*, and succeeded to the paternal farm, now *B. Townsend's*. He d. Apr. 3, 1802, a. 79, his wife having June 6, 1790, a. 87. Their ch. were *Charity*, m. *Daniel Hallett*; *Mary*, m. *Abm. Berrien*; *Nathaniel*, and *Rebecca*, who became the wife of *Stephen Hallett*. *Nathaniel* m. June 9, 1783, *Martha*, dau. of *Joshua Gedney*, and had issue *Samuel*, d. unm.; *Joseph W.* now a merchant at *Mobile, Ala.*; *Margaret*, m. successively *Capt. Andrew Riker* and *James Perrott*; *Rebecca*, m. *Cornelius Purdy*, and *Elizabeth*, who m. *Robert Blackwell*.

4. Samuel Moore, son of Samuel,³ m. his cousin *Sarah*, dau. of *Benj. Moore*, who, dying Mar. 22, 1750, he m. *Anna Bates*, Dec. 6, 1755. He was some years in the commission of the peace, and d. Dec. 11, 1767, in his 59th yr. His ch. by his first wife were *Samuel*, *Vernon*, and *Thomas*; and by his second, *Amy*, *Anna*, *Daniel*, *Sarah*, *Elizabeth*, and *Richard*; all of whom d. unm., except *Samuel*, *Richard*, and *Sarah*. The latter m. *Thompson*. *Richard* m. *Catharine*, dau. of *Cor. Berrien*, was by occupation a cooper, and resided in New-York. His ch. who survived infancy were *Anna*, m. *Zebulon Brant*; *Cornelius*, m. but had no issue; *Jane-Eliza*, m. *Strong-Vernon*, and *William-Bates*. The latter m. *Elizabeth Cortelou*, and had issue *William-Berrien*, *Catharine*, *Richard-Riker*, *Elizabeth*, *Virginia*, *Angeline*, *Edward C. Henry*, and *Cornelius*. *Strong V. Moore*, aforesaid, m. *Martha Jadwin*; issue *Jane E.*, *Anna M.*, *Strong V.*, *Richard P.*, *Rebecca J.*, *Martha A.*, *Charles L.*, *Sarah C.*, and *Cornelius B.* *Samuel*, usually de-

signated as Samuel Moore 3d, m. Jan. 18, 1769, Amy, dau. of Wm. Leverich, after whose death he m. Anna Lawrence. He was an intelligent man, and devoted his life to school-teaching. For fifteen years he was clerk of Newtown, his father having previously filled that office nine years. His sons by his second marriage were Samuel and James-Lawrence; and by his first, William; now all dec. and only the latter leaving issue.

s. John Moore, son of Samuel,³ m. Patience, dau. of Joseph Moore. He d. Mar. 7, 1806, a 84. His ch. were Joseph, b. Feb. 12, 1750; Augustine, b. Apr. 9, 1752, d. Nov. 23, '69; David, b. Sep. 10, 1756; and Jemima, b. Jan. 21, 1763, who m. Jesse Fish. Joseph m. Sarah, dau. of Benj. Moore of Trenton, and had issue Mary, d. single; and Catharine, who m. Benjamin Titus. David m. May 24, 1780, Jemima, dau. of Capt. Samuel Hallett, and succeeded to his father's estate, now owned by S. H. Moore. Here he d. Jan. 12, 1823, a 66, and his widow, June 20, 1846, a 86. They had twelve ch. to wit, Patience, b. Aug. 15, 1781, d. Jan. 1, '82; Susannah, b. Mar. 28, 1783; Thomas, b. June 12, 1784, d. Sep. 21, 1828, being the father of David and Cornelius Luyster Moore; Anna, b. Mar. 16, 1786, m. Peter Luyster; Samuel-Hallett, b. Jan. 11, 1788, d. unm. June 26, 1813; Joseph, b. May 15, 1790, has no issue; David, b. Aug. 22, 1791, m. Mary B. dau. of Geo. Brinckerhoff, and resides at Brooklyn; Patience, b. Dec. 30, 1793, now widow of Col. E. Leverich; Sarah, b. Nov. 12, 1796, present wife of Peter Luyster, Esq. aforesaid; John, b. Sep. 26, 1798; Martha, b. Apr. 26, 1800, d. unm. Aug. 21, 1824; and Elbert-Luyster, b. Jan. 4, 1802, d. single, Dec. 13, 1822. John Moore, last named, m. Martha-Ann, dau. of Gerdon Manwarring, and has surviving ch. Samuel-Hallett, Van-Zandt-Mumford, Elbert-Luyster, and Mary-Ann.

e. Joseph Moore, son of Samuel Moore,² was b. Dec. 11, 1679, and came in possession of that part of his father's estate near the Poor Bowery, which was subsequently purchased by John Moore, the great-grand-father of S. H. Moore, its present owner. He m. successively Elizabeth and Sarah, daughters of Jos. Sackett. He d. suddenly July 10, 1756, and his widow Sep. 25, 1760, a 71. His ch. were seven by his first marriage, and eight by his second, to wit, Sarah, b. Sep. 29, 1706, m. Benjamin Fish; Joseph, b. Sep. 28, 1708, d. (unm. it is

believed,) Nov. 10, 1757; Nathaniel, b. Jan. 1, 1710, d. young; Mary, b. Nov. 14, 1712, m. John Davis; Abigail, b. Apr. 10, 1715, m. Samuel Washburn; Sackett and Benjamin,⁷ twins, b. Sep. 3, 1716; Anna, b. Mar. 21, 1718, died single Dec. 1, 1769; Elizabeth, b. Mar. 28, 1720, m. Joseph Baldwin; Patience, b. Feb. 5, 1722, m. John Moore; Samuel, b. Jan. 15, 1724; Martha, b. Mar. 20, 1726, m. Joseph Titus; Nathaniel, b. Jan. 15, 1728; Phebe, b. Mar. 28, 1730, m. Burroughs; and Jemima, b. October 18, 1732, who d. unm. Apr. 11, 1758. Nathaniel m. Joanna Hall, and d. Sep. 29, 1781, in his 54th yr. having issue Nathaniel, who m. but had no ch.; and Sarah, who m. Benjamin Waite. Sackett m. and removed to Hopewell, N. J. where he d. in his 37th yr. Aug. 18, 1753. His ch. were Joanna, m. Smith; Joseph, Jesse, and Sackett. Samuel, entitled captain, m. Abigail, dau. of Robert Field. He espoused the whig cause in the Revolution, and was an active member of the Newtown committee. He managed to remain after the British came, and d. in or about 1782. His widow d. Jan. 15, 1805. Their ch. were Robert (Major), d. a bachelor Feb. 2, 1843, in his 86th yr.; and Sarah, who m. Samuel Blackwell.

7. Benjamin Moore, son of Joseph,⁶ m. Mary Hart of New Jersey, to which state he removed, and settled in Trenton Township. Mrs. Moore d. Dec. 5, 1789, and he on June 5, 1792, in his 76th yr. Their ch. were Israel, William-Sackett, and Sarah, who m. Joseph Moore. Israel m. Catharine Carpenter, and d. Mar. 8, 1829, in his 78th yr.; issue Sarah, d. single; Elizabeth, who m. Josiah Hart; and Aaron, residing on N. Jersey. William S. m. Elizabeth, dau. of Benj. Moore of Hopewell, N. J. by his intermarriage with Eliz., dau. of Sam'l Moore of Newtown. He d. at Trenton, Feb. 8, 1825, a 65 yrs. His ch. are Benjamin; Maria, now Mrs. Benj. Fish of Trenton; Ann, m. Capt. Lewis Parker; Eliza, and William L. Moore, residing at Danville, Ill.

a. Benjamin Moore, son of Samuel,² came in possession of the property near Newtown village, previously owned by his grand-father, Rev. John Moore, and now the residence of John J. Moore. He m. Dec. 27, 1710, Anna, dau. of Joseph Sackett, and d. Mar. 22, 1750. His widow d. Sep. 30, 1757, a 66. Their ch. were Samuel,¹⁰ b. Dec. 5, 1711;

Mary, b. Jan. 10, 1714, m. James Renne, 2d; Anna, b. Nov. 5, 1715, m. Thos. Hallett; Sarah, b. May 17, 1718, m. Samuel Moore; Benjamin, b. Mar. 23, 1720; John, b. June 28, 1723, d. young; Elizabeth, b. Jan. 10, 1725, m. Wm. Hazard;* Patience, b. Oct. 18, 1727, m. Jos. Lawrence, and John,⁹ b. July 5, 1730. *Benjamin*, a young physician of promise, d. in the West Indies in or about 1745.

9. John Moore, son of Benjamin,⁸ remained on the homestead, and m. May 2, 1752, Hannah dau. of Thos. Whitehead. She d. in her 44th yr. Aug. 4, 1772. Mr. Moore survived till Oct. 18, 1827. He was in his 98th yr. His ch. were Eliza-

007 Hazard's * The HAZARDS were, prior to the Revolution, one of the most prominent families in Newtown. Their ancestor, Thomas Hazard, came from Wales, and was admitted to freemanship at Boston in 1636: in 1652, he became one of the founders and first magistrates of Newtown. He had several sons, one of whom, Robert, settled in Rhode Island, and originated the Hazards, so highly distinguished in the annals of that state. JONATHAN, another son, remained at Newtown, m. Hannah, dau. of Jas. Lauranson, acquired a large property, and filled various offices. He d. in 1711, having had issue Thomas, James, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, m. Edward Hunt, and Sarah, who m. James Renne. Thomas, styled captain, was supervisor of Newtown from 1720 till his death, which occurred Aug. 31, 1733, at the age of 51, occasioned by a fall from his horse. By his wife Meroy, dau. of Thos. Betts, he had ch. Thomas, Daniel, Samuel, John, and Jonathan: the last of whom settled in Orange co., N. Y. Daniel, a sea captain, d. in New-York in 1747, and his only son, Thos. Hazard, Esq. d. in the same city in 1787, a. 43. His ch., as their births are recorded, were William-Howard, b. 1770; Charles-Smith, b. 1772; Frances S. b. 1773, and Benjamin, b. 1774. James, for fifteen years a judge of common pleas, occupied the farm now of John Duryea, in Newtown. The family vault on this estate fell into decay, and was filled up a few years since. Judge Hazard d. Apr. 25, 1765. His ch. were Rebecca, m. Robert Morrell; William, and Jonathan: the latter m. Abigail Pumroy, and left a son James, b. in 1752. William was a prominent citizen of Newtown, m. Miss Moore, as above, and d. Aug. 25, 1773, a. 58. He left several daughters, and a son Morris, who was the grandfather of Mr. Wm. H. Hazard, of New-York, shipping merchant. Nathaniel, a merchant, finally removed to Philadelphia, and d. in 1749. He had issue Nathaniel, Samuel, Hannah, m. Rev. Sam'l Sackett, and Sarah, who m. Capt. Dan'l Hazard. Nathaniel was a successful merchant in New-York, d. in or about 1764, and left sons Nathaniel, Samuel, and Joseph, besides daughters, one of whom, Elizabeth, m. Joseph Hallett, father-in-law of the late Major John Delafield. Nathaniel, last named, m. Mary, dau. of Col. Jos. Robinson, and d. in 1798; issue, Maria and Nathaniel. Samuel, son of Nathaniel, was the father of the late Ebenezer Hazard, Esq. of Philadelphia, a former Post-master General of the United States and, editor of valuable contributions to American history.

beth, b. Apr. 23, 1753, d. unm. Aug. 25, 1827; James, b. July 24, 1754; Daniel, b. July 19, 1756, d. Sep. 25, '61; Anna, b. Mar. 11, 1761, m. John McVickar, father of the Rev. Dr. McVickar, of New-York; Patience, b. Nov. 9, 1762, m. John Charlton Dongan; Mary, b. Mar. 19, 1764, m. Dr. Rich. Lawrence and Wm. Stewart; Benjamin, b. Jan. 25, 1766; Daniel-Sackett, b. June 17, 1768, and Abigail, b. Jan. 11, 1770, who m. Thomas Billopp, a New-York merchant, who afterwards perished in the Miranda expedition, in 1806. *Benjamin* had issue James, Uretta, and Richard. James m. Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Sam'l Hallett, and d. Feb. 25, 1799, a. 44, having ch. Maria, Eliza, Jane, John, and Hannah. Daniel-Sackett owned the paternal residence near Newtown village. He chose a sea life, and was for many years a successful and respected shipmaster. Capt. Moore d. in his 61st yr. Sep. 20, 1828. He m. successively Hannah, dau. of David Titus, and Hannah, dau. of Jacob Moore, and by the latter had issue Elizabeth, m. Jacob P. Leverich; John-Jacob, William, Sarah, now Mrs. Henry Barclay; Mary, m. Charles Judson; James, Frances, and Benjamin.*

10. Samuel Moore, (styled lieut.) son of Benjamin,⁸ was a respected farmer near Newtown village, owning the property now of John Penfold, (south side of the high-way,) on which he erected the house still standing. He m. Sarah Fish, who survived him, and d. a. 79, June 17, 1796. He d. Apr. 7, 1788, in his 77th yr. His ch. were Benjamin,¹¹ Jacob, William,¹² Sarah, m. Thomas Barrow; Patience, m. David Titus; and Judith, who m. the Rev. Thos. L. Moore. Jacob m. in succession Hannah and Elizabeth Waters, the latter on June 2, 1781. He d. July 22, 1825, a. 74, having (by his last wife) issue Hannah, m. Capt. D. S. Moore; Benjamin, and John, who d. a young man. Benjamin m. Jane, dau. of John Rapelyc, and owns part of the farm of his late father-in-law in Newtown. His ch. are Mary-Jane, Elizabeth, John, and Lemma-Ann.

11. Benjamin Moore, son of Samuel,¹⁰ was b. at Newtown, Oct. 5, 1748, and received a liberal education at King's (now Columbia) College, N. Y. of which institution he afterwards became an honored president. After pursuing theological studies, he went to England, in 1774, and was ordained to the Episcopal ministry; and, after his return, officiated as assistant

minister of Trinity Church, till, on the resignation of Bishop Provost, he was appointed rector, in 1800. The next year he was elected bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New-York, and continued to perform the duties of this high vocation till his death, Feb. 27, 1816, in his 68th yr. He was a man of deep learning, true benevolence, and exemplary piety. Bishop Moore m. Apr. 20, 1778, Charity, dau. of Maj. Clement Clark, of New-York, and his only child is Clement C. Moore, Esq. of this city.

12. William Moore son of Samuel,¹⁰ and brother of the bishop, was b. at Newtown, Jan. 17, 1754. Adopting the study of physic, he went to Europe in 1778, and two years after graduated at Edinburgh doctor of medicine. He returned home, and, for more than forty years, continued unremittingly engaged in the arduous duties of an extensive practice. For many years, he was president of the New-York Medical Society, and a trustee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, as well as a vestryman of Trinity Church. "Seldom, indeed," remarks Dr. Francis, "has it happened that the two professions were adorned with such attainments, and such private excellence, as were exhibited in the instances of Dr. Moore and his brother Benjamin, the late pious and venerable bishop of the church." Dr. Moore d. in his 71st yr. Apr. 2, 1824. He m. Feb. 4, 1782, Jane, dau. of Nathaniel Fish, of Newtown, and had issue Nathaniel F. late president of Columbia College; Maria-Teresa m. Henry C. De Rham, merchant; Samuel W., physician; Jane, m. Henry Major, merchant; Susan, dec.; Benjamin, also dec.; Sarah, m. Edward Hodges, prof. of music; and William, of the mercantile firm of De Rham & Moore, New-York.

THE ALSOP FAMILY.

Writers on English surnames inform us, that this family derive their name from the village of Alsop, in Derbyshire; where, says a late English work, "there are numerous Alsops of every grade in society." Some distinguished persons of the name lived in the seventeenth century, and among these,

several Episcopal divines who were ejected from their cures under the act of uniformity. Of a period somewhat earlier was Richard Alsopp, lord mayor of London, in 1597. A namesake of the latter, and perhaps a descendant, Richard Alsop, was the originator of the Newtown family, who was induced by his uncle, Thomas Wandell, to locate in this town. Mr. Wandell, according to reminiscence in the Alsop family, had been a major in Cromwell's army; but, having some dispute with the protector, was obliged to flee for safety, first to Holland, and thence to America. But some doubt of this may be justly entertained; because Mr. Wandell was living at Mespat Kills in 1648, which was prior to the execution of King Charles, and when Cromwell enjoyed but a subordinate command in the parliamentary army. Mr. Wandell m. the widow of Wm. Herrick, whose plantation on Newtown Creek, (originally patented to Richard Brutnell,) he bought in 1659, afterwards adding to it fifty acres, for which Richard Colefax had obtained a patent in 1652. On this property, since composing the Alsop farm, Mr. Wandell resided. He was selected, in 1665, as one of the jury for the trial of Ralph Hall and his wife for witchcraft, (the only trial for witchery in this colony,) and shared the honor of acquitting the accused. Some years later, he made a voyage to England, returning by way of Barbadoes, and, it is supposed, brought with him from England his sister's son, Richard Alsop, who, about this time, came to America, and was adopted by Mr. Wandell as his heir, he having no issue. He d. in 1691, and was interred on the hill occupied by the Alsop cemetery. Many years after his death, the silver plate of his coffin was discovered, in digging a new grave.

1. Richard Alsop, while yet under age, received a commission in the Newtown troop of horse. Inheriting the estate of his uncle Wandell, he continued to reside upon it during life. He d. in October, 1718, a. about 58; but his widow, Hannah, (who, tradition saith, was a Dutch lady, whom he courted through an interpreter,) attained her 91st yr. and d. Aug. 23, 1757. Their ch. were Thomas, Richard,⁴ John,³ Hannah, m. Jos. Sackett; Deborah m. Capt. John Sipkins and Nath'l Hazard; Amy, m. Jona. Wright; Elizabeth, m. Phineas McIntosh, and Susannah, who m. Nath'l Lawrence. Thomas was b. Sep. 7, 1687, and m. Feb. 5, 1708, Susannah dau. of Robert Black-

4. Abraham Polhemus, son of Abraham,³ m. Margaret Schenck, and settled in Newtown, where he d. Sep. 8, 1809 in his 83d yr. He had issue, Abraham, Elizabeth, who m. Dan'l Rapelye, Gertrude, m. Jacob Polhemus and Jas. Larremore, and Peter who d. a young man. Abraham m. Aletta, dau. of Abm. Rapelye, and secondly, his cousin Elizabeth Bogart. He d. in his 80th yr. May 24, 1831, having ch. Anne, who m. Isaac Snediker, and Abraham. The latter m. in 1811, Cornelia, dau. of Jacobus Suydam. He d. in his 59th yr. Aug. 28, 1843, but his widow still occupies his estate at Hellgate. (See p. 37.) His son, James S. is a merchant of New-York, and another, the Rev. Abraham Polhemus, of the Ref. Dutch church, is settled at Hopewell, in Dutchess co.

THE LEVERICH FAMILY.

The learned and reverend William Leverich, than whom his descendants need wish no better ancestry, first appears as a student at Emanuel college, Cambridge, where he graduated, taking his degree of A. B. in 1625, and that of A. M. in 1629. From his autograph in the college register at Cambridge, and in the town records of Newtown, it appears, unquestionably, that he wrote his name as above, though a few of his descendants now write Leveridge. Engaging to become the minister of Dover, in New Hampshire, he embarked at London in the ship James, and, after a passage of eight weeks, arrived at Salem, Oct. 10, 1633. He immediately entered upon his work at Dover; but, after a stay of less than two years, he left, and came to Boston, where he united with the church, Aug. 9, 1635. His residence here was also brief, for he soon became an assistant to the Rev. Mr. Partridge at Duxbury, where, in 1637, a house-lot was assigned him. Three years later, we find him in office at Sandwich, on Cape Cod, and here he remained a good many years, engaged in imparting religious truth to the Indians, and proving himself a worthy cotemporary of the apostle Eliot. In 1653 he became a purchaser and settler of Oyster Bay, L. I. the inhabitants agreeing to give him £15 per year as minister among them. At this place, Huntington, and

Newtown, he spent the rest of his life, as has been before related. He left sons Caleb and Eleazer, the former of whom took out letters of administration on his estate, June 19, 1677. Eleazer m. Rebecca, dau. of Nicholas Wright, but had no issue. *Caleb Leverich* came with his father to Newtown, at his first settlement here. He acquired much land in different sections of the town, enjoyed the esteem of his townsmen, and was one of the original members of the Presbyterian church. He d. in 1717, a. 79, having survived his wife Martha. His ch. were John,¹ Mary, m. Job Wright; and Eleanor, m. *Jos. Reeder.*

1. John Leverich, son of Caleb, and grandson of the Rev. Wm. Leverich, d. in or shortly prior to 1705, leaving a widow Hannah, and ch. John,² William, Benjamin, Hannah, who m. Jas. Way, and Martha, who m. John Way. *William* m. July 23, 1722, Martha, dau. of Jas. Way. He was by trade a carpenter, but from 1732 owned and occupied the farm now of Geo. Kouwenhoven, in Hellgate Neck. He d. Mar. 25, 1754, leaving issue Martha, m. Sam'l Gosline; Mary, m. Richard Penfold;* Ruth, m. Robert Hallett; and Sarah, who m. Jos. Gosline. *Benjamin Leverich* d. in Newtown, in or about 1732, his wife, Mary, surviving. Their son, Caleb, early began business in New-York, as a painter, and m. Susannah, dau. of Wm.

* WILLIAM PENFOLD, the father of Richard, was an English sea-captain, who m. June 18, 1713, Elizabeth, dau. of John Lawrence, and in 1719 bought the estate at Hellgate, now owned by Dr. Ditmars, then comprising 75 acres. Here his family resided. Capt. Penfold perished on one of his voyages. His widow d. Aug. 11, 1751. Their ch. were Richard, Elizabeth, (probably d. unm.) Deborah, who m. Thos. Parcell, and Edmund. The latter m. in 1760, Catharine Talman, of Flushing, and settled at Whitestone. He had issue Elizabeth, who m. Geo. Farrington; and Peter, who m. but left no ch. RICHARD, named in the text, remained on the paternal farm, where he d. Jan. 7, 1764. By his wife, Mias Leverich, whom he m. about 1745, he had issue Elizabeth, who m. Capt. Cor. Berrien; William L., Mary, m. John Lawrence; Edmund, John, murdered by the natives, while trading on the Spanish main; Martha, m. John Cooper; Richard, and Thomas. *Edmund* and *Thomas* m. but d. without issue. *Richard* m. Catharine Bogart, and d. in 1806, a. 45. His ch. were Catharine-Ann, who m. Wm. Tilton; Thomas, dec., and Nicholas B. now of New-York. Thomas has three daughters living, namely, Catharine, wife of Edmund Charles; Eliza-Jane, wife of Dan'l Riker, and Ann-Maria. *William L. Penfold* m. Mar. 9, 1785, Catharine, dau. of John Fish. He d. at Newtown, in his 81st yr. Aug. 22, 1828. His ch. all living, are John, Samuel, Edmund, and William.

Mary, m. Johannes Opdyke; Hannah, m. Johannes Parcell; Jane, m. Jacobus Van Alst, and Engeltio who also married. *Bergoon*, the eldest son, was captain of the Newtown militia, and is spoken of as a fine specimen of the early Bragaws, being a man of towering stature and great physical strength, qualities which have not yet forsaken the family. He m. Diana Volkertsen, and d. Sep. 15, 1742: issue Isaac, who d. a young man, and Nelly, who m. Matthew Morehead. *Roelof* m. Sarah, dau. of Cor. Luyster, but d. without issue Jan. 26, 1754. *Peter* m. Jane Parcell, and inherited the paternal estate, which he sold after the Revolution, and removed to Fishkill. He had sons Isaac, John, Peter, and George, only two of whom m. namely, Isaac, who had issue Catharine, Ann, Maria, Jane, John, Abraham, and Isaac; and Peter who had Jane, John, Maria, Ann, Abraham, and Catharine. *Isaac Bragaw* d. in Newtown, Mar. 16, 1760, leaving sons Derick, or Richard, and John. Richard, b. in 1748, fell heir to his father's farm, was for many years an elder of the Presbyterian church, and d. Mar. 27, 1818, a. 70. He m. Catharine Gilbert, May 12, 1776, and secondly, on Jan. 21, 1786, Catharine, dau. of Wm. Paynter. His ch. all except one by the second marriage, were Isaac, late of Newark, N. J., dec., Hester, William, of Newtown, Ann, Richard, of Alabama, Margaret, Elias, of Newark, Eliza, Aletta M., John, of Newark, and Catharine.

2. John Bragaw, son of Isaac,¹ m. Apr. 13, 1744, Jane, dau. of Andrew Stockholm, and secondly, on June 30, 1759, Margaret, dau. of Abm. Riker. He was a most worthy man and kind neighbor, and served as a deacon in the Dutch church. He d. May 27, 1782, upon his farm at the Kills, now Wm. Gosman's. His widow, an amiable and pious woman, d. Dec. 25, 1791, a. about 68. Mr. B's ch. were Nelly, b. Dec. 18, 1744, who m. Abm. Rapelye; Isaac, b. July 27, 1750; Helytie, b. July 14, 1753, m. Jeromus Rapelye; Andrew, b. Apr. 29, 1755; Jane, b. Feb. 17, 1757, m. Tunis Brinckerhoff and Cor. Wiltzie; and Abraham, b. Jan. 18, 1765, who d. unm. Apr. 6, 1787. Isaac m. May 27, 1773, Susan, dau. of Capt. Sam'l Hallett, and d. at Hallett's Cove, where he had long resided, July 12, 1830. His ch. were Jemima, Jane, John, dec., Margaret, Susan, dec., Ellen, Elizabeth, d. young, and Isaac I., also dec. Andrew retained the homestead at the Dutch Kills,

m. Nelly, dau. of John Wiltzie,* and was much respected and esteemed as a man and christian. He d. Nov. 29, 1828, a. 73. His ch. were John, Nelly, Cornelius, all dec., Jane, Margaret, Andrew, dec., Abraham, Isaac, dec., Elizabeth, Hetty, Catharine, and Susan.

THE BETTS FAMILY.



1. Concerning the ancestry of Capt. Richard Betts, the progenitor of the Newtown family, nothing positive has been ascertained, though it is probable that he was descended from a family of this name, located at Withenden, in Suffolk co., England, as early as the fifteenth century. He himself is believed to have come from Hemel-Hempstead in Hertfordshire, or its vicinity. He emigrated to New England in 1648, and is found at Ipswich the same year; but soon

after came to Newtown, where he proved himself a person of intelligence, participated largely in public affairs, and acquired great influence. In the revolution of 1663 he bore a zealous

* HENDRICK MARTENSEN WILTSEE, who early emigrated from Copenhagen, in Denmark, was the ancestor of the many families bearing this name, now written variously, but more commonly *Wiltzie*. He m. at New Amsterdam, in 1660, Margaret, widow of Harmen Jansen and dau. of Jan Meyrinck. He enlisted in the Esopus war, in 1663, and, being captured by the savages, was reported killed; but this proved to be a mistake, and Wiltsee soon obtained his liberty. In 1681 he bought the farm at Hellgate, now owned by the Polhemus family, (see p. 37,) which, in 1706, he conveyed to his son Tunis. He had sons Martin, b. 1666; Hendrick, b. 1669; Myndert, b. 1672; Tunis, b. 1674, and Jacob, b. 1676, all of whom married and had families, and their posterity is now numerous, particularly in Westchester and Dutchess counties.

part, and after the conquest of New Netherland by the English, was a member, from Newtown, of the provincial assembly held at Hempstead in 1665. He subsequently served as high sheriff of Yorkshire, upon Long Island, to which office he was commissioned, Oct. 30, 1678, and retained it till 1681. For a long series of years he performed the duties of a magistrate, during which he was more than once a member of the high court of assize, then the supreme power in the province. Capt. Betts became an extensive landholder at the English Kills, a portion of his land being now owned by his descendant, Thos. H. Betts. His residence was in the old Betts house, now occupied by Mr. Hanson. Here he d. at the extreme age of 100 yrs. Nov. 18, 1713. It is said of this remarkable man, that he dug his own grave. By his wife, Joanna, he had issue, Richard,² Thomas,³ Joanna, who m. John Scudder; Mary, m. Jos. Swezey; Martha, m. Philip Ketcham; Elizabeth, m. Jos. Sackett, and Sarah, who m. Edward Hunt.

2. Richard Betts, son of Richard,¹ became a landholder as early as 1680, and settled on the south bounds of Newtown, (upon lands now mostly included in the Cypress Hills Cemetery,) where he d. Nov. 4, 1711, leaving issue Richard, Robert, Thomas, Sarah, Elizabeth, Joanna, Abigail, and Mary; and a widow, Sarah, who survived him many years. Thomas m. Hannah Areson, in 1729. Robert had issue Augustine, &c. Richard m. Apr. 10, 1711, Mary Creed, of Jamaica, in which town he settled. He d. in 1742, a. 56, and his widow in 1759, a. 77. Their ch. were Richard, John, and Mary, who m. Frederick Van Liew. Richard, d. Nov. 17, 1748, a. 37. John m. Sarah Whitehead in 1738, and d. May 10, 1761, a. 44, having had issue Helen, m. Polhemus; Mary, m. Dan'l Kissam, Esq.; Susan, m. Thos. Welling; Sarah, m. Richard Fish; Ann, m. Jos. Stringham; Elizabeth, m. Henry Tenbrook, and Catharine, who d. single.

3. Thomas Betts, son of Richard,¹ m. Mercy, dau. of Maj. Dan'l Whitehead, about 1683.* He resided on a portion of the

* DANIEL WHITEHEAD, as his sign manual is, the father of Major Whitehead, is first noticed among the purchasers of Smithtown, L. I. in 1650. Some years later he located at Mespat Kills. He was a reputable citizen, and one of the seven persons to whom the first Newtown patent was granted. He was chosen a town surveyor in 1668, but d. upon his farm at the

paternal farm at Mespat Kills, and served some years in the magistracy. He d. in 1709, and in 1711 his widow m. Capt. Jos. Sackett. Mr. Betts left nine ch. namely, Richard,⁴ Thomas, Daniel,⁷ Mercy, m. Thos. Hazard, Abigail, m. Abm. Springsteen, Joannua, Mary, Elizabeth, m. Robert Comfort, and Deborah, who m. Gershom Moore. Thomas, b. Aug. 14, 1689, m. May 5, 1713, Susannah, dau. of Thos. Stevenson. He adopted the principles of the Quakers, as did also his brother Richard, which their descendants have generally adhered to. Thomas had issue Ann, b. Dec. 14, 1714; Thomas, b. Nov. 1, 1716, d. young; John, b. Sep. 15, 1718; Stephen, b. Mar. 26, 1720; Thomas and Susannah, twins, b. Feb. 18, 1723.

4. Richard Betts, son of Thomas,³ was b. July 7, 1685, and became a leading member of the society of Friends, in Newtown. His wife, Jemima, whom he m. Aug. 19, 1709, d. Jan. 18, 1761. He appears to have survived her, and d. at an advanced age. Their ch., besides two who d. in youth, were Thomas, b. June 21, 1710; William,⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1716; Benjamin, b. Jan. 15, 1720, d. unm. June 12, '46; and Joseph, b. Apr. 23, 1722. Thomas m. Sarah, dau. of Sam'l Way, but had no issue. He was a well informed and able man, served many years as a magistrate, and d. at the Kills Aug. 21, 1782. Joseph m. Ellison Parcell, and had issue John, d. single; Thomas m., but had no ch.; Sarah, m. John Parcell; Nancy, m. Brown; and Margaret who m. Geo. Corlies, late of New-York, dec.

5. William Betts, son of Richard,⁴ intermarried with Mary, dau. of Capt. Dan'l Betts, and d. of consumption during the Revolution. Mrs. Betts d. of the same disorder. Their ch. were Anthony,⁶ Benjamin, James, d. unm.; Mary, m. John Way; Sarah, m. Hezekiah Warn and Capt. Rich. Vanderburgh; William; Jemima, who d. abroad; Richard, and Daniel. The latter m., and removed to Trenton, N. Y.,

Kills in November of that yr. a. 65. He left sons Daniel, Jonathan, David, and Adam. Daniel (the major) m. Abigail, dau. of Thos. Stevenson, and settled in Jamaica, served in the magistracy of Queens, and was also a representative in the colonial assembly from 1691 till his death. He acquired a large estate, and d. in 1704, a. 58. He left two sons, Jonathan and Thomas, and several daughters, one of whom m. Thos. Betts, as aforesaid. Descendants of Maj. Whitehead are also to be found in the Field, Alsop, and Moore families of Newtown.

where he is still living. *Richard* m. *Nancy Schureman*, and secondly *Ann*, dau. of *Peter Berrien*, settled at Trenton, aforesaid, and d. in 1850, a. 90. *William* m. *Patience Woodward*, and *Mrs. Elizabeth Brush*, and by the latter had issue *Patience*, who m. *Van Valen*; and by the former a son *James*, who m. *Jennett*, dau. of *Frederick Myers*, and was the father of *Wm. M. Betts*, of Southold, L. I., and *James H. Betts*, of New-York. *Benjamin* m. *Sarah*, dau. of *Benj. Moore*, lived on the place since of *Daniel Morrell*, and d. Feb. 8, 1828, in his 82d yr. His ch. were *Hannah*, *Mary*, m. *James Hunter*, and *Margaret* who m. *Levi Hart*, late of Brooklyn, dec.

6. *Anthony Betts*, eldest son of *William*,² m. Aug. 11, 1772, *Jane*, dau. of *Richard Hallett*, and occupied the paternal farm at the Kills, where he d. Dec. 21, 1814, in his 73d yr., and his widow, June 20, 1828, in her 76th yr. Their ch. were *Mary*, b. Aug. 8, 1776, m. *Thomas Hubbs*, of Jericho; *Jonah*, b. Feb. 8, 1780, d. Dec. 14, '80; *Thomas-Hallett*, b. Oct. 15, 1783, and *Richard*, b. Nov. 5, 1786, killed by a bark-wheel July 4, '92. *Thomas H.* yet resides on a portion of the old family estate near the English Kills. On June 11, 1806, he m. *Amy*, dau. of *Cornelius Hyatt*, and has had issue *Anthony*, m. *Catharine*, dau. of *Abm. Meserole*; *Sarah*, dec.; *Jane*, m. to *John M. Hanson*; *Hyatt-Franklin*, m. *Adriana*, dau. of *Geo. Debevoise*, and *Richard Penn Betts*.

7. *Daniel Betts*, (entitled captain,) son of *Thomas*,³ m. in Feb. 1715, *Mary*, dau. of *Nathan Fish*. She d. Oct. 1, 1757, and *Capt. Betts*, on Apr. 12, 1759. In the family cemetery at the Kills, on the property of *T. H. Betts*, rough tablets still mark their graves. Their ch. were *Daniel*, *Richard*, *Samuel*,⁴ *Mary*, m. *Wm. Betts*; *Mercy*, m. *Jacob Hallett*; *Susannah*, m. *Jacob Hallett, Jr.*; *Jemima*, m. *Capt. Sam'l Hallett*; and *Sarah*, who d. single. *Daniel* m. *Deborah*, dau. of *Robert Field*, and d. "with an uncommon disorder," June 18, 1762. His widow m. *Waters Smith, Esq.*, whom she also survived, and d. Nov. 21, 1838, at the great age of 108 yrs. *Elizabeth*, the only ch. of *Daniel Betts*, m. *John B. Scott*, father of the present *Hon. John B. Scott*, of New-York. *Richard Betts*, m. Mar. 16, 1758, *Elizabeth*, dau. of *Cor. Berrien, Esq.*, and for some years kept an inn at *Hallett's Cove*, on property now owned by *Grant Thorburn*. Here he d. during the Revolution, leaving

son *Richard*, *Elizabeth*, m. *Capt. Levin Townsend*, of *Mary*. and; *Amy*, m. *John Swim*; *Mary*, m. *Frederick Stevenson*; and *Jane*, who d. unm. *Richard* d. without issue, Jan. 25, 1795, having m. *Miss Caroline Hawkins*, who afterwards became the wife of *Robert P. Lee*, lawyer, New-York.

8. *Samuel Betts*, son of *Daniel*,⁷ m. *Mary*, dau. of *Jonathan Lawrence, Esq.*, of Rockland co., a son of *Jonathan*, youngest son of *Maj. Thomas Lawrence*, of Newtown. After the death of *Samuel Betts*, which took place June 9, 1773, of apoplexy, his widow m. *Capt. Nath'l Woodward*, of the continental army. *Mr. Betts* had issue *Daniel*, *Jonathan*, *Samuel*, *Nathaniel*, (of whom only *Samuel* married;) *Mary*, m. *Edmund Cock*; and *Susannah*, who m. *John Evans*. *Samuel Betts* was b. at Newtown, Apr. 29, 1764, which place he left, about 1784, for the Danish island of *St. Croix*, where he was for some time successfully engaged in commerce. Here, on July 28, 1796, he m. *Susannah*, fourth dau. of *Manning Lake, Esq.*, from his intermarriage with *Mary*, dau. of the *Hon. Wm. Carty*, of Anguilla. Having correct and diligent business habits, possessing a kind heart, and exercising active benevolence, with a high sense of honor and of unbending integrity, he commanded general confidence, and enjoyed the esteem of a large number of friends. With the means acquired by his industry, he purchased a sugar plantation on the island; and by the death of *Robert Neilson*, of Beeksgrove, a half-brother of *Mrs. Betts*, he became the owner of that and the adjoining plantation, called *Clairmont*, in connection with the *Finlay* family, whose interest he subsequently purchased. *Mr. Betts* removed to the city of New-York, in 1815, for the more convenient education of his children, but returned to *St. Croix* a few years before his death, which took place at Beeksgrove, June 29, 1843. He had eight ch., to wit, *Samuel*, d. unm.; *John-Lawrence*, d. an infant; *William*; *Mary*, m. *Jonathan Lawrence*; *Susan*, m. *Jonas W. Drake*, and resides near Newburgh, N. Y.; *Robert-Nilson*, d. single; *Caroline*, m. *Smith Lawrence*, and is dec.; and *Louisa*. *William Betts*, the third and only surviving son, was b. on the island of *St. Croix*, Jan. 28, 1802, received his subgraduate instruction at Union Hall, L. I., and graduated in 1820 from Columbia College, N. Y., in which institution *Mr. Betts* is now professor of law, having succeeded the late Chancellor Kent in

that chair. For many years he has practiced law in the city of New-York, but has his residence near the village of Jamaica, L. I. On Oct. 18, 1825, he m. Anna-Dorothea, eldest dau. of Beverley Robinson, Esq., from his intermarriage with Frances, dau. of Col. William Duer, whose wife was Catharine, dau. of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling. Both Col. Duer, and Maj. Gen. Lord Stirling, were, it will be remembered, distinguished patriots in our Revolution. Mr. Betts has three ch.: Beverley-Robinson, Caroline, and William, the first of whom has entered the Episcopal ministry.

THE WAY FAMILY.

1. James Way, the founder of this name in Newtown, was of an ancient English family, who, under the appellation of "Waye," appear on the records of Somersetshire, as early as the fifteenth century. Mr. Way was an early and reputable settler at the English Kills, where he acquired a large estate, including the premises of the late Judge Furman. He was a useful man in the town, and served as an overseer. He embraced the principles of the Quakers, which his descendants have very generally maintained. He d. Oct. 2, 1685, having had issue James, Francis, John,² Hannah, who m. Joseph Burroutghs; Elizabeth, m. Arthur Alburtis; and Martha, who m. Thos. Taylor. James d. in 1715, leaving issue Martha, who m. Wm. Leverich; Mary, m. Sam'l Reed; Sarah, m. Johannes Culver; and Elizabeth, who m. Osborn. Francis had issue James, John, Elizabeth, m. Benj. Cornish;* and Diana. After his death his widow, Elizabeth, m. Peter Buckhout in 1713.

* The Cornish family, formerly of considerable repute in this town, were descended from a respectable settler, Thomas Cornish, who was by occupation a maker of pipestaves, or cooper, and d. in 1663. He left sons John, James, Thomas, and Benjamin. From the latter, who d. in 1736, a. 84, leaving sons Thomas and Benjamin, most of the name since resident in this town are presumed to have descended; but my notes are too imperfect to warrant a fuller notice of the family.

Hannah m.
John Moore
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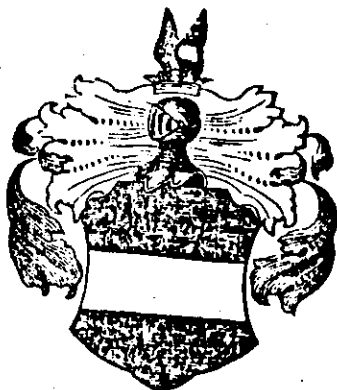
James, son of Francis, became blind, and d. Jan. 8, 1767. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Hannah, dau. of John Leverich, whom he m. in 1716, and who d. Nov. 10, 1729, he had issue Elizabeth, b. Feb. 16, 1717; Francis, b. May 27, 1719; and James, b. Nov. 24, 1721. John Way, son of Francis 1st, m. Martha, dau. of John Leverich, and d. at Hellgate, Oct. 13, 1750. His ch. were John, Leverich, Walter, and Hannah, who m. Wm. Leverich, father of the late Jesse Leverich, &c.

2. John Way, son of James,¹ m. Nov. 22, 1687, Sarah, dau. of Sam'l Dean, of Jamaica, and in 1691 acquired the paternal farm at the English Kills, by purchase from his brothers and sisters. He also became the owner of a large tract of land in Amewell, N. J. which at his death in 1715, he left to his three daughters and his son John. His widow surviving him, d. in 1747, in her 85th yr. His ch. were Elizabeth, b. Oct. 11, 1691; John,² b. Jan. 26, 1694; Samuel, b. Sep. 11, 1696; Sarah, b. Oct. 27, 1698; Mary b. Apr. 14, 1701; and James, b. Aug. 15, 1708. James m. Mary, dau. of Thos. Alsop, and had issue Thomas and John, neither of whom married. By a division of his father's property with his brother John, in 1729, he came in possession of the homestead and lands at the English Kills, on which he lived till his death in 1788. He left £1000 to the Quaker society, and £1000 for the support of a charity school. His brother Samuel, a saddler at the Kills, m. Jane, dau. of John Gancel, whom he survived seven years, and d. Aug. 3, 1767, leaving issue Samuel, John, Mary, who m. Richard Hallett and Jona. Roberts; and Sarah, who m. Thos. Betts. John m. Mary, dau. of Wm. Betts, but left no male issue. His brother Samuel, by the will of his uncle, James Way, fell heir to his property at the English Kills, where he d. in 1798. He was twice m., and by his wife, Esther Valentine, had an only dau. Jane, who, in 1784, m. Dr. Henry Mott, father of Dr. Valentine Mott, of New-York. In 1815 the Way estate was sold to the late Garret Furman.

3. John Way, son of John,² settled on the premises, now of widow Sarah Way, and on July 19, 1716, m. Sarah Burling, of Flushing. He lived to the age of 80. His ch. were John, b. Oct. 12, 1721, and Samuel, b. Nov. 11, 1723. Samuel remained on the paternal farm till his death, Oct. 20, 1796. He had issue John, Burling, Richard, Sarah, who m. Sam'l Spragg,

(father of Richard Spragg, Esq.) and Mary, who m. Chas. Farrington. John, eldest of the three sons, m. Mary Marsh, of New Jersey, and was the father of Charles F. Way, of Newtown. Richard m. in 1786, Sarah, dau. of Thos. Hyatt, who survived him and is living, aged 87. Their ch. are Catharine, Sarah, wife of Richard Spragg, Esq., Judith, wife of Abm. Furman, Walter, Thomas, dec., Richard, Samuel, dec., and Rachel, wife of John Kolyer. Burling Way, m. June 3, 1776, Phebe, dau. of Martin Schenck, and d. Dec. 12, 1811. He had issue Phebe, who m. Ab'm Folk, Judith, m. Jos. Furman, Hannah, m. Arthur Remsen, Martin, Samuel, Peter, James, and Schenck Way.

THE VAN ALST FAMILY.



This name is derived from the estate or manor house of Alst, anciently in the possession of this family, who, in accordance with the custom of that time, were designated as of (van) Alst. This manor is that district in Flanders which still bears the name of Alst, lying between the rivers Scheld, and Dender, and having a capital of the same name.

1. Joris Stevensen Van Alst, the ancestor of all among us of this name, was from Bruges, the capital of West Flanders, situated near the aforesaid district of Alst. He is commonly called in our early records, Joris de Caper, i. e. George the sailor. At New Amsterdam, in 1652, he m. Geesie, dau. of Harmen Hendricksen, a young lady from Witmund; and settling at the Dutch Kills, he bought two plantations, (see p. 21,) for which he obtained a confirmatory patent, Dec. 16, 1670. He d. in or about 1710. His ch. were Stephen, Isabella, Jane, who m. Wit Cornelisz Timmer, Andries, Johannes,² Mary, m.

Henry Brazier, and Helena, who m. Michael Bassett. Neither *Stephen*, b. 1653, nor *Andries*, b. 1664, left issue, though the latter was m. twice: first to Maria Van Gelder, and secondly, it is said, to a sister of Rip Van Dam, Esq., of the provincial council. *Andries* owned the farm now embraced in those of John Gardner, dec., and Jacob Polhemus.

2. Johannes Van Alst, son of Joris,¹ was b. Aug. 5, 1667, and in 1704 bought the paternal estate, where he lived till his death in 1749. By his wife, *Aeltie*, who d. Aug. 23, 1782, he had issue Joris, Johannes,³ Jacobus, Leah, m. John Parcell; Geesie, m. Abm. Riker; and Jannetie, who m. Jacob Skillman. *Jacobus* m. Jane, dau. of Isaac Bragaw, and settled in New-York. *Joris*, b. Aug. 31, 1701, bought the farm of his uncle *Andries*, and m. Oct. 31, 1723, *Aletta*, dau. of Isaac Bragaw, aforesaid. She d. a. 60, Oct. 8, 1760; and Mr. Van Alst, on Sep. 15, 1767. Their ch. were *Aletta*, d. unm.; Isaac, d. single; *Heyltie*, m. Aaron Stockholm; John; Catharine, m. Abm. Bragaw, of N. Jersey; Leah, m. John Van Alst; Bergoon, or Bragaw; Grace, m. Wm. Parcell; and Anna, who m. Sam'l Waldron.* John, last named, was b. Dec. 6, 1729, m. in 1759, his cousin *Aletta*, dau. of John Van Alst, and d. Sep. 20, 1767, his only issue being two sons, George, and Isaac, both of whom left families who located in Dutchess co. Bergoon was

* In or about 1652, *RESOLVED WALDRON* came from Amsterdam to this country, with his *wrow* Tanneke Nagle. He acquired a large property at Horn's Hook, within the limits of Harlem, on which he located. For many years he held the office of scout, and was one of the most useful and respectable of the Harlem settlers. He d. in 1690, leaving sons Samuel, William, Barent, and Johannea. From one of these came Samuel Waldron, who m. Anna Delamater, and removed to Newtown village, where he occupied the premises on which Mr. Lord resides. He served some years as a deacon of the Dutch church, and d. Aug. 23, 1771, a. 61. His ch. were Samuel, John, d. unm., William, Benjamin, Ann, who m. Rich. Rapalje, Elizabeth, m. Sam'l Beekman, Margaret, m. her cousin Jacobus Waldron, and Catharine, who d. single. Of these *William* and *Benjamin* settled in New Jersey. *Samuel*, b. Mar. 13, 1738, m. Anna Van Alst, as before said. He owned the place now of Edward Tompkins, Esq., at Hempstead Swamp, was a blacksmith, as was also his father, and like him was much respected. After the Revolution, he served as a justice of the peace. He d. Sep. 4, 1799, and his widow in her 60th yr., Feb. 28, 1803. They had issue *Aletta*, Ann, Hannah, Samuel, and Cornelia. *Samuel*, b. July 16, 1775, and residing in Newtown, has ch. Hendrick E., Sarah, Aletta, and Anna.

b. Aug. 22, 1737, m. Margaret Hoogland, and removed to Fishkill. His ch. were George, Mary, m. John Luyster; Diana, m. Andrew Stoutenburgh; and Aletta, who m. Hendrick Hulst. The said George m. Mary Storm, and had issue George, and Bergoon.

3. Johannes Van Alst, son of Johannes,² m. Catalina, dau. of Isaac Bragaw, aforesaid, and bought the paternal estate at the Dutch Kills, on which he erected a new house in 1766, which remains, and is now occupied by his grandson, Isaac Van Alst. The ancient house stood a little southeast of this, close on the meadow edge. Mr. Van Alst left issue John, George, Aletta, m. John Van Alst; and Catharine, and Hetty, who became the wives of Henry Jacobs. George m. Ann Meserole, and d. Nov. 10, 1811, a. 71, having owned and occupied that half of his father's farm late in possession of his only child, John G. Van Alst, whose death occurred Aug. 7, 1851, in his 71st yr. John m. Dec. 8, 1768, Hannah, dau. of Jacob Bennet, of Dominie's Hook, a grandson of Capt. Peter Praa.* He fell heir to that part of the homestead now owned by his son Isaac, where he d. Jan. 14, 1823, in his 88th yr.

* Capt. PETER PRAA, who has numerous blood descendants, was sufficiently identified with Newtown, to deserve notice. His father, Peter, was a highly respectable Huguenot exile from Dieppe, a seaport in France, who, with his family, came to this country in 1659, and d. at Cripplebush, Mar. 6, 1663. (See p. 130.) He left ch. Peter, and Anna, who m. Jan Jansen. Peter was b. at Leyden, in 1655, while his parents sojourned at that city of refuge. He m. in 1684, Maria, dau. of Jacob Hay, and widow of Joost Molenaar, at which time he was living in Newtown, but he spent the most of his subsequent life in Bushwick, had command of the militia, and was noted for his skill in horsemanship. He acquired a large property in various places, including Dominie's Hook, which he bought from the heirs of Annetie Jans, of Trinity Church notoriety. (See p. 29.) Capt. Praa d. in 1740. His ch. were Catharine, b. 1685; Maria, b. 1688, m. Wynant Van Zandt; Elizabeth, b. 1691, m. Meserole; Anna, b. 1694, m. Wm. Bennet and Daniel Bodet; and Christiana, b. 1698, who m. David Provost. From these marriages have descended several families in which the name of Peter Praa is yet retained. To the ch. of his dau. Anna, Capt. Praa left the estate of Dominie's Hook. These were Jacob Bennet, Peter P. Bennet, Mary, who m. John Devoo, and Nelly, who m. David Van Cott. Jacob Bennet bought the Hook by purchases in 1767 and 1780. He d. in 1817, a. 94, and his ch. were Jacob, William, Anna, m. Capt. Geo. Hunter, and Hannah, who m. Mr. Van Alst as aforesaid.

His ch. were John, Jacob, Isaac, Peter, William, Abraham, Elizabeth, David, and Henry.

THE BURROUGHS FAMILY.

1. John Burroughes, the progenitor of this family, was of English birth; early came over to Massachusetts, and is found at Salem, in 1637. Upon his removal to Newtown, he became a leading man, and being a skillful penman, a quite rare accomplishment in those days, he filled the office of town clerk for eleven years. He appears to have been a resolute character, a warm advocate of popular rights, and his sufferings in this behalf have been before related. He d. in August 1678, a. 61. Mr. Burroughes was a brother-in-law to Edward Jessup, and was twice married, his second wife being the widow Elizabeth Reed, who survived him but a few days. His will is on record in New-York, and an original copy is still in possession of Mr. Geo. W. Burroughs, of Newtown. He left issue Jeremiah,² Joseph,³ John, Joanna, who m. Reeder, and Mary. John, only son by the second marriage, was b. in 1665, m. Margaret, dau. of Lambert Woodward,* and d. in 1699, leaving a son John, and other ch. Their descendants are not traced.

2. Jeremiah Burroughs, son of John,¹ shared his father's property, and was town clerk for several years, and at the time of his death, which happened in 1698, at the age of 47. He was drowned in swimming after a canoe adrift. His ch.

* LAMBERT WOODWARD bought himself a residence in this town in 1666, and d. in or about 1690, having issue Margaret, abovesaid, Lambert, who d. unm., and Nathaniel, from whom a considerable posterity descended, though now extinct in this town. He m. Mary, dau. of Capt. Sam'l Moore, and d. Oct. 24, 1744. His ch. were Lambert, Moore, Joseph, and Abigail who was the mother of the late Judge Benj. Coe. Joseph m. in 1736, Temperance Fish, and was the grandfather of the late Jos. Woodward of New Utrecht, and his sister Ann N., formerly Mrs. Alsop, now Mrs. Raymond. Moore m. in 1735, Sarah Coe, and had sons Samuel, Nathaniel, John, and Oliver. Lambert succeeded to the paternal farm, (now T. Victor's,) and d. early in the Revolution. His ch. (see pp. 172, 181, 185, 214,) were Capt. Nathaniel, of the American army, Thomas, Gilbert, Lambert, and Philip.

were Jeremiah, James, John, Joseph, and Hannah, who m. John Reeder and John Furman. *Jeremiah* m. Cornelia Eckerson, and settled in Hunterdon co. N. J. *James*, a weaver, served the town as collector of taxes. He m. Deborah Sallier, in 1710, and d. some fifteen or twenty years after, leaving issue James, Joseph, Thomas, John, Deborah, and Mary: Joseph and his two sisters d. single. Their brother John had a son John who removed to Cincinnati. The said Thomas d. at Newtown, in 1805, having had issue Robert, Hannah, who m. Abm. Remsen, Thomas, William, of Cincinnati, Eliza, m. Wm. Wainwright, Joseph, of New Jersey, and John. James, eldest son of James and Deborah, m. Geesie Colyer, in 1769, and d. in 1806. His ch. were Joseph, who settled in Dutchess co., John, James, Grace, wife of Wm. Underhill, and Benjamin, of Newtown. John, last named, was b. Sep. 17, 1777, m. Sarah, dau. of John Debevoise, and d. June 10, 1845.; issue Theodorus, Adriana, John, Jacob J., Joseph, Sarah-Jane, and Grace-Ann.

3. Joseph Burroughs, son of John,¹ was a very worthy citizen, and a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian church, during Mr. Pumroy's ministry. He d. in advanced years, Feb. 16, 1738. His son John m. in 1721, Margaret, dau. of Jas. Renne, served the next year as constable of the town, and was subsequently a justice of the peace. He owned land at Trenton, N. J., and was also interested in the New Cornwall mines. He d. on his estate in Newtown, July 7, 1750, and his widow, July 11, 1767. The latter left £100 to the Presbyterian church. Their ch. were John, Samuel, and Joanna. Samuel left no issue. His brother John m. April 26, 1747, Sarah Hunt, then the widow Smith, and inheriting the paternal farm, d. Feb. 18, 1755, leaving an only ch. Joseph. His widow m. Thos. Woodward. *JOSEPH*, last named, occupied the farm now of Jonathan Randel, on the Dutch lane. He was a leading man in the Episcopal church, and a valuable and esteemed citizen. He d. Dec. 24, 1820, in his 73d yr. He had two wives, and by the first, Lydia, dau. of Thos. Hallett, whom he m. Nov. 11, 1765, and whose death occurred in her 54th yr., Dec. 21, 1793, he had issue John, Thomas, Joseph-Hallett, Anna, now widow of Peter Vandervoort, Esq., William-Howe, and Benjamin. Of these *William* and *Joseph* d. unm. *John*,

b. Nov. 17, 1766, was a physician, and d. Nov. 20, 1812. *Thomas*, b. July 1, 1769, succeeded to the paternal farm, and m. Sarah, dau. of Geo. Wyckoff. He d. Sep. 21, 1835, leaving issue Lydia, who m. Geo. I. Rapelye; Sarah, now Mrs. Chas. H. Roach; Joseph; Ann, who m. John B. Hyatt; and George Wyckoff Burroughs. *Benjamin Burroughs*, b. Mar. 31, 1780, removed to Savannah, Geo., where he married, and became a distinguished and opulent merchant. He was many years an elder of the Independent Presbyterian church in the above city, and d. Apr. 14, 1837. His ch. are Joseph H., a merchant of Savannah; William H., a planter in Florida; Benjamin, a Presbyterian minister at Vernonberg, Geo.; Henry K., a physician, and recently mayor of Savannah; Oliver S., of the same city; Elizabeth-Reid, wife of Dr. John S. Law, of Cincinnati, and Catharine, who m. Chas. Green, of Savannah, and is dec.

THE REMSEN FAMILY.



This family, whose original cognomen was Van der Beeck, dates back to a remote period in Germany and the Netherlands. The arms they bore are those here presented, which were granted them in 1162, by the emperor Frederick Barbarossa. They indicate reputation gained in the knight service, &c., and the wavy lines across the shield represent a brook,

and denote the origin of the family name, the words *van der beek* signifying of the brook.

1. Rem Jansen Vanderbeek, and other persons bearing this name, emigrated to this country in the infancy of colonization,

31, 1762; Sarah, b. May 18, 1764, m. Lawrence Roe; Nancy, b. Apr. 11, 1766, m. Benjamin Fowler, and William, b. Jan. 11, 1772. *Thomas* d. near Whitestone; issue John and Matilda. *William* d. in New-York, Oct. 29, 1850, having been a representative in the state legislature. He had issue who reached adult years, John, Ann, Maria, Christian, Thomas, Susan, Margaret, and William. The daughters all married, and are living in the city of New-York, with the exception of Maria, who is dec. All of the sons d. unm. except John, now the Rev. John Alburtis of New-York city. He was b. June 18, 1795, and was first settled and ordained in the above city, by the Presbytery of New-York, in the year 1819. He is now the editor of a highly scientific and useful work, devoted to agriculture and manufactures, called the *Farmer and Mechanic*. He has two sons, Edward K., and Clement W., the one a commission merchant and the other a lawyer in this city; also two daughters, Louisa and Mary.

THE HOWARD FAMILY.

1. William Howard, the progenitor of the Long Island family, came to this colony near the close of the seventeenth century. Bearing a cognomen distinguished in English history, and which at the present time embraces nearly a dozen of the titled families of Great Britain, it would be interesting to know whether he was of common origin with the latter, who are said by genealogists to be descended from Anber, Earl of Passy, in Normandy, an attendant of William the Conqueror. As yet, however, our information of Mr. Howard, begins with his settlement at New Lots, upon the premises now occupied by his great-grand-son of the same name; he having bought two draught-lots of Francis Way, Feb. 7, 1699. (See p. 149.) Mr. Howard lived to the extreme age of a century, and his remains, with those of his wife, Abigail, rest in the old burial place at New Lots. Their ch. were Joseph,¹

Edward,² Abigail, m. Gabriel Furman,* and Hannah, who m. John Thompson, of Amboy.

2. Edward Howard, son of William,¹ was b. in 1698, and settled on the farm now of Jonathan Howard, near Newtown village. On Oct. 1, 1723, he m. Susannah, dau. of Nathan Fish, who dying Dec. 7, 1755, he m., Jan. 18, 1758, widow Abigail Coe, the mother of the late Judge Coe, of Newtown. She d. Dec. 7, 1761. Capt. Howard and his family were whigs during our Revolution, and living to taste the blessings of freedom, he d. Oct. 18, 1792, a. 94. His ch. were Abigail, b. Dec. 27, 1724, m. Capt. Sam'l Fish; Judith, b. Mar. 22, 1727, who m. Lawrence, and William,³ b. Aug. 14, 1730.

3. William Howard, son of Edward,² m. Mary Cornell, (then the widow Jackson,) who dying without issue, he m. secondly Mary, dau. of Benj. Coe, and sister of Judge Coe, aforesaid. Mr. Howard d. May 28, 1792, in his 72d yr., but his widow survived till 1821. Their ch. who reached maturity, were Abigail, b. July 3, 1765, m. Rev. Zachariah Green; Edward, b. Oct. 2, 1766, d. unm. May 14, 1815; Susannah, b.

* GABRIEL FURMAN, from whom most of the Furmans of this town are descended, was the son of John and Margaret Furman; the said John, whose death occurred in 1726, being the son of Josias Furman, who, with a brother John, came hither from Hempstead, L. I., during Gov. Stuyvesant's time. These are supposed to have been sons of John Furman, from Wales, who became a freeman in Mass., in 1631. The Welsh origin of the Newtown Furmans, is a matter of tradition. These two brothers acquired lands in the town, and John d. in 1677, a. 46, leaving a son Jonathan. Josias d. subsequent to 1703, having sons John, Josias, Joseph, David, Samuel, and Jonathan.

Gabriel Furman m. Miss Howard aforesaid, Aug. 19, 1713, and owned the farm at White Pot, now of his great-grand-son, Abm. Furman. He d. Sep. 23, 1768. His sons were William, John, Samuel, Howard, Nathan, Joseph, and Benjamin. William was the father of Robert, at one time supervisor of this town. John m. in 1746, Elizabeth, dau. of Sam'l Alburtis, and d. Sep. 22, 1773, leaving sons Gabriel, Samuel, William, James, Paul, Joseph, and John. Samuel located in northern N. York. His dau., Ann, m. Judge David Lamberson. Howard Furman, b. 1719, m. in 1752, Hannah, dau. of Rem Remsen, and was a valued citizen, a soldier in the French war, and a staunch whig in the Revolution. He d. in 1813, a. 93. His sons were William, Abraham, John, and Aaron. The latter was the father of Grover C. Furman, of N. York. John was the father of the late William I. Furman, Esq., of Bush Hill, L. I. William was the father of Howard, of N. York, the late Judge Garret, of Maspeth, and Abm. Furman, of White Pot.