was laid out, and until 1678 he was the most considerable dealer in house lots in the village. In 1664, in company with Volkert Janse Douw, he bought the whole of "Apje's Island" or "Schotack," and the mainland opposite on the east side of the Hudson. This large holding they purchased from the natives. He married Geertruy Andriese Dochter, born in New Amsterdam. Children: Andries, Johannes, Lucas, Hendrik, Jonathan, Thomas, see forward; Catharina, married (first) Jacob Sanderse Glen, and (second) Jonas Volkeitse Douw.

(II) Thomas Janse, son of Jan Thomase and Geertruy Andriese (Dochter) Witbeck, was born in Rensselaerwyck, and was buried at Pap's Knee, May 6, 1731. He married, September 15, 1702, Jannetje Van Deusen. Children, baptized: 1. Geertruy, January 1, 1704, died young. 2. Melchert Abraham, September 22, 1705; married, October 17, 1741, Marytje Van Deusen. 3. Johannes, July 9, 1708; married, May 9, 1740, Eva Waldron. 4. Jacobus, April 30, 1710; married, December 25, 1742, Catalytje Van Deusen. 5. Geertruy (2), March 6, 1717. 6. Lucas, see forward.

(III) Lucas, youngest son and child of Thomas Janse and Jannetje (Van Deusen) Witbeck, was baptized February 26, 1724. He purchased a farm in Albany county, upon which he lived. This farm is yet owned by descendants of the family. He married Geertruy, daughter of Johannes Lansing, granddaughter of Philip Schuyler Lansing, son of Johannes and Geertruy Schuyler (daughter of Colonel Pieter P. Schuyler, first mayor of Albany) Lansing, son of Johannes G. and Geertje Van Schaick (daughter of Goosen Geritse Van Schaick) Lansing, son of Gerrit Frederickse Lansing, the progenitor of the Lansing family of the upper Hudson Valley, (see Lansing family). Children of Lucas Witbeck: 1. Elizabeth, baptized November 16, 1746, died young. 2. Elizabeth (2), baptized January 24, 1748; married David De Freest. 3. Thomas, baptized March 18, 1750. 4. Gerrit, twin of Thomas, married, May 29, 1774, Jannetje Perry. 5. Abraham, baptized February 11, 1753. 6. Samuel, married Rebecca Buys. 7. Johannes, (John) see forward.

(IV) John, son of Lucas and Geertruy (Lansing) Witbeck, was baptized February 1, 1760. In 1788 he was appointed lieutenant of militia. He married Lena Van Den Bergh, born August 28, 1760. Children: Gertrude, born February 13, 1789, died November 15, 1809; Annetje, married John S. Wigram; Lucas I., see forward; Joanna, died November 9, 1857, unmarried.

(V) Lucas I., son of John and Lena (Van Den Bergh) Witbeck, was born October 4, 1784, died February 1, 1855. He was a farmer and owned the old Witbeck homestead. He married, January 30, 1812, Harriet, born January 7, 1793, died August 1, 1858, daughter of Isaac I. Fonda, a descendant of Jillis Douwese Fonda, the progenitor of the Fonda family of Beverwyck and Albany county. Children: 1. Gertrude, born October 31, 1812; married John Van Den Bergh; five children. 2. John L., see forward. 3. Isaac, born May 11, 1821; married, but left no issue. 4. Abraham, born August 6, 1824; married Maria Van Vranken. 5. Jesse, born May 1, 1827, died in California, unmarried. 6. Ann H., born August 21, 1830, died in Albany county, New York, unmarried. 7. Joanna, born September 27, 1833; married Abraham E. Lansing; no living issue.

(VI) Colonel John L., eldest son of Lucas I. and Harriet (Fonda) Witbeck, was born December 8, 1815, on the homestead in Albany county which lies in the town of Watervliet. Luykes (Lucas) Witbeck received a deed for this farm from Stephen Van Rensselaer, February 27, 1769, and it descended to Colonel Witbeck from his father, Lucas I. He lived upon the farm all his life and in turn bequeathed it to his children. It is now located in what has become the town of Colonie, Albany county. Colonel Witbeck was appointed ensign of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, New York National Guard, April 29, 1836, and colonel, September 16, 1839. He took a deep interest in the "citizen soldiery" and served therein for many years. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Dutch Reformed church. Colonel Witbeck married (first) February 8, 1841, Sarah N., born September 14, 1820, died October 1, 1844, daughter of Peter J. Leversee. Children: 1. Peter L., born November 29, 1841, deceased; married Elizabeth Stone, who survives him, a resident of Cohoes, New York; children: i. Sarah E., deceased; ii. Edmund, born July 17, 1884; iii. John I., deceased. 2. Lucas, born August 12, 1845, died in infancy. 3. Sarah, born June 7, 1848, died August 21, 1868; married Jesse Mumford, and left a son, John W. Mumford. Colonel Witbeck married (second) January 22, 1851, Catherine M., born May 22, 1822, died in Schenectady, September 9, 1895, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Clute) Miller, of Crescent, Saratoga county, New York. Maria Clute was a daughter of Jairus and Sarah Clute, of Crescent, and a descendant of the early Clute family of Albany county. Children of second marriage: 4. Harriet, married David

Seminary, accompanied her at the presentation. Henry Pawling, another brother, was also active in the cause of independence, appearing on the records as a captain. He was captured and confined on the prison ships for two years. Children of Levi and Jane (Wilson) Pawling: 1. Jane, married Sherwood Leavitt, of Broadalbin, New York. 2. Alexander, a volunteer in the war of 1812, which cost him his life. 3. Levi (3), married Rachel Randall. 4. Helena Burhans, married Winthrop Young. 5. William, married Margaret Haynes. 6. Nancy, married Jesse Morey (second wife). 7. Amanda, married Jesse Morey (first wife). 8. Susan Eliza, married Richard C. Davis; removed to Paw Paw, Illinois. Helena Burhans, wife of Colonel Levi Pawling and grandmother of Mrs. Winthrop Young, was a daughter of William and Grietjen (Ten Eyck) Burhans. William Burhans was baptized at Kingston, New York, March 7, 1686. He took an active part in town affairs, and is of frequent mention in town records. He married (first) Grietjen, daughter of Matthys and Jannetje (Roosa) Ten Eyck and widow of Gerret Newkirk. He married (second) Catharina Koot, widow of Jacobus Van Etten. Helena was the only child of his first marriage. William was fourth of the nine sons of ——— and Helena (Traphagen) Burhans, of German parents, Jan Burhans arriving in America, April 16, 1663, in the ship "Bonte Koe" (Spotted Cow). He was admitted to membership and afterward became an elder of the Reformed Dutch church at Wiltwick (now Kingston, New York). He constantly appears in the records as holding office, etc., and was an important man. He married Helena, daughter of Willem Jansen Traphagen by his first wife Jannetje Claessen Groenvis. He had twelve children, nine sons and three daughters. Jan Burhans was the son of Jacob Burhans, the first of the name in America as far as has been ascertained, and family tradition claims Holland as his birthplace. He first appears March 28, 1660, as a soldier in the service of the Netherlands in the company of his "Noble Honor," the director-general of New Amsterdam. In 1666 he was justice-magistrate (schepen) of the court at Wiltwick, and again in 1667. He held other important public offices, and was evidently a man of note and ability. There is no date or mention of his marriage or death in any public record. No mention is made of children until the arrival of Jan Burnhans, at whose admission to the church Jacob officiated as a witness. Jan was admitted under the name Jan Jacobse Burhans, thus according to the custom of those days confirming his parentage. The children of Winthrop and Helena Burhans (Pawling) Young (who unite the blood of England, Scotland, Holland and Germany) are: 1. Albert Pawling, born February 7, 1820, died in Illinois, June 27, 1896; married Vesta Maria Spear, of Clintonville, New York; no children. 2. Mary Jane, born May 23, 1823, died November 1, 1903, in Schenectady; married Gardner, son of Dr. Fonda, and descendant of Jellise Douw Fonda; no issue. 3. David W., born March 10, 1825, died in Iowa, December 26, 1897; married, August 11, 1849, Phoebe Annice Sprague; no issue. 4. Levi Armour, see forward.

(VIII) Levi Armour, youngest child of Winthrop and Helena Burhans (Pawling) Young, was born at Burnt Hills, Saratoga county, New York, February 27, 1827. In young manhood he received an injury which later necessitated amputation. This precluded all idea of an active life and turned his thoughts toward education and sedentary occupation. He obtained a good education, was clerk for a time, then began teaching, first in the Schenectady schools, where he was very successful as an educator. He was then elected to a chair in Fergusonville Academy, where he continued for several years. After he had accumulated by close economy sufficient capital he retired from pedagogy and opened a large store in Schenectady for the sale of books and stationery; later, musical books, sheet music and instruments. In time his musical department became the leading, and later the exclusive, feature of his business. He continued at the head of his large enterprise until 1890 when he incorporated under the name of "The George A. Cassidy Company," serving as president of the company. He is still active in the management and devoted to his business, which has assumed very large proportions. He is an active member of the Reformed church, especially interested in Sunday school work, teacher for several years. He is a Republican, and was secretary of the first meeting called in Schenectady to organize under the flag of the new party. He has been a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association since organization, and there is but one older than he now living who were original charter members of the association. He married, February 6, 1853, Isabella Anderson, born in Schenectady, July 21, 1830, daughter of Andrew and Cornelia (De Forest) White. Andrew White was born in Ireland, April 23, 1790; came to the United States when a lad of twelve years with his parents; died in Schenectady, October 15, 1872; married Cornelia

5, 1745. He married, December 19, 1728, Helena, born October 4, 1702, daughter of Hendrick and Catharina (Van Brugh) Van Rensselaer. Children: Harmanus, died young; Harmanus, married, 1786, Barbara Bradt; Hendrick, see forward; Catharina, married, 1762, Abraham Cuyler; Anna, married, 1763, Cornelius J. Cuyler; Maria, baptized April 15, 1739; Ariantje, baptized April 10, 1743; Elizabeth, married, 1765, Isaac Bekker.

(V) Hendrick, son of Jacob and Helena (Van Rensselaer) Wendell, was baptized October 15, 1733, died October 1, 1795. He served as a private in the revolution, and was sheriff of Albany county from 1777 to 1781 and from 1782 to 1786. He married, June 9, 1757, Maria, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Roseboom) Lansing, who survived him, dying in 1813.

(VI) Robert Hendrick (Henry) son of Hendrich and Maria (Lansing) Wendell, was baptized February 7, 1760, in Albany, died in Schenectady, July 7, 1848. He was an attorney-at-law, and at the age of twenty-four years removed from Albany to Schenectady, where he located and settled on lands yet in the family. He was a slave owner and prominent in the Whig party. He built his homestead on College Hill, which is now standing, in the residential section of Schenectady. The farm is now traversed by broad boulevards and streets which are lined with handsome residences. Near the house were the slave quarters where lived the tillers of the fields, owned by Mr. Wendell. He married Agnietje, died July 7, 1848, in her eighty-ninth year, daughter of Jacob Fonda and a descendant of Jillis Douwse Fonda, of Beverwyck, 1654. Children: Henry Robert, baptized September 29, 1784, see forward; Peter Fonda, born July 3, 1786; Maria, born February 9, 1789, died October 26, 1809; Jacob, born April 16, 1791, died at Shelby Basin, Orleans county, New York, October 12, 1843; Giles F., buried February 9, 1824; Alida, born January 10, 1796; Robert Lansing, born 1798; Mattheiu Trotter, born December 14, 1801.

(VII) Henry Robert, eldest son of Robert Hendrick (Henry) and Agnietje (Agnes) (Fonda) Wendell, was born in Schenectady in a house that stood on the site of the present Young Men's Christian Association building. His father left his estate in entail to his eldest son, a clause in his will that caused a prolonged suit at law, but ended in favor of the present holders of the homestead and farm. He was a prominent land owner, lawyer and public man. He was highly educated, skilled in the learning and application of the law, chancellor of the state of New York, and a leader in the Whig party. He was an ensign and lieutenant of militia, and though very young served in the war of 1812-14, being twice wounded (family records). He was married, in Schenectady, in the family home, later owned by his daughter, Agnes L., November 17, 1817, by Rev. Cyrus Stedman, to Parmelia Perry, born in Salisbury, Connecticut, April 11, 1790, died December 1, 1870, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Love Spencer Perry, of Albany, and grand-niece of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the hero of Lake Erie. Both she and her husband were active members of St. George's Episcopal Church, of Schenectady. She was a woman of culture and refinement, and the Wendell home was noted for its kindly hospitality. Children: 1. Maria, born September 24, 1818, died February 4, 1865; married James M. Moyston; two children, both of whom died in infancy. 2. Margaret, born May 26, 1821, died February 4, 1870; married Williard E. Trotter, son of John Trotter, and grandson of General Trotter, of revolutionary fame. They had a daughter, Sarah Livingston, whose daughter, Lillian Trotter Case, had a daughter Lillian, who married William Whitehead, of Schenectady, and has a daughter, Catherine Wendell Whitehead. Sarah Livingston also had a son, Trotter Case. 3. Agnes Love, see forward. 4. Abbie A., born April 5, 1828, died January 5, 1880; unmarried Henry Robert Wendell, father of these children, died March 13, 1868.

(VIII) Agnes Love, third daughter of Henry Robert and Parmelia (Perry) Wendell, was born in Niskayuna, Schenectady county, New York, June 29, 1824. She was educated in the schools of Schenectady. She inherited the homestead which included farms, quarries and city property, known as "College Hill." She was a most competent and unusual business woman, cared for her large estate and business interests with rare judgment, and gave little evidence of her great years. She was an active and devoted member of St. George's Episcopal Church. Her unusually retentive memory did not fail her until her death, and she materially assisted in the preparation of this record of one of the foremost families of Albany and Schenectady counties, and one that has always been active in the professional and public life of the commonwealth.

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While there is no direct authority for the statement, it is believed by the present generation that the American ancestor of this branch

Catalyntje Bensen. She is believed to have been the daughter of Johannes and Lysbet (Mattheuse) Bensen, of Albany. Children, and dates of baptism: Aegje, January 14, 1708; Aegje, February 12, 1710; Johannes, March 9, 1712; Thomas, June 13, 1716; Elizabeth, September 28, 1718; Sampson, see forward; Dirk, March 17, 1724; Margarietje, May 4, 1726.

(III) Sampson, son of Jacob and Catalyntje (Bensen) Sammons, was born in Greenwich, New York (now a part of New York City), December 7, 1721, died October 17, 1795, and is buried in the old Sammons cemetery on the Sammons homestead farm, south of Johnstown, Fulton county, New York. When a young man he moved to Ulster county, New York, where he married. In 1769 he moved to Montgomery county, New York (then Tryon county). He was one of the most active of the patriots of that famous region. He was one of the Tryon county committee in charge of the military movements in the state of New York. He held the distinction of having been the first man west of the Hudson at whom a shot was fired in the revolution. This was at the Pickens tavern in Johnstown. Sampson was of a party who demanded of Sheriff White the release of John Fonda, a patriot. The sheriff fired a shot at Sampson, the ball lodging in the door sill. Although exempt from military duty on account of age, he was made lieutenant of the Exempt Home Guards, organized to protect mothers and wives from the Tory foe. Both Sampson Sammons and his son Jacob are on the roll of those who fought at the battle of Oriskany. In 1780 he was taken prisoner, together with three of his sons. Sir John Johnson released the father and the youngest son Thomas, but the other two sons, Jacob and Frederick, were marched away captives to Canada. After the Johnson raid on the Mohawk Valley was ended, Sampson Sammons was lessee and occupant of Johnson Hall, under the committee of sequestration, paying an annual rent of three hundred pounds. He entertained at the "Hall" the council held March 9, 1779, and at which Generals Schuyler and Lafayette were present. He also became the owner by purchase, of William, Sir John Johnson's favorite slave, who assisted in burying Sir John's plate when he was obliged to leave hurriedly for Canada. He kept the secret of its burial place until 1780, when it was uncovered and restored to its owner. He was a wealthy man for his day, and both he and his son rendered the patriot cause great service. Jacob, in his narrative of his sufferings while a prisoner, states that he was at Oriskany, and says: "I and two others shot them all (Indians) and it so happened I fired the last shot." This was the last shot of that bloody battle. Sampson Sammons married, in Ulster county, Rachel Schoonmaker, baptized January 16, 1726, died December 5, 1822. She was of the fourth generation of the Schoonmakers in America, descended from Hendrick Jochemson Schoonmaker, a native of Hamburg, Germany. They had three sons, Jacob, Frederick and Thomas, and seven daughters, all of whom married men who had fought in the revolutionary war.

(IV) Frederick, second son of Lieutenant Sampson Sammons, was born in Ulster county, New York, July 4, 1760. He came to the Mohawk Valley with his father, and was an officer in the revolutionary army. He was taken prisoner and his sufferings were most terrible. He was a witness to the murder of old Douw Fonda in 1780 when Johnson raided the valley, a tragedy that was vivid in his memory until the last. He was a member of the state legislature, and in 1836 a presidential elector. He received a revolutionary pension, and also a special pension for his severe injuries. He died May 22, 1838, aged seventy-eight years, and is buried in the Sammons cemetery. He married and had two sons and ten daughters. His eldest son, Jacob, was lieutenant in the war of 1812, and signalized himself by his bravery.

(IV) Major Thomas, youngest son of Lieutenant Sampson Sammons, was born in Ulster county, New York, about 1762 (or in Tryon county), died November 20, 1838, and is buried in the family cemetery on the Sammons homestead farm, on the plank road south of Johnstown. He spent his life largely in the public service, and was one of the foremost men of his time. He held different military commissions under several governors of New York, and was a member of the "council of appointment." In 1803 he was elected to represent his district (Tryon county) in congress, and was re-elected in 1805-09-11. He held many other offices of public honor and esteem. Sixty-four years after his congressional labors ended the district was represented by his grandson, Commodore John H. Starin. He married, December 16, 1792, Mary Wood, born February 23, 1773, died December 15, 1851, daughter of William Wood, a soldier of the revolution, and brother of Simeon Wood, a soldier of the war of 1812. Children: 1. Sampson, born November 3, 1793; married Nellie Fonda. 2. Sarah, October 27, 1795. 3. Rachel, September 1, 1797; married, March 22, 1816, Myndert Starin, and

was left a widow with eight children, among them the well-known Commodore John H. Starin, and the transportation magnate of New York City. 4. William T., March 5, 1800; married (first) Julia Shuler; (second) Rebecca Sadler; (third) Emmeline R. Steele. 5. Jacob, born May 29, 1802; married (first) Peggy Vrooman; (second) Emma Marshall. 6. Thomas, April 24, 1806; married Anna Krotzenberg. 7. Lydia, May 22, 1807; married Adam D. Fonda. 8. Frederick T., March 6, 1809; married Laurane Howell Yost. 9. Simeon, see forward. 10. Stephen, November 5, 1815; married Hannah M. Caldwell.

(V) Colonel Simeon, son of Lieutenant Thomas and Mary (Wood) Sammons, was born on the Sammons homestead farm, near Johnstown, New York, May 23, 1811. He was educated in the district school, and for a year and a half attended Johnstown Academy. After leaving school, he returned to the farm and was engaged the remainder of his life in its management, except when occupied in the public service and when away during the civil war. He was not lacking in the military ardor of his ancestors. At the age of eighteen years he enlisted in the Thirty-seventh Regiment, Eleventh Brigade, Fourteenth Division, New York Infantry, as ensign, appointed by Governor Throop, March 3, 1829, was promoted lieutenant, then captain, and Governor Marcy commissioned him major, August 23, 1837, and the same year lieutenant-colonel. Governor Seward appointed him colonel of the same regiment. He was the means of effecting several important reforms in the service. In 1841 he resigned, but his wishes were refused. He continued his farming operations uninterruptedly until July 9, 1862, when he received a colonel's commission from Governor Morgan, with orders to establish a camp at Fonda, New York. Before sunset thirty men were engaged in the erection of barracks, and the next day officers were enlisting and examining recruits. August 29, 1862, the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, with full ranks, under command of Colonel Sammons, was marching toward the seat of war. They were at once brought face to face with war's stern realities. Dr. Sutton, the surgeon, wrote: "In thirty days the 115th Regiment have slept on their arms ten nights; under the open Heaven 16; six nights in the cars and six in tents." For three days our command of one thousand and twenty-two men performed picket duty on twenty-one miles of railroad; had four or five skirmishes with rebel cavalry; fought one day behind breastworks; endured a siege of four days, and finally surrendered to Stonewall Jackson and were paroled. We marched one thousand five hundred miles in thirty days with the loss of but one man. The regiment saved its flag, and a year later vindicated their honor and proved their worth at the battle of Olustee, Florida, February 20, 1864. Colonel Sammons' regiment was posted on the right and bore the brunt of battle, suffering terribly in killed and wounded. Captain Vanderveer, whose body was returned to Fultonville, New York, was a victim. Captains Ballou, French and Smith were wounded. First Lieutenant James H. Clark was wounded, and on his return from the war wrote the history of the "Iron Hearted Regiment." Colonel Sammons, mounted on a fine horse, recently presented to him by the non-commissioned officers and privates of the regiment, was wounded in the ankle. General Seymour, the Union commander, wrote: "Colonel Sammons behaved like one of the heroes of old and he has my respect forever." His wound, not properly treated until sixteen days later in New York, caused his return to his home, where it soon healed under proper care. He returned to his regiment, which was with the Army of the Potomac under General Grant, and engaged in the siege of Petersburg. After the explosion of Burnside's mine, the regiment bore a prominent part in the battle of Cemetery Hill, where he was shot through the body. The wound was not fatal, but ended his military career. He retired to the old farm, where he died March 19, 1881. Colonel Sammons was a Democrat, and frequently called to public office. He was supervisor of the town several years. He represented Montgomery county in the legislature in 1865; was chairman of the Montgomery county Democratic committee; delegate to National Union convention in Philadelphia, and to Democratic National convention in New York in 1868. In 1870 he was appointed harbor master of the port of New York, serving two years. While in the legislature he championed the bill making free the bridge across the Mohawk river at Fonda. He was frequently president of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, and gave freely of his time and means to all public enterprises. He married Barbara, daughter of Henry and Magdalene (Cline) Gross. He was a heavy contractor and builder and built the reservoir on Mt. Royal, above the city of Montreal, Canada. Children: Mary Elizabeth; Henry Gross, see forward; Magdalene, died in childhood; Jane Emma, died at age of nineteen years; Lydia, married Isaiah Fonda.

(VI) Henry Gross, only son of Colonel Simeon and Barbara (Gross) Sammons, was

judged from his election to president of the association in 1906. This is a coveted honor in newspaperdom, and has been filled by some of the best known editors in the state. He was also president of the New York State Republican Editorial Association in 1894, and is now vice-president of the Associated Dailies of New York. Through his patriotic Hess ancestry, he has gained membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, and is prominent and popular in the Masonic order. He belongs to Gloversville Lodge, No. 429, Free and Accepted Masons, Johnstown Chapter, No. 78, Royal Arch Masons, Holy Cross Commandery, No. 51, Knights Templar, and Cyprus Temple (Albany), Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Elks, Sons of Veterans, Eccentric Club, and is president of the Automobile Club.

He married, January 25, 1882, Carrie A., daughter of James H. and Catherine (Crosby) Neahr, who had other children, namely: Isaac and Estelle, deceased; Julia (deceased), married T. J. Hazlett; children: Levi J., George H. and Carrie. William B. and Carrie A. (Neahr) Collins have a daughter, Julia N., born August 25, 1888, a graduate of Wellesley College, class of 1910.

FONDA

This family is probably one of the best known in the Mohawk Valley, as they have scattered into adjoining counties and, through intermarriage of their numerous sons and daughters, have relationship with nearly all the earlier Dutch families, particularly with the Lansings. The intermarriages of these two families were frequent, and as both were large land owners, their marriages frequently consolidated farms that were adjoining and formed a very large estate. The Fondas are numerous in Montgomery county, where the town of Fonda is named in their honor. One of the best-known old soldiers of Colonial days was Douw Fonda, "the Patriot," who was massacred at his home in Caughnawaga, father of the heroic Major Jellis (Jillis) Fonda, of the revolution, the close companion, friend, and comrade of Sir William Johnson, and of Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Fonda, who fought at Oriskany. The family was a unit in their loyal support of the cause of independence. Descendants are numerous in the counties of Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany and Rensselaer. Largely an agricultural family, they are also found eminent in the professions and prominent in commercial life.

(I) The first Fonda of record in America was Jellis Douwse, at least he was the first of the name in the Mohawk Valley. He was a native of Holland, and after his arrival in America he engaged in the whaling industry. He was of Beverwyck as early as 1654. His wife, Hester, survived him, and in 1666 was the widow of Barent Gerritse. His descendants are very numerous in Albany county, but through imperfect records and a frequent repetition of names as they appear on church records, are very difficult to trace.

(II) Douw Jellis (Jillis), son of Jellis Douwse and Hester Fonda, owned land at Lubberde land (Troy) in 1676. He died November 24, 1700. He married Rebecca ———. Children: Jan, born 1668; Jillis (Jellis) Adam, see in following sketch; Isaac, baptized March 16, 1684, see forward; Rebecca, March 17, 1686; Anna, February 2, 1690; Claas.

(III) Isaac, son of Douw Jellis (Jillis) and Rebecca (———) Fonda, baptized March 16, 1684, married, December 30, 1707, Alida Lansing, born July 3, 1685, daughter of Hendrick and Elizabeth L. Lansing. Children, and dates of baptism: Douw, July 4, 1711; Hendrick, July 15, 1716; Abraham, August 10, 1718; Isaac Isaacse, see forward; Jacob, June 30, 1723.

(IV) Isaac Isaacse, son of Isaac and Alida (Lansing) Fonda, was baptized with his brother Jacob (perhaps twins), June 30, 1723. He married Cornelia (Cordelia) De Foreest. Children: Alida, Neeltje, Isaac J., see forward; Jesse, Jesse (2).

(V) Isaac J., son of Isaac Isaacse and Cornelia (De Foreest) Fonda, was baptized May 6, 1753. He married Antje Saantvoord. He was of Watervliet, Albany county.

(VI) Abraham, son of Isaac J. and Antje (Saantvoord) Fonda, was born August 26, 1796, died March 25, 1868, at the old Fonda homestead near Crescent, town of Watervliet, (afterward Colonie), Albany county, New York. He was a farmer in his younger days, and later a school teacher. He lived in the old homestead, was an active, influential member of "The Boght" Dutch church, of which he was elder for a great many years. He was a very strict man in religious matters and brought up his family to the strictest observance of the Sabbath, not permitting any form of work to be done nor one of the boys to even shave. He was a staunch Democrat, a man of strict integrity, and highly respected. He was three times married. His second wife was Maria Lansing, born July 11, 1800, died December 1, 1839. She bore him three children, of whom Jesse Abraham, (see forward) was the youngest.

(VII) Jesse Abraham, son of Abraham and Maria (Lansing) Fonda, was born January

74, 1834, at the old homestead near Crescent, and died there December 16, 1891. He was a farmer all his life. He was a member of "The Boght" Dutch Reformed church, and very careful and strict in religious observances, and was one of the leading members of the church for many years. He served the town as school trustee and overseer of highways for a long term of years. He was a successful man and much sought after for counsel and advice. He married, September 19, 1860, Jane Maria Lansing (always called Jennie), born on the farm where her son Clinton now resides, daughter of Francis T. Lansing and his second wife, Susan (Martin) Lansing. Francis T. was son of Adam Lansing; he was a member and an elder of "The Boght" Dutch church, and a prominent man of the town. He married (first), January 21, 1822, Jane Fonda; (second) January 22, 1829, Susan, daughter of Abraham Martin, born in Holland. He was a shoe dealer for a time in Schoharie county, New York. Children of Jesse A. and Jane Maria (Lansing) Fonda: Clinton, see forward; Richard Steel, born April 22, 1863, died February 18, 1879; Santvoord Lansing (always written Lansing S.), see forward; Abraham H., born October 27, 1867; with the American Locomotive Works at Schenectady, New York; Edwin M., see forward; Jesse A., born March 7, 1873; married Eva May Edwards, one child, Marion Evelyn; Mrs. Eva May Fonda is the only child of John Thomas and Mary (Stevenson) Edwards, granddaughter of Thomas Edwards; Isaac W., born October 15, 1876; married Jessie A. Romp.

(VIII) Clinton, son of Jesse Abraham and Jane Maria (Lansing) Fonda, was born in the town of Watervliet (afterward Colonie), Albany county, New York, October 14, 1861, on the old homestead farm, that was his home until marriage. He was educated in the public schools of the town; Middletown Academy and Egbert high school, Cohoes. His present farm is part of the old Francis T. Lansing farm, on which his mother was born. It is located one and one-half miles west of the city hall, Cohoes. Here he conducts a general farming and dairy business. Mr. Fonda is a modern farmer, employs the most advanced agricultural methods and twentieth century mechanical aids to successful farming. He was greatly interested in the work of the Farmers League of the town of Watervliet, attending many meetings in different parts of the town and delivered addresses on subjects of vital interest to the farmer. He is not a man of one idea, but is thoroughly up to date in every particular. The old Lansing homestead in which he lives was built one hundred and fifty years ago. Notwithstanding its great age, the building is in fine preservation, and affords an ideal country residence. He is a member of the Dutch Reformed church and worships in the "Old Boght" church, widely known for many generations and one of the interesting landmarks of the section. He is an active Republican; has served twelve years as school trustee and as frequent delegate to party conventions. He married, March 14, 1883, at Cohoes, Jennie, daughter of William and Jane (Henderson) Davidson, and granddaughter of William Davidson, who lived and died in England. He married Sarah Rae, who after the death of her husband joined her children in Cohoes, New York, where she died. Children of Clinton and Jennie Fonda: Jessie Clinton, born February 7, 1884, died February 10, 1884; Jennie May, born May 11, 1886; educated in the public schools and Emma Willard School of Troy, and the private school of Mrs. Henry A. Strong, of Cohoes, specializing in French and music; she resides at home with her parents; Bessie Jane.

William Davidson, father of Jennie (Davidson) Fonda, was born in England, came to the United States and settled in Cohoes, New York, where for over fifty years he has been connected with the Harmony Mills corporation. He is an active Republican. He married Jane Henderson, born in Scotland. They are the parents of ten children, all except the last three being graduates of Egbert high school. Children: Jennie, married Clinton Fonda; Annie W., married Byron Frey; Ada Delia, deceased; Mary Josephine, married Mark Beers; Clara May, a teacher of the public schools; Dr. William Henderson, graduate Egbert high school, Albany Normal, Williams College and Albany Medical College; Archie Allen; three children, Sarah, William James and Charles Isaac, died in infancy.

Jennie (Davidson) Fonda was educated in the schools of Cohoes, graduating from Egbert high school, class of 1878. Previous to her marriage, she taught five school years in the city public schools. After becoming a farmer's wife, she became interested in fine poultry breeding, and became a well-known fancier. Her exhibits of Imperial Pekin duck and Wyandotte chickens are of the purest breed and type. She has exhibited at many fairs and poultry exhibitions, winning the success that delights the heart of an exhibitor. Her list of prizes and awards is really formidable and encourages her to strive for still better results.

(VIII) Santvoord Lansing, third son of Jesse Abraham and Jane Maria (Lansing) Fonda, was born on the old Fonda homestead farm (also the birthplace of his mother), May 22, 1865. He was educated in the public schools of the town and Egbert high school, Cohoes. He remained on the farm with his father until 1889, when he bought a farm just outside the northern limits of Cohoes, formerly owned by the Lansings, and has always been owned by a Lansing or a Fonda ever since it was originally granted to the original Lansing by the king. Mr. Fonda (who always signs himself Lansing S.) conducts his farm as a dairy, and is rated a successful man. He is independent in politics, and has served since 1904 as school trustee. He is frequently a delegate to the county conventions, but is not active nor deeply interested in political affairs. He is a member and a deacon of "The Boght" Dutch Reformed church, having served for several years. He married, March 1, 1886, at "The Boght" parsonage, Augusta H., daughter of Martin M. and Sarah I. (Dutcher) Shears, of Crescent, Saratoga county, New York. Martin M. Shears was born at Crescent, March 7, 1828, and is now living retired at Cohoes, where he was in business many years. When he was a young man he was captain of a boat that ran on the Erie canal. He was a son of Martin and Susan (Shaffer) Shears, of Saratoga county, New York. Sarah I. Dutcher was a daughter of Joseph Dutcher. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Fonda: 1. Archibald Dean, born March 12, 1887, on the Fonda homestead at Crescent, where his father and grandfather were born. He was educated in the public schools; took a full course and received a diploma from the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pennsylvania, on completing the electric lighting course. He is engaged on the farm with his father. He married, August 15, 1906, Caroline Maycock, and has a son, Lansing Archibald, born May 22, 1907. 2. Arthur Valmore, born April 13, 1889, educated in public school, and is engaged on the farm with his father.

(VIII) Edwin Meneely, fifth son of Jesse Abraham and Jane Maria (Lansing) Fonda, was born at the old homestead, the birthplace of three generations of the family, October 22, 1869. He was educated in the public schools and until arriving at legal age remained upon the farm as his father's assistant. He then rented the home farm and cultivated it on his own account the following two years. He next leased the Isaac D. F. Lansing farm near Cohoes, that has been in the family about two and a half centuries, and after leasing and working it for seven years became the owner by purchase. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, and is one of the successful, prosperous farmers of the town. He controls the retail sale of his dairy products, finding an abundant demand in the neighboring city of Cohoes. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in public affairs. Since 1902 he has been assessor for the town of Colonie. He follows the religious example of the family for generations, and is a member of "The Boght" Dutch Reformed church. He married, April 14, 1891, Jennie Grace, born at Half Moon, Saratoga county, New York, daughter of Lieutenant James H. and Anna (Peters) Clark. Children: Earl Fonda, born December 31, 1892, died June 29, 1893; Ruth Mildred Fonda, born August 20, 1903.

(The Clark Line).

Mrs. Jennie Grace (Clark) Fonda is of English ancestry. Her great-great-grandfather, Henry Clark, of England, was a soldier, and saw much hard service with the English army in foreign lands. While with the army in Arabia, crossing the desert, he was blinded by the heat and glare of the sand, and his latter years were passed in darkness. He came to the United States, but later returned to England, where he died. His great-great-great-granddaughter, Ruth Mildred Fonda, has a solid silver spoon, which came to her from James Clark, the revolutionary soldier, see forward.

(II) James, son of Henry Clark, was born in York, England, died on his farm at Half Moon, Saratoga county, New York. He came to the United States when a young man and settled at Fonda, Montgomery county, where he was engaged at his trade of tanner, learned in England. Owing to ill health he was obliged to give up this business and retire to a farm which he purchased at Clifton Park, later disposing of that and purchasing another at Half Moon, where he died. He married Margaret Post, whose mother was a daughter of Captain Garrett Putnam, born February 22, 1752, died in Montgomery county, New York, April 13, 1826. He was a captain of the Third Regiment, Tryon County, New York, Militia, and fought in the revolutionary war under command of Colonel Freeline Visscher.

(III) Lieutenant James H., son of James and Margaret (Post) Clark, was born in Fonda, Montgomery county, New York, November 22, 1842. He was educated in the public schools and began his long mercantile career (only interrupted by his military ser-

vice) of half a century, as a clerk in Fonda. He enlisted at Clifton Park, New York, August 25, 1862, as a private of Company H, One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, New York Volunteers, and served with that famous regiment in seventeen battles and skirmishes, passing through them all unscathed until February 20, 1864, at the battle of Olustee, Florida, he received a severe wound that ended his military career, being honorably discharged December 24, 1864, by order of the secretary of war. He was promoted orderly sergeant very soon after his enlistment, and first lieutenant June 2, 1864. Later he was brevetted captain. These promotions were for "gallant and meritorious conduct in battle." Returning to Montgomery county he was with his father on the Clifton Park farm, teaching school in the winter. When the family removed to Half Moon, Saratoga county, he accompanied them and then began again mercantile life. He opened a general store in Half Moon and after he was on a secure basis extended his venture to other towns, until he had several stores in successful operation. He has continued and is still (1910) in business at Half Moon, having disposed of his outside stores. His residence and business in Half Moon has now continued for a period of forty years, and he also served for a time as postmaster. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a believer in the principles of the Republican party and an active worker in local affairs.

Lieutenant James N. Clark is an active and prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has written a great deal of war history that has been published in book form, in magazines and in newspapers. His prize story, published in the *New York Tribune*, was republished by many other papers, and received much favorable comment resulting in the receipt by Mr. Clark of hundreds of letters of inquiry. He wrote and published, in 1865, a history of the One Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment, New York Volunteers, entitled "The Iron Hearted Regiment," which had a large sale and is still in demand. He married, June 12, 1863, Anna Mary Peters, of Visschers Ferry, New York, born August 21, 1842. Children: Jennie Grace, married Edwin M. Fonda (see Fonda VIII); Jared P., a merchant of Waterford, New York; married Bell Vosburgh; children: Isabella and Helen; William A., now engaged in the canning business at Fredonia, New York; married Bessie Harvey, of Troy, New York; daughter, Irene.

FONDA

(III) Jillis Adam, son of Douw Jellis (Jillis) (q. v.) and Rebecca Fonda, was born in Albany about 1670. He removed from Albany to Schenectady about 1700. He was a gunsmith and followed his trade in that village. He married, December 11, 1695, Rachel, daughter of Peter Winnie of Albany. He died September 8, 1737, and is the direct ancestor of the numerous and historical family of Fonda in the counties of Schenectady, Montgomery and Fulton. Children: 1. Douw, died young. 2. Tannekan, married Johannes Clute. 3. Douw, see forward. 4. Rebecca. 5. Lena, married Pieter Brouwer. 6. Eva, married Joseph Yates. 7. Pieter, married Alida Nak. 8. Sarah, married Jacobus Van Vorst. 9. Abraham, married (first) Maria Nebie; (second) Susannah, daughter of Alexander Glen; (third) Rachel Vrooman. 10. Rachel. 11. Jacob.

(IV) Douw, son of Jillis Adam and Rachel (Winnie) Fonda, was born August 22, 1700 (see tombstone in Caughnawaga Cemetery). He removed from Schenectady and settled at Caughnawaga (now Fonda), New York, about the year 1751. He was an aged widower May 22, 1780, and resided at that date in a large stone dwelling. The cellar of this stone mansion is still to be seen in the enclosure made by the race-track of the Montgomery County Agriculture Association's grounds at Fonda, New York. His three sons, John, Jillis and Adam, lived in the neighborhood. He was slain by Sir John Johnson's Indians, May 22, 1780, and his house plundered and burned. John and Adam were made prisoners and carred to Canada. Douw Fonda had been a warm personal friend of Sir William Johnson, and had always been on good terms with the Indians, but his life was taken as heartlessly as though he were a young and active enemy. At the time of his murder, he was seventy-nine years of age. For account of Douw Fonda's massacre see Stone's "Life of Brandt," and Sim's "Border Wars." He married, October 29, 1725, Maritje Vrooman, daughter of Adam Vrooman. She died in 1756 (see tombstone bearing epitaph written in Dutch, located in the Caughnawaga Cemetery, Fonda). Children: 1. Jillis, born March 24, 1727. 2. Adam, died young. 3. Adam (2), died young. 4. Margrietje, married Barent M. Wemple. 5. Adam (3), born December 26, 1736, died November 8, 1808. 6. Pieter, born January, 1739. 7. Johannes, born March 8, 1741, died February 19, 1815. The records would seem to prove that Douw Fonda married a second wife, August 19, 1757, Deborah, daughter of Johannes Deeder, and

widow of Reijer Wimple, both dwelling at that time at Maquassland.

(V) Adam, son of Douw and Maritje (Vrooman) Fonda, was born December 26, 1736, died November 8, 1808. He was a faithful officer of Sir William Johnson during the French and Indian war. At the outbreak of the revolution, he received many flattering offers to join the British forces, but stoutly rejected them that he might remain true to the cause of the colonists. He enlisted in the Third Tryon County Regiment, of which he soon became captain. He fought in the battle of Oriskany, and for his bravery was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. When Sir John Johnson and his murderous band raided the Mohawk valley in 1690, Caughnawaga suffered severely, it being the home of many noted patriot families—the Fondas, Visschers, Sammons and others. After having destroyed the home of Colonel Frederick Visscher, killed his two brothers and scalped the colonel, who was left for dead, they next attacked the home of Adam Fonda, which they burned, and carried him away a prisoner. His aged father they had brutally butchered, notwithstanding he was an old man, and was on terms of the greatest friendliness with the Indians. John Fonda, brother of Adam, was also carried away a prisoner. After the war, Lieutenant-Colonel Adam Fonda returned to the old farm and built a farmhouse, yet standing in a modernized form. After the war was over, he was made one of the Tryon county judges, and later served in the New York legislature as assemblyman, being prominent in political circles the remainder of his life. He was also a member of the committee of safety. (Frothingham's "History of Montgomery County," Quarto 2.) He married Nieltje Breese. Children: Douw Adam, died 1855; Henry, see forward.

(VI) Henry, youngest son of Adam and Nieltje (Breese) Fonda, was born August 20, 1766; died in 1827. During the war of 1812-14, he was appointed general under Generals Brown and Dearborn, and fought with the regiment in the battle of Sacketts Harbor. He served in the New York state legislature during the terms of 1807-16-19. He married, February 14, 1790, Hester Mabie, also a descendant of an old Dutch family. Children: 1. Nellie, born October 31, 1791; married Samson Sammons. 2. Alida, born February 22, 1783; married Volkert Veeder. 3. Maria, born March 2, 1795; married Henry Smith. 4. John, born August 6, 1797; married Catherine Dockstader. 5. Adam, born November 7, 1799; married Catherine Ann Dockstader. 6. Peter, born February 17, 1802; married Gertrude Fonda. 7. Lavina, born February 12, 1804; married Alvin Harris. 8. and 9. Douw Henry and Henry Douw, twins, born July 21, 1809; Douw Henry married Ann Veeder, and Henry Douw married Evelyn Dockstader.

(VII) Douw Henry, twin brother of Henry Douw Fonda, the youngest children of General Henry and Hester (Mabie) Fonda, was born in the village of Fonda, July 21, 1809; died November 11, 1895. He received by inheritance a portion of the original land grant belonging to his grandfather, Douw Fonda, "the Patriot," to which he added by purchase, making a well-improved farm of one hundred and thirty-three acres. He was a quiet, benevolent, highly-respected man, more deeply interested in his occupation and family than in public affairs. He was an adherent of the Dutch Reformed church. He married, October 20, 1832, Ann Veeder, daughter of Albert Veeder, granddaughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Abram Veeder, and great-granddaughter of Johannes Veeder. She was born January 16, 1810, died October 5, 1890. Children: 1. Henry Douw, born January 1, 1834, died February, 1887; married Jennie H. Fairbanks. 2. Sarah, born January 10, 1836, died January 18, 1836. 3. Annette, born May 13, 1838, died January 6, 1899. 4. Sarah Eleanor, born June 27, 1840; married Marvin Snell. 5. Alida Margaret, born February 24, 1842, died January 18, 1910. 6. Albert, born October 2, 1844, see forward. 7. Ettie D., born November 3, 1847; married John W. Nellis. 8. Abram Veeder, born May 24, 1851; married Laura Mitchell. 9. Selena, born February 9, 1854, died February 19, 1860.

(VIII) Albert, second son of Douw Henry and Ann (Veeder) Fonda, was born October 2, 1844. He was educated in the public schools of his time, laying a foundation upon which was to be built a man of strong character and keen foresight, one who has staunchly upheld the principles of honesty, justice, charity and truth. Believing in the doctrines of the Dutch Reformed church, he has taught his children to be loyal to the same doctrines. His love of nature led him to choose farming as his occupation, and he consequently succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, "Fonhurst." After many vissicitudes of fortune, he has at last made this farm one of the best in the community. Though deeply interested in politics, he has consistently refused the highest honors his town would bestow upon him, choosing the quiet life of his home and occupation in preference to the cares and exactions of public office. He married, October 12, 1882, Eliza J. Dockstader,

born January 8, 1852, daughter of Jacob J. and Cornelia (Williams) Dockstader, the former born July 7, 1809, died December 10, 1885, and the latter born April 5, 1817, died March 5, 1896. Jacob J., was the son of John and Phoebe (Dillenbeck) Dockstader, and grandson of Jacob, son of Markus and ——— (Shultz) Dockstader, the former of whom served in the revolutionary war in Colonel Visscher's regiment, and the latter of whom was an associate exempt. Children: 1. Cornelia Dockstader, born July 16, 1884. 2. Selena Veeder, January 25, 1886. 3. Marvin Snell, July 9, 1888. 4. Albert Douw, March 8, 1893.

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Nicholas Van Berg, grandson of Isaac and son of Jesse and Martha (Van Berg) Fonda, was born on his father's farm on Fonda Road, Saratoga county, New York, between Crescent and Waterford, in the town of Half Moon, and died at Cohoes, New York, October 16, 1894. He was educated in the public schools, reared on the farm, and in early life farmed on his own account. He left the farm and located in Troy, New York, where he conducted a grocery and had an express business. He later removed to Cohoes, where he was first engaged in the express and drayage line, handling the business to and from the ship yard. He later opened a general store in the city of which he was the owner and proprietor until his death. He served in the civil war from September, 1863, until the close of the war, as a private in Company B, Captain Isaac S. Green, Sixteenth Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery. He was honorably discharged August 21, 1865. He was thrice married. His second wife, whom he married November 29, 1891, was Mrs. Sarah E. Brazie, widow of Samuel F. Brazie, and daughter of Hawley Finch, born in New Canaan, Connecticut, where he died, and his wife, Lucinda Van Order, born in Troy, died in Albany, 1874, aged sixty-three years. Samuel F. Brazie, first husband of Sarah E. Fonda, was born in Waterloo, New York, January 2, 1838, died May 26, 1885. Children: 1. William Brazie, died November 12, 1904, aged twenty-one years. 2. Elmer E. Brazie, died, aged nineteen years. 3. Amelia Grace Brazie, died in infancy.

DIEVENDORF

The earliest ancestor of this family in America was Henry Dievendorf, who emigrated to America about the year 1730 from Germany, bringing with him his son Jacob. He settled in Montgomery county, New York, at Currytown, which locality has ever since been the family seat. The family rose to distinction in the country, where they have ever been prominent in civil, military, financial and commercial life.

(II) Jacob, son of Henry Dievendorf, the emigrant, (as indeed was Jacob, as they came together) married and had three sons: Jacob (2), Frederick and Henry. Frederick met an accidental death; Henry married, and reared a family; a daughter, Elizabeth, became the wife of William B. Dievendorf, son of Frederick. Jacob Dievendorf, the emigrant, was a farmer and owned considerable land in the town of Root, where he and his father were among the early settlers.

(III) Jacob (2), son of Jacob (1) Dievendorf, was born in Currytown, town of Root, Montgomery county, New York, September 23, 1768. He grew up on the farm in that then wild and thinly settled neighborhood where life at the best was a struggle, rendered doubly hazardous by the conflict then going on between the colonies and Great Britain and the presence in the neighborhood of hostile Indians and unfriendly, vindictive Tories. July 9, 1781 (known yet as Invasion Day), the town was invaded by a force of Indians and Tories, under the command of Captain John Dockstader. Young Jacob with others was captured, taken south to the town of Sharon, where on the following day the Dockstader force, hard pressed by Colonel Willett and the Patriot forces, began killing and scalping their prisoners. Jacob leaped from his horse and tried to escape, but was overtaken by an Indian, knocked down by a blow from his tomahawk, his scalp torn from his head and he was left for dead. He recovered consciousness and tried to walk, but was so weak from loss of blood that all he could do was to cover himself with leaves and lay quiet, expecting to die. The following day he was found by Colonel Vedder and his troops, lying insensible. They took him to Fort Plain, placed him under the care of Dr. Fraught, of Stone Arabia, where he remained five years. His scalp never permanently healed, and although he lived to a good old age, it was always a scource of pain and discomfort. He became very wealthy in land and property, and was a man of honest, upright life, much venerated in the neighborhood and honored for the justness of his dealings. He married, May 12, 1801, Margaret Bellinger, whom he survived several years, dying October 8, 1859, at age of eighty-five. He was buried in the family burying ground on his home farm. Among his children was William B., see forward.

Alida (De Wandelaar) Wemple, was baptized April 2, 1732. He was a fur dealer and met his death at the hands of the Indians. His widow Margaret kept a public house at Caughnawaga. Her house was burned by Johnson's Indians, May 22, 1780, and her son Mina (Myndert) was made prisoner, but released at Johnstown. Barent married Margaret Fonda. Children: Myndert, baptized November 16, 1755; Douw, baptized December 11, 1757. Douw Fonda, her father, was a son of Jillis and Rachel (Winne) Fonda, grandson of Douw Jillise and Rebecca Fonda, and great-grandson of Jellis Douwese Fonda, who was in Beverwyck as early as 1654 with his wife Hester.

(V) Douw, son of Barent (2) and Margaret (Fonda) Wemple, was born in Fonda, Montgomery county, New York, January 30, 1769, died in Mohawk, August 19, 1850; buried in Evergreen cemetery, Sand Flats, New York. When a young man he went to Canajoharie, apprenticed himself to a blacksmith, learned the trade, became an expert mechanic and followed his trade all his active life in Mohawk. His skill as a smith was known far and wide, while as a good citizen he was equally well known. He married, April 6, 1793, in Tribes Hill, Margaret Zelia (sometimes spelled Zielly), born there December 29, 1776, died in 1866, daughter of Adam Zelia.

Their children: 1. Lyda, married Adam Ecker; children: Angelica, Margaret and Catherine Ecker. 2. Maria, married Thomas Schuyler; children: Richard, Douw, Jerry, Peter, William, Louisa and Margaret Schuyler. 3. Harriet, married Jacob R. Schuyler; children: Alonzo, Myndert, Martha, Catherine and Elizabeth Schuyler. The latter is the only living member of the family. 4. Peggy, married Joshua Rupert; children: David, William and Anna Rupert. 5. Myndert, born April 24, 1802, died December 19, 1877; was noted for his piety and devotion to the church; he married Barbara Gross, born August 18, 1811; children: Hannah, born November 5, 1828, died June 18, 1846, and Angeline, born August 25, 1830, died in October, 1832. 6. David, see forward. 7. Peter D., married ——— Davis; children: Anna, Maria, Evaline, Emma J.; Zelia, captain of a company in the civil war; Duane, was a graduate of West Point and was in charge of a government vessel during civil war, he was wounded by a cannon explosion and died in hospital in South; Hamilton, also engaged in civil war, after which he was in business in Virginia; Douw, residing at Oatville, Kansas; Webster, at Troy, Wisconsin.

(VI) David, son of Douw and Margaret (Zelia) Wemple, was born in the town of Mohawk, Montgomery county, New York, November 26, 1804, died August 4, 1862. He was a prominent contractor, farmer and business man of the Mohawk Valley. He married Evaline, born June 7, 1807, died May 25, 1890, line.

Children of David and Evaline (Lotridge, who were married July 11, 1793, by Rev. Abram Van Horne, and had children: William, Cornelius, Aaron, George, drowned at age of twenty; Myra, Catherine and Evaline. Children of David and Evaline (Lotridge) Wemple: 1. Barney, born December 26, 1826, died August 25, 1893; married Margaret Sponenberg, who died May 9, 1877; children: David, Adam, Simeon, Catherine, Cora, Sarah and Douw. 2. Sarah, born December 17, 1828, died August 16, 1901; married Alonzo Schuyler, born 1827, died May 30, 1890; children: Richard A. and John. 3. Robert, see forward. 4. Douw, born May 1, 1833, died November 17, 1862; married (first) Margaret Nare; (second) Susan Mabee, who survives him, a resident of Glen. 5. William, born October 17, 1835; now a retired farmer of Johnstown; married Sarah Vedder, who died in 1901; children: David and Susie. 6. Anna, born January 19, 1840; married Giles H. Mount, a business man of Fultonville; child, Minnie, married Joseph Hildebrant. 7. Mary C., born June 19, 1842; teacher and in business for many years; resides at Fultonville; unmarried. 8. Adam Zelia, born February 7, 1848, died in childhood.

(VII) Robert, third child of David and Evaline (Lotridge) Wemple, was born January 28, 1831. He was reared on the farm and thoroughly understands the business of a modern farmer. In 1869 he settled in Glen, where he has since resided, and been prominent in public life. For over thirty years he was county superintendent of the poor at the old county farm in Glen. In 1887-88 he represented his district in the state legislature, where he served on the important committees, excise, canals and appropriations. The last-named committee being composed of men selected for acute business ability and sound judgment, and among these men Mr. Wemple was easily first, as all who knew him in those days can attest. He has always been progressive and taken an especial interest in the County Agricultural Society, of which he has been president several years, as well as a prominent live stock exhibitor both at county and state fairs. He has recently filled the position of state appraiser, his ripe judgment and wide acquaintance with real estate values

life and took sudden leave. He worked as clerk in the general store of William Putnam for two years, then returned to Gloversville, and entered the employ of Jonathan Ricketts, where he learned the trade of glove making. Later in life he formed a partnership with Denton Smith, and as Shutts & Smith manufactured gloves and mittens until 1875, when the firm dissolved. Mr. Shutts then engaged in the sewing machine business, which he carried on with successful results until 1909. Since 1885 he has been a partner of E. S. Parkhurst & Company, and is also interested in western mining lands, the Glen Telephone Company, the Gloversville Knitting Mill and other enterprises of his city. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias for forty-two years and is past chancellor and past chancellor commander of the local lodge. Politically he is a Republican.

He married, January, 1888, Sarah Elizabeth, born November 7, 1845, daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Ann (Gonsaulus) Fonda, and granddaughter of Peter Fonda, a descendant of Jillis Fonda, the gunmaker of Schenectady, the grandson of Jillis Douwerse, the founder, of Beverwyck as early as 1654. Sarah Ann (Gonsaulus) Fonda was born July 20, 1820, died January 31, 1893. She married Cornelius Fonda, born February 5, 1820. They had twelve children: 1. Mary Jane, born October 4, 1840, died August 31, 1879; married, February 22, 1858, Benjamin Van Buren. 2. Catherine, March 16, 1842; married, December 29, 1860, James Bancroft. 3. Charles Wesley, December 1, 1843, died October 14, 1909. 4. Sarah Elizabeth, married Harlan P. Shutts. 5. Henrietta, March 15, 1847; married, February 22, 1864, Henry A. Dopp. 6. Gradsir (?), April 26, 1849. 7. James M., October 30, 1851; married Elizabeth Sweet. 8. Harriet, July 29, 1853. 9. William H., March 8, 1855; married Jennie Young. 10. Ida F., June 13, 1857, died October 27, 1895; married a Mr. Nellis. 11. Edwin L., January 21, 1859; married, September 25, 1890, Jennie Wells. 12. Margaret M., April 8, 1862.

STEVENS

The Stevens family is of English origin and in 1620 were living in Cornwall and Berkshire counties, England. Nathaniel Gove Stevens, born September 14, 1786, is descended from a member of this family who emigrated to America and was one of the first settlers in Warwick, Massachusetts. His father, also named Nathaniel Gove Stevens, was born April 7, 1752; married Lois Stowe, of Marlboro, Massachusetts, born 1752, died 1813; children as follows: Lois, Abel, Simon, Anna, Nathaniel Gove, Jr., Samuel. Besides being a prosperous farmer, Nathaniel Gove, Jr., successfully managed a saw mill and tan yard. He rafted lumber down the Connecticut river. In religion he was a Unitarian. He married Nancy Stoughton. Children: Nathaniel Edwin, Sarah, married a Mr. McClenathan, Lois C., Charles, Mariah, Timothy Gilbert, Samuel Stoughton.

(II) Samuel Stoughton, son of Nathaniel Gove and Nancy (Stoughton) Stevens, was born at Warwick, Franklin county, Massachusetts, August 25, 1829. He acquired his education in the schools of his native village. In 1848 he went on a raft to South Hadley Falls. He journeyed from there to Hartford, Connecticut, and other places, seeking a shop to learn the machinists' trade. In Worcester, Massachusetts, he engaged with the firm of Goddard & Rice, tool makers, and manufacturers of paper machinery, his only remuneration being board and lodging. He remained until the expiration of his apprenticeship, when he accepted a position with Severance & Tourtlotte, who with others, had established a works for building paper machinery, taking the position of foreman. He remained with this firm three years in Hartford, Connecticut. From there he went to Troy, New York, to set up a machine which he had superintended in building for A. W. Orr & Company, with whom he remained five years. In 1858, in connection with the Orrs, he purchased the North Hoosick mill, which had been partly fitted up for making wrapping paper. He completed this mill to make hanging paper, and in a short time brought the production from one ton per day to that of two tons. He remained with the Orrs for about twelve years. In 1869, after the death of Alexander Orr and William O. Cunningham, he, with George S. Thompson, bought out the interest of the Orrs and continued the business under the firm name of Stevens & Thompson. In 1874 Stevens & Thompson in connection with R. H. Thompson, leased the Walloomsac Paper Mill, formerly owned and managed by Austin and Pratt. After running this mill for a term of six years they purchased the property from Henry Smith, of New York, and immediately commenced enlarging the plant. This in connection with the North Hoosick mill brought the production up to considerable over twenty tons per day.

Mr. Stevens, assisted by his son Frank L. Stevens, had exclusive charge of the mechanical departments. He had made several valuable inventions for which he had secured patents. The first, for a continuous process of the treatment of paper stock in the form of old

ried Isaac Schuyler. 2. Douw V., a farmer of the town; married Linda Houghtaling and has a son Eugene. 3. Dr. Benjamin, a leading physician of Rhinebeck, New York, where he died; he married (first) Mary Barrington, who bore him a daughter Molly, now deceased; married (second) Jennie ———; children; Frederick and Florence; his widow survived him and married ——— Bromley. 4. Jennie, married Philip J. Schuyler; resides on a farm near Syracuse, New York; no issue. 5. Garrett J., resides on the old homestead of the Lansings in Montgomery county, town of Charlestown; married Amanda Hoag; children: Helen, married John Ingersoll, a farmer of Glen, and Frank H. 6. Matthias Mount, see forward. 7. Helen, married Rev. John McLaughlin, a minister of the Church of Christ; she survives him, a resident of Charlestown. 9. Dr. Zachary Taylor, died unmarried at the age of thirty-five. 10. Horace Greeley, a prominent attorney of the city of Brooklyn, now deceased; married Franc McMasters, who resides in Brooklyn, with daughters, Florence and Jennie, teachers in the city public schools.

(VIII) Matthias Mount, sixth child of Gerrit (6) and Rebecca Van Vechten (Mount) Lansing, was born in Charlestown, Montgomery county, New York, October 10, 1842. When he was thirteen years of age he went to live with his grandfather, Matthias Mount, in the town of Glen, where he was educated and grew to manhood. He succeeded to the ownership of the Mount farm of one hundred and ten acres of fertile land, where he has since lived and carried on the business of a general farmer. He has been successful in his undertakings, and is one of the substantial men of the town. He is a Republican in politics, and a deacon of the Christian Church at Randall. He married, in Randall, town of Root, Mrs. Helen M. Yates, born in Onandaga county, New York, November 7, 1840, daughter of Lewis and Cornelia (Van Valkenburg) Lounsbury. They have no issue.

Lewis Lounsbury, father of Mrs. Matthias M. Lansing, was a son of Lewis and Lucy (Howe) Lounsbury; he was born in Ulster county, New York, July 6, 1813, died November 21, 1895. He became a noted surveyor and civil engineer. While following his profession in Onandaga county, New York, he married and settled a few years later at Randall, Montgomery county. He was a prominent politician and business man of that county. He was past warden of New York City, superintendent of canals and held other less prominent positions; for many years he owned a line of packets that operated on the Erie canal. He married (first) Cornelia Van Valkenburg, born in Schenectady, died at Randall. Children: 1. Helen M., married Matthias M. Lansing. 2. John E., born November 29, 1842, now deceased; married (first) Helen Wires; (second) Kate Seeber, of Oneida, New York; both wives are deceased; by the second wife he had sons: Louis E. and George Williard, now real estate brokers of McAllister, Oklahoma. 3. George H., for many years, cashier at the New York City post office; now deceased; he married Jennie Bartlett, of Jersey City, New Jersey, who bore him Georgia B. and Frank B., the latter of Waverly, New York, married Lenna Beekman.

LANSING

This branch of the Lansing family setled in or near Cohoes about 1760. They descend from Gerrit Lansing, the founder, and date in the Mohawk Valley from about the year 1650. Many of the family are now living on land that is part of the original grant from the King or his representatives. For detailed genealogy see the Lansings of Albany, Troy and Cohoes. The particular branch of the family that is here considered is closely allied with the Fonda family of Albany county, descendants of Jellise Dounse Fonda, who was in Beverwyck as early as 1650. In a later generation the only child and daughter of a wealthy Fonda married a Lansing, thus uniting two large estates. The descent of Alida M. Lansing from Gerrit Lansing, the founder, is through eight generations, she being the ninth.

(VI) William, son of Hendrick (Henry) Lansing, was a farmer of Cohoes, where he lived and died. He married Alida Fonda. Children: Henriette, Sarah, Maria, Down, Isaac, Jacob, William and Abraham Fonda.

(VII) Abraham Fonda, youngest son of William and Alida (Fonda) Lansing, was born in Fonda, August 10, 1803, died there, June 6, 1883. He was educated in the public schools, and was all his life a farmer, owning a large estate just outside the present limits of the city of Cohoes. He was a member of "The Boght" Dutch Reformed Church, located about two miles from Cohoes on the bend of the river, which gave the name "The Boght." He married, December 8, 1823, Jane Fonda, born December 8, 1802, died June 6, 1883, only daughter of Douw A. and Derrica A. (Lansing) Fonda. By this marriage all the property of Douw A. Fonda came into possession of the Lansings upon his death, Jane being the sole heir. Children: 1. Abram

Fonda, born October 2, 1824. 2. William H., September 20, 1826, died December 19, 1903. 3. Richard Down, January 3, 1829, died April 30, 1891. 4. Henry Truax, August 20, 1831, died August 20, 1832. 5. Jacob, September 28, 1833; died June 30, 1888. 6. Sarah Ann, February 11, 1836, died August 28, 1889. 7. Alida M., born March 16, 1839; resides in Cohoes, the last survivor of the nine children of her parents. 8. Isaac, May 22, 1842, died March 2, 1881. 9. Emily Jane, May 18, 1845, died April 14, 1855. The Douw A. Fonda farm was situated west of Cohoes and is now all included in the city limits. The City Park on Columbia street was also included in the farm.

(The Fonda Line).

(V) Abraham Douw Fonda, lineal descendant in the fifth generation from Jellise Dounse Fonda, the founder of the family in America, was born 1733, died October 10, 1799. He was a farmer of the town of Watervliet, as then constituted, a member of the Dutch church, and a man of considerable property. He married, August 20, 1771, Hendrica Lansing, who died February 7, 1840, aged ninety-one years, five months. Children: Douw, died in infancy. Sara, born November 7, 1773. Alida, December 28, 1775. Douw Abraham, see forward. Anna, died in infancy. Anna (2), October 14, 1781, died March 28, 1831. Maria, January 10, 1784.

(VI) Douw Abraham, son of Abraham Douw and Hendrica (Lansing) Fonda, was born October 13, 1776, died May 15, 1868. He married Derrica A. Lansing and had an only child, Jane, born December 8, 1802.

(VII) Jane, only child of Douw Abraham and Derrica A. (Lansing) Fonda, married Abraham Fonda Lansing.

PITTS

This family is of English ancestry and was founded in America by John Pitts, son of Berwick Pitts, of Lyme, Regis county, Dorset, England, a small seaport of the southern coast. Here John was born in 1668 and came to America in 1695, settling in Boston, where he was a successful and prominent merchant. He married Elizabeth Lendall, of Duxbury, Massachusetts, granddaughter of James Lendall, of England, who died in 1652. His will was witnessed by Miles Standish and John Alden. John Pitts had a son James, who graduated at Harvard in 1728, and rose to a high position in the colony. He was a noted patriot and with his sons, John, Samuel and Lendall, at his side, equally devoted to the cause of liberty, walked the stormy path of the revolution when failure led to the scaffold, the axe or the gallows, and success led to liberty, freedom and glory. It was a family noted in the annals of early Massachusetts, where Pitts street, Pitts wharf and Pitts tomb are yet to be found. The family is now scattered, but few if any are to be found in or around Boston who can justly claim descent from James. There is no record to connect the New York family of Colonie, Albany county, with the Boston family. They trace five generations to William Pitts, of Chatham, Columbia county, who was son of Joseph. There were several of the name resident of the town of Chatham, where their descendants are still to be found.

(I) William Pitts, son of Joseph Pitts, was born in the town of Chatham, Columbia county, New York. He was a school teacher in his younger days, but later a farmer. He was a devoted Methodist and a class leader in that church, and was of the Democratic faith. As a boy he recalled the incidents of the revolution and often told of his visits when a boy to the camp of the soldiers, driving cattle which were to be killed for their sustenance. He married (first) Salome Wickham, who bore him twelve children; (second) Charity Couse, who was the mother of two.

(II) David W., son of William and Salome (Wickham) Pitts, was born in the town of Nassau, Rensselaer county, New York, where his father had removed from Columbia county. He also followed the occupation of a farmer all his days. He enlisted and served in the American army during the war of 1812-14. He was a prominent and useful member of the Methodist church and an ardent Democrat. He married Susanna, daughter of Ebenezer Boyce, of the town of Schodack, where she was born. They were the parents of thirteen children.

(III) Sylvester, son of David W. and Susanna (Boyce) Pitts, was born in Nassau, Rensselaer county, New York, April 4, 1818, died in Colonie, Albany county, March 27, 1886. He was a farmer of Colonie all his adult years and prospered. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, a good but not an austere man, liberal in thought and deed and highly respected in his community. He departed from the family political faith and joined the Republican party when the party was formed. He was emphatically a home man, holding no public office nor belonging to any fraternal organizations. He married, in 1849, Mary Ann Wetherwax, born in 1828, died in 1901. Children: 1. Emerson A., died in infancy. 2. Sebastian W., see forward. 3. David W. (2), born July 12, 1860; married Daisy, daughter