

BIOGRAPHICAL
AND
HISTORICAL

1. Anthony Janz Van Westbrook, see Volume No. 1, Early Records, Albany, New York, pages 1, 2, and 3.

3. Johannes Westbrook Sr. Kingston, New York and Nytsfield (Jarwarsing) Ulster County, New York.

Ulster County, N.Y. Wills, Liber 10, page 422. Dated January 25, 1725/6 and written in Dutch. My dear wife Magdalene shall remain in possession of my whole estate during her natural life. To my youngest son Dirck when he marries, a good horse and a cow, similar to what my other children have received. To my eldest son Anthony, three schillings in advance, as his right of primogeniture. To my youngest son after his mother's death, a good horse and a good mare and a grazing cow. To my six children by name, Anthony, Johannes, Cornelius, Dirck, Sarah wife of Cornelius Van Aken, and Antie wife of Jacob Van Etten, my whole estate. Each one of my six children shall pay equally to the little son of my deceased daughter, Ursulla, called Benjamin (Vernooy) (Van Noy) Wife and sons Anthony and Johannes appointed executors. Will witnessed by Jacob Rutsen Jr., Nicholas Roosa, Jan Hardenbergh and William Nottingham. Proved April 10, 1727. Also see Volume 2, Anjou's wills of Ulster Co., page 112-113.

Also see History of Ulster County, New York, of about 800 pages or thereabouts, published about 1880-90. under Kingston or Wiltwyck or Esopus.

Our readers will please note that some of the witnesses were men of prominence in that particular period: in Ulster Co. I believe Nottingham was the County Clerk and Jan Hardenbergh was either owner or part owner of a patent of 2,000,000 acres. We wondered if this was coincidence or otherwise.

10,000. Anthony Westbrook, see the following sketch taken from Church Life (D.R.C., Port Jervis) of February 1892 as follows:

Dec. 20, 1745, in the presence of Dirck Westbrook, Elder and Cornelius Westbrook, Deacon (his brothers) of Menissinck, was received by Certificate No. 44, Aeltjen Van Etten, wife of Antony Westbroeck. Aeltje Van Etten was born at Hurley, Ulster County (just S.W. from Kingston) and was the daughter of Jan Van Etten and Jannetje Roosa and the granddaughter of Jacob Jansen Van Etten and Annetje Adriansen, who were the progenitors of the Van Etten Family (See Church Life of Oct. 1890). Mar. 26, 1745 received on confession of faith in the presence of the Elders of Menissinck-No. 45 Antony Westbroeck.

The name of the above mentioned person was more generally written Anthony Westbroeck. He was born in Kingston, baptized there April 17, 1692 and married Aeltjen Van Etten April 30, 1714. With his family he removed to Sussex County about 1730 and finally located on a farm near Millville now owned by Mrs. Ann Shimer, of Port Jervis, New York (now 1951 by her grandson Lloyd Wells of near Muscatine, Iowa). He was a Justice of the Peace (Vredersichter) as early as 1738 (see page 29 and 30 of Sussex and Warren County, N.J. History), church master in 1747 and Elder in 1749. Anthony Westbroeck's parents were Johannes Westbroeck born at Albany and a resident of Ulster County and Magdalena Dekker (Decker) daughter of Jan Broerson Decker (Lieutenant) and Heiltje Jacobs (some records say Aeltje) of Kingston. Anthony Westbroeck's three brothers were Johannes, Dirk and Cornelius, each located in the Minisink country. (For sketch of Johannes see Church Life Sept. 1890.) The children of Johannes Westbroeck and Magdalena Dekker (married 1687) the parents of Anthony Westbroeck, were:

Osseltje bap. Nov. 6, 1687 married Johannis-the rest of this quotation was corrected the following week.

Heyltje bap. May 25, 1690 married Lnoch Vreeland, a native of Communipaw, N.J. May 30, 1718.

Antoni bap. April 17, 1692 married Aeltjen Van Etten of Hurley April 30, 1714 and is the subject of this sketch.

Sara bap. June 10, 1694 married Cornelius Van Aken of Kingston, April 30, 1714.

Johannes bap. July 19, 1696 died in infancy.

Johannes bap. Jan. 9, 1698 married Antjen Roosa of Hurley, Dec. 19, 1715. They removed to Sussex County, New Jersey about 1730 and owned a farm in what is now Sandyston (see Church Life Sept. 1890).

Ante (Antjen) bap. July 28, 1700 married Jacob Van Etten of Rochester April 22, 1719 (See Church Life Oct. 1890 for genealogy)

Cornelis bap. Mar. 14, 1703 married Annetje Roosa April 10, 1724. They early removed to Menissinck and united with the Church there April 11, 1745.

Derick bap. Dec. 15, 1706 married Jenneke Van Keuren. They removed to the menissinck country about 1730. His son Tjerck Van Keuren Westbroeck was the founder of Westbrookville (see Church Life-Oct. 1890.)

The children of Anthony Westbroeck and Aeltjen Van Etten were: Johannes born at Nytsfield, Ulster Co. baptized Feb. 24, 1717 married Magdalena Westbroek Mar. 31, 1738, both residing at Menissinck, she was born at Hurley.

Jannetje born at Mornel (Marbletown) Jan. 10, 1720 married Simon (Westfall) Westfael of Smithsfield, Pa. April 17, 1743 (See Church Life May-June 1891).

Jacob born at Guilsford, Ulster County baptized July 1, 1722 and residing at Menissinck married Lydia Westfall born in Dutchess County and residing at Shippekonk (Montague N.J.) April 11, 1746. He was a large land owner in Sussex County and his residence of stone was used as a Fort during the Revolution. One of their sons, Solomon born 1762 married Margriet Dewitt Sept. 24, 1782 and settled in Delaware Township, Pike County, Pa. Of the children of Solomon Westbrook and Margriet Dewitt, Jacob born Jan. 30, 1786 was the father of John I. Westbrook and Hyman Westbrook of Port Jervis. Johannis born Jan. 9, 1789 was the father of Mrs. Dr. Emerson of Milford, Pennsylvania, and Solomon born Feb. 9, 1791 was the father of John C. Westbrook of Milford, Pa., the present (1892) Prothonotary of Pike County, Pa. Thus the last named persons are of the sixth generation from the Kingston progenitors of the family, Johannes Westbrook and Magdalena Decker.

Lena born at Neshotack (now Huilford, Ulster Co.) bap. Oct. 15, 1727 married Abram Chambers (Shimer) March 3, 1749. He was born at Skippack near Philadelphia and both resided at Menissinck. The late Abram Shimer of Port Jervis, was the great grandson of Abram Chambers (or Shimer as it was generally written) and Lena Westbroeck.

Gideon bap. July 4, 1733 born and raised at Menissinck, married Jannetje Keter of Marbletown, Nov. 1, 1755.

Antonie born and raised at Menissinck bap. May 19, 1736 married Susanna Kittle Aug. 5, 1757. She was born at Warwarsing and resided at Menissinck.

This completes the sketch from Church Life.

Minisink

In 1933, Nov. 1st, the County of Orange, New York State celebrated the 250th anniversary of the founding, which occurred on that date back in 1683. At that time I was selected by the Middletown Historical Society to give a 7 minute address before the gathering in the Presbyterian Church, Goshen, N.Y. The topic assigned to me was, "Minisink, Then (Nov. 1, 1683 and Now (Nov. 1, 1933)

Fortunately, I kept a copy of that address, which was as follows:

I would first direct your attention to the Book of Psalms, the 48th chapter and the 12th and 13th verses, wherein are found these words:

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the

towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

It would seem from these words, that many centuries ago, people were interested as are we, in passing on to succeeding generations some information about the things and the peoples that have already proceeded them.

The topic assigned me by your committee on this 250th anniversary, is, "Minisink, Then and Now". This topic is particularly pleasing to me, in as much as my own ancestor, Leur Jacobsen Van Kuykendall and his wife Grietze Aertze Tack lived in the Minisink region before May 17th in the year 1700. (Proven by church records)

I shall first discuss Minisink as it was 250 years ago. The map of August Herman printed by permission of his Majesty, the King of England in 1670, indicates the northern half of New Jersey inhabited mostly by Indians, this was thirteen years before the founding of Orange County. Settlements had been made in Ulster county at what is now Kingston, about 1652, although we are told that trade was carried on there with the Indians as early as 1614 (See Sylvesters History of Ulster County).

In a list of early land grants published in the History of Ulster County, N.Y. by Sylvester, is one of March 25, 1680 to George Davis, son of the famous Christoffel Davis, hunter and interpreter, wherein the said George Davis makes application for a patent at Minisink. From this, it would seem reasonable to suppose that George Davis knew something about the Minisink Region at the time he made request for the patent. To show the regard in which George Davis was held by the Indians, we might repeat an old legend that has come down to us through the years, which states that George Davis was very much admired by the Indian maidens, and that they often used to kiss him, which made his wife very jealous. Whether this legend is truth or fiction, I am unable to make a positive statement, but I am inclined to believe that it is true.

The next reference to Minisink is on Sept. 9th, 1684, when Governor (Thomas) Dongan, of the Province of New York ordered Minnie Johannes, who later died somewhere in the vicinity of Haverstraw, to proceed to Minisink to inspect the lands and ascertain what are fit for settlement and to make personal report to the Governor. Four years had elapsed from the time that George Davis made application for a patent at Minisink until Governor Dongan ordered a report made on the region.

It was also less than a year after the forming of the original County of Orange.

From competent records, we know that in the early settlement of this country, trading always preceeded the agricultural pioneers.

It would seem reasonable to believe, therefore, that considerable bartering must have been going on with the Indians at Minisink in 1684, else why(should) would Governor Dongan be so anxious to know it it was a desirable place to send settlers.

Two years later, on Aug. 7, 1686, Governor Dongan of New York, issued a license to Clause Westfall with five and twenty companions, to travel, trade and hunt among the Indians of the Southwest. Minisink was in a southwesterly direction from Kingston, at which latter place Claus Westfall resided, and it is therefore quite probable that they traveled down the Hurley, Rochester, Warwarsing, Lamakating Valley to Minisink.

Recorded in Deed book CC, page 145, at Kingston, N.Y. under date of June 8, 1696 we find that famous deed from the Indians for land at Menessing and Waggahebeck to Jacob Rutse, Gerrit Aertse, Jacob Aertse, Dan Honan, Coenraat Elmendorph, Thomas Swartwout, Derick Vanderburgh, Anthony Swartwout, Jacob Coddeback, Johannis Westphalen, Claes Westphalen, Symon Westphalen, Rymenigh Westphalen, the widow of Thomas Quick, Bernardus Swartwout, Pieter Gumaer, Eylas and Cornelis Dewitt, Hendrick Jensen, Hendrick Decker, Cornelis Claes, Cornelis De Duyster.

In Deed Book AI, page 229 at Kingston, N.Y. a deed from four Indians to William Titsoord (Titsworth) dated June 8, 1700 being at Nagaukameck named and commonly called by the name, Schackhaeckeninck in an elbow.

On page 263 of the same book, is a deed from four Indians to Rymenigh(?) Quick, widow(ancestor of your author), dated Feby 28, 1700 for a tract of land named by the natives "Liegaskotami, otherwise commonly called or known by the name "Kansjoor, his land", exactly as it then lay, beginning by the land which the Indians say is taken by Thomas Swartwout & Co. and running unto the trees marked. This is now known as Penhausen, his land, and if you will note from the car window of the Erie Railroad just as you come in sight of Port Jervis near Black Rock Cut, you will see a barn with this name painted on the top, down in the valley directly below you. This is part of this original tract.

We find many references to Minisink in the Kingston Dutch Reformed Church Records, some of which we will mention.

On April 21, 1701 Rebecca Titsoort (Titsworth) is married to Juric (George) quick in which she states she was born in Schenectady and resides in Minisink. On Oct. 18, 1702, Stephanus Titsoort (Titsworth) was married to Sarah Hornbeck and states that he is residing in Minisink.

Hannah Titsoort, Klaartjen Westvacl, Helena Westvacl, Eyntjen Swartwoud, Thomas Decker, Janneken Van Nimwegen, Elsjen Koddebek, Neeltjen Titsoort, Antjen Kuykendall, Margrieta Van Kuykendall and Leur Kukendall who were married from 1718 to 1729 all claim they were born at Minisink, which would indicate quite a settlement in Minisink from 1700 to 1709.

These references, all of which can be verified, would indicate to us that the actual settlement of Minisink began about 1696 to 1700.

Minisink as it is now, does not need much explanation, suffice it to say that it extended from approximately Cuddebackville, N.Y. to the (Delaware) Water Gap and was bounded on the east by the Shawangunk mountains which we now pass over in going to Port Jervis.

There are however, several points we have not discussed, one is the Indian Minisink village, second the white man's Minisink village, third Minisink Precinct, and fourth the changes which have left the name of Minisink on the east side of the Shawangunk mountains, whereas on the west side where it was originally given, it has almost entirely disappeared as a name.

The Indian Minisink village was situated in part on the present farm of Burson Bell in Sandyston township, Sussex County, N.J., part on Minisink Island adjoining, and part on the Pennsylvania side opposite Minisink Island. The ancient Indian burying ground adjacent is now owned by Mr. Charles A. Philhower, Supt. of Schools of Westfield, N.J. (now retired-1951) who is one of the greatest authorities on Indians in the State of New Jersey. We have with us today a photostatic copy of the original Indian deed which was made from the original deed by the Hudson Title and Mortgage Co., Newburgh, N.Y. on Oct. 21, 1933 at my request. This deed was from Tyacop, the Indian, to Johannes Westbrook (brother of Judge Anthony) for the land now owned by Burson Bell, together with some additional land to the south of him now owned by other parties, and which also contains the first white man's cemetery founded by Johannes Westbrook on June 1st, 1731 (See Sussex & Warren County History) I might say that Burson Bell is a lineal descendant of

Johannes Westbrook, the land having descended from generation to generation.

The white man's village of Minisink was just to the north of the Indian village and on the Jersey shore, a map of this village dated April 1725 is to be found in the Van Kuykendall and Van Kortright (Courtright) family histories.

Minisink precinct, at least until 1739, covered the present townships of Montague and part of the township of Sandyston, Sussex County, N.J. because there is still in existence an old assessment record dated 1739 on which is found the name of Justice Anthony Westbrook of Minisink, who by the way was my wife's fourth great grandfather, wherein they were raising money for the first jail at Goshen, N.Y.

The Minisink Church, which is so often mentioned in the Dutch Reformed Church Records, printed by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, was situated just below the present Brick House Hotel on the Dirt Road, where you will find a granite marker (placed there thru the efforts of my cousin, John J. Van Sickle, when he was a member of the Board of Freeholders for so many years). The parsonage of the Minisink Church was sold in the year 1800, when the church was torn down, we do not know, but it has long since disappeared.

We might say that the parsonage was situated about two miles below the church and nearer the Minisink village, there was a marker there in the field the last I knew.

Minisink as it is in Orange County begins with a township formed from the precinct of Goshen on March 7, 1788 and included so far as we can tell the present towns of Waywayanda, Minisink, Greenville, and from my researches I am inclined to believe that it also included part of the present township of Deerpark(1951) as far north as Huguenot or Peenpack.

When Orange County as it now stands, was formed on Oct. 1, 1799, the part in the Port Jarvis valley was added to Deerpark of today(Deerpark was formerly on the east side of the mountain), later Mt. Hope was taken away, as was Jawayanda on Nov. 15, 1849, and Greenville on Dec. 2, 1855 or thereabouts. When the postoffice known as Minisink in the Town of Greenville was formed I am unable to state, but I find records of it as far back as 70 years.(from 1933)

If any of you are interested enough to want to visit the site of these ancient Minisink villages, I would suggest you follow National Route No. 6 over Greenville Mountain on the concrete Road, as you enter the City of Port Jarvis turn sharp left at the Neversink River Bridge

and proceed down the Jersey side on the Montague River Road to the Erick House Hotel, as you pass the old hotel turn right across a small bridge (1933) and follow the dirt road about 2 miles to the home of Mr. Burson Bell and the summer home of Mr. Chas. A. Philhower. They are situated about 10 miles below Port Jervis, N.Y.

If you want to view the scenery from the Pennsylvania side of the River, a good view of the Big Minisink Island and the Jersey shore can be had near Raymondskill Falls.

This completes the 7 minute speech the writer delivered Nov. 1, 1933 at Goshen Presbyterian Church on the 250th anniversary of the founding of Orange Co., New York, on Minisink Then and Now.

Since that speech was delivered records have been uncovered and I have had access to them, in fact made copies of them thru the courtesy of the late Lawrence A. Toepp, Secretary of the Middletown Historical Society and the late Hon. Robert Clark, ex-chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors (Cousin Bob), that make the changes in Minisink, Orange County more exact. However, we will not go into that here.

We would also like to mention this, when the writer was President of the Middletown Historical Society in 1936-37 (I refused a 2nd term due to the 50th Anniversary of Middletown coming up), the Hon. Ralph Decker was President of the Sussex County Historical Society, and the Hon. Samuel M. Cuddeback (now deceased 1950) was President of the Minisink Valley Historical Society. all three of us were lineal descendants of Jurian Westfall and Marytje Hansen who settled in Kingston, N.Y. in 1754. I doubt if that will ever happen again.

10,000. Will of Anthony Westbrook. (30S) dated June 25, 1755 approved Feby 24, 1759, inventory 20 pounds, 12 shillings and no pence of Oct. 23, 1760.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Anthony Westbrook of Menissink, in the County of Sussex, in the Province of East New Jersey, yeoman, being somewhat indisposed in body but of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding, thanks be given to Almighty God therefore) and calling unto Remembrance the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being before minded to settle my affairs before I depart this life I do hereby make and ordain my last will and Testament (To Wit) first, I give and resign up my soul (to) unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it (Trusting to have an absolute pardon of all my sins through the merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ) my body I commend to the earth to be

earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estate as the Lord in his Mercy hath been pleased to intrust me with, all I do hereby give, devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in manner and form following:

Imprimis, I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral charges be in the first place fully satisfied and paid. Item, I give devise and bequeath unto my well beloved son Johannis Westbrook or his heirs (this is the ancestor of the Canadian Westbrooks), one working horse which is esteemed or valued worth Six pounds New York money for his birth right, because he is my eldest son, to be paid to him by my executors hereinafter named, and also all that certain Tract or parcel of land now in his the said Johannis Westbrook occupation; known and called by the name of Rachel's Hook; (this land, the part on which stood his house or log cabin and trading post, is now owned by J. Halsey Westbrook of Port Jervis-the rest owned by the C.J.I. Camp and others, in all there was 500 acres, see later deed) together with all and singular the Improvements, Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said tract of land belonging or in any wise appertaining unto the said Johannis Westbrook, his heirs and assigns forever, for his full share of my real estate.

Item, I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved son, Jacob Westbrook all that certain tract or parcel of land scituate lying and being at Matshepeconck, which was conveyed unto me by one Jacob Westvael and Jacob Van Aken together (see deed) Together and singular the Improvements Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Jacob Westbrook his heirs and assigns forever.

Item, I give devise and bequeath unto my well beloved son, Solomon Westbrook, all that certain tract, lott or parcel of land scituate lying and being at Matshepeconck which was conveyed unto me by one Cornelius Brinck, together with two Griss mills and one saw mill and all and singular the other improvements, Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said Solomon Westbrook his heirs and assigns forever.

Item, I give devise and bequeath unto my two well beloved Sons, Gideon Westbrook and Anthony Westbrook all my certain tracts or parcels of land scituate lying and being on Great and Little Minissink Grasslands, together with my house and lot on the main shore (See Minisink Village map of 1725) and orchard and homestead as also that certain tract or parcel of land known and called

the "Streak" (pronounced strake) (this is the flat land adjoining the River-I shall always remember what intense interest this aroused in the late Peter F. Van Noy, who remembered his people using this word) and also that certain parcel of land containing one hundred acres situate lying and being at a place called the Great Swamp Together with all and singular, the improvements, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto them the said Gideon Westbrook and Anthony Westbrook and to their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them, each the just and equal moiety or half part; which Division is not to be till six weeks after my dearly beloved wife Altie Westbrook death or decease, for she is to remain master and ruler of all my estate both real and personal as long as she remains my widow; what I have devised unto my two well beloved sons Gideon and Anthony Westbrook.

Item, I do further give devise and bequeath unto my said Two well beloved sons Gideon Westbrook and Anthony Westbrook, each of them Six Horses or Mairs and two milch cows to be first delivered and paid unto them out of my stock by my executors hereinafter named and each of them one new wooden wagon with iron skeons and other iron work such as was formerly used and one new Dutch plow with wheels with the iron work thereunto belonging.

Item, I give devise and bequeath unto my three well beloved daughters as namely Jennotie Westvael, wife of one Simon Westvael, Magdolin Shimer, wife of one Abraham Shimer and Maria Westvael wife of one Daniel Westvael and to them or either of them or their heirs, each two hundred pounds current lawful money of New York, one hundred pounds to each in two months after my wife's death or decease and the other one hundred pounds to each one year after which makes Six Hundred pounds in all which my five herein before named sons must pay or cause to be paid unto them each their fifth part thereof, which causes everyone to pay sixty pounds and that at the respected times herein before mentioned; and the remainder of my stock and personal estate must be equally divided among my herein before mentioned children six weeks after my wifes decease.

Lastly, I do hereby make constitute, nominate and appoint my two well beloved sons Johannes Westbrook and Jacob Westbrook aforesaid to be my executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby frustrate revoke disannul and make void all former and other wills and Testaments legacies bequeaths and executors by me heretofore formerly made rattifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

BH-11

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty sixth day of June in the Twenty Ninth year of
the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Second, King &c
and in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ One Thousand
Seven Hundred and Fifty Five 1755.

Signed Anthony /- Westbrook
his mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Testator
as and for his last will and testament. In the presence of
us who in his presence and at his request subscribed our
names as witnesses hereunto.

Jane Keater

Cornelis Westbrook
his mark

William Ennes
1755

The last witness, William Ennes, the one armed schoolmaster
probably wrote the will. He always signed his name with
the year after it.

The first record of Anthony Westbrook in Minisink
is 1725, April 7th, Cornelius Low Jr. made a map of the
Minisink Village (white Man's) located in New Jersey at
a point just above the farm of Mr. Burson Bell in Sandyston
township of today. On the north mainland, the farm of
Mathewes Van Kuykendall, to the south was Jurian Westfall
and Jacob Van Kuykendall. The northern boundary reads,
south, 70 degrees east, the southern boundary reads, south
70 degrees east. The most northerly lot adjoining
Mathewes Van Kuykendall was Johannes Westbrook Jr., lot No. 5
rectangular in shape, 25 acres. Lot No. 4 Jan Cortright
same shape, 25 acres. The most southerly lot, No. 6 was
55 acres surveyed to Anthony Westbrook, the subject of
this sketch. Immediately in front of this lot and between
it and the river were three small house lots of 5 acres each.
The most northerly Jan Cortright (Cortright) No. 3, the middle
lot No. 2 Johannes Westbrook Jun. and the southerly lot
No. 1 and adjoining his 55 acre tract was Anthony Westbrook
Mostly in front of these parcels and located on Wequasha and
Great Minisink Islands, were four lots, southerly, lot No.
1 surveyed to Johannes Westbrook Jun 30 acres, next, Lot 2,
lot No. 2, Anthony Westbrook, lot 3, 30 acres, to Anthony
Westbrook, lot No. 4 Johannes Westbrook Jun. 30 acres. These
lots were bounded on the islands north and south by the
same parties as on the main shore. This is the first authentic
record of the Westbrook settlement at Minisink.

In deed Book "B", page 435 at Newton, New Jersey, is a deed dated July 28, 1741 from Jacob Westfall and Margaret his wife, of the County of Morris, West New Jersey to Anthony Westbrook of the same place, for 640 pounds (this was a lot of money for those days), a lot of land bounded at Mischepekonk to corner of land formerly belonging to Hermanus Cole (see Walpack Center Cole Family) now in possession of Isaac Van Aken, to a corner formerly belonging to Hermanus Decker, also all the remaining part of land sold by Solomon Davis to Harmanus Decker by deed of Oct. 10, 1722 (note that date) and by Harmanus Decker unto Isaac Van Aken, Johannes Retier and Lambert Brink of which 800 acres remaining.

Add this to other land deeded by Anthony and you have quite a tract.

10,001. Johannes Westbrook Junior, Report of the State Historian, State of New York, 1896, Colonial Series, Vol. 1, a list of the officers and soldiers belonging to the regiment of foot militia in the County of Orange, in the Province of New York, consisting of eight companies of foot, whereof Vincent Matthews is Colonel, see page 574, 4th Company, Jacobus Swartwoot, Captain, Johans Westbrook, Lieut. and Johans Westbrook, Jun'r, Ensign.

See affidavit of Captain Johannes Westbrook made before Justice Brierly of New Jersey, 1785.

See Deed book D page 155, Goshen, N.Y. This indenture made this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Four between Johannes Westbrook of Goshen Precinct and County of Orange and State of New York, yeoman and his wife Magdalena of the first part and Samuel Westbrook and Gideon Westbrook both of the same county of the second part.

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the twenty pounds lawful money of New York and also maintenance of me, Johannes Westbrook and my wife Magdalena, during our lives, to me in hand paid by Samuel Westbrook and Gideon Westbrook, at and before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted bargained and sell release enfeof and confirm and by these presents do grant bargain sell, release enfeof and confirm unto the said Samuel Westbrook and Gideon Westbrook jointly and equally their heirs and assigns forever, all that tract of land beginning at the Bottle Stone by the Creek, from thence running north twenty four degrees and a half east thirty chains then east two degrees, southerly so far as to run with a parallel to the creek and to include the and to include the just half of that piece of land called Rachel's

Hook and containing about thirty acres; also another tract of land beginning at the southwest corner of the above tract and runs thence north nine degrees west fourteen chains and thirteen links to a white oak sapling marked for a corner thence north sixty degrees east nine chains and thirty links to a white oak sapling marked at the foot of a hill, thence north forty five degrees east eight chains, thence south sixty six degrees east five chains thence north forty five degrees and fifteen minutes west sixty three chains to a heap of stones on the side of the mountain thence north forty five degrees and seventeen chains to a walnut sapling by the side of a small brook thence south thirty five degrees west fifty chains, thence south forty six degrees west seventy eight chains thence south thirty degrees west twenty chains and eighty links to the lands of Abraham Van Auken, thence north forty eight degrees east ninty three chains to a stake, thence south forty six degrees east twenty nine chains thence north thirty nine degrees east thirteen chains and fifty links, thence north fifty degrees east six chains thence north thirty three degrees east twelve chains to the place of beginning containing 535 acres (535) and a half (some of the most valuable land in Port Jervis valley today) (there is then a whole page of superfluous wording) together with all the houses, out houses, kitchens, stables, barns, orchards, timbers, trees, woods, underwood, meadow marches, fences, pastures, feedings, mines, minerals (gold and silver,.....)

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Johannes Westbrook

Her

Magdalena M Westbrook
mark

In the presence of
Jonathan Tracey
William Carpenter

and acknowledged before Judge William Allison by Jonathan Tracey on Dec. 21, 1784. Recorded at the request of Johannes Westbrook.

Page 267 Minisink Church Records:

1748 - Nov. 6, Johannes Westbroeck, young man, to Maria Westbroeck, young woman, both born at Wawarssinck, and dwelling at Namonak, married the 4th of December

Page 265 Minisink marriage records:

1738 - March 5, Johannes Westbroeck Jun. young man,

Records from Minisink, Shawnee, Walpack, Clove (Deekertown) Warwarsing, Kingston Dutch Reformed Church records, also the marriage records of Sussex Co., N.J. etc., verbatim. One impelling motive behind this move, was the fact that many people would not be able to get hold of a copy of the Church records without a great deal of trouble and expense, because there were only a 100 copies printed of which your author owns one, No. 82. This is an autographed copy, sold to me by Mr. FitzRandolph many years ago.

We will include some cemetery records as we have them.

Please remember that in going thru the books, we have had to depend upon our memory, those we skip we will quote later as the need arises. Good as our memory may be, it is not 100%.

born at Nytsfield, to Magdalena Westbroeck, young woman born at Horly(Hurley), and both dwelling at Manissinck, married by Anthony Westbroeck, Justice of the Peace, the last day of March. (This is Johannes and Magdalena whose names are signed to the above decd.)

1743. March 13, Simon Westfael, young man born in Dutchess County, dwelling in Smithsfield in Bucks Co. (now Pike Co.) to Jannetje Westbroeck, young woman, born at Mormel(Marbletown), dwelling at Menissinck, married the 17th day of April by Pieter Kuyckondal, Justice of the Peace.

1746. March 24. Jacob Westbroeck, young man, born at Gilsford, dwelling at Menissinck, to Lydia Westfael, young woman, born in Duytsches County and dwelling at Sheppekonck April 11th.

1748, March 20. Daniel Westfael, young man, born at Machackomech, to Maria Westbroeck, young woman, born at Gilsford, and both dwelling at Menissinck, married the 8th of April ditto. Mach;

1749 - February 5. Abram Chambers, young man, born at Shippack, to Lena Westbroeck, born at Neshotack, and both dwelling at Menissinck, married the 3rd of March.

1749 July 2, Joseph Wallon, young man, born in Nieuw Engellant, to Neeltje Decker, widow of Jacobus Kuddoboek, both dwelling at Metschepeconk, married Oct. 19th.

1757-June 17. Anthony Westbrook Jr. young man, born at Manissink, to Schusanna Kettel, young woman, born at Wawasink and both dwelling at Manissink, married August 5th..

Since we started to copy these marriage records, a good deal of thought has been given to the problem of copying all the Westbrook family baptism and marriage records from Minisink, Shawnee, Walpack, Clove(Deekertown) Warwarsing, Kingston Dutch Reformed Church records, also the marriage records of Sussex Co., N.J. etc., verbatim. One impelling motive behind this move, was the fact that many people would not be able to get hold of a copy of the Church records without a great deal of trouble and expense, because there were only a 100 copies printed of which your author owns one, No. 82. This is an autographed copy, sold to me by Mr. FitzRandolph many years ago.

We will include some cemetery records as we have them.

Please remember that in going thru the books, we have had to depend upon our memory, those we skip we will quote later as the need arises. Good as our memory may be, it is not 100%.

Westbrook

BH--3

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall or may come, Johannes Westbrook of Minnisink, in the County of Hunterdon and Province of West New Jersey, sendeth greeting:

Now know ye that the said Johannis Westbrook, for divers good causes him therunto moving, but more and especially for and in consideration of the sum of three pounds current money of the Province of New York, to him in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of this presents by John Cortregt, Antony Westbrook, Jacob Kerkendal, Abram Van Campen, Gerret Van Campen, Jacob Van Etten, and Cornelius Westbrook, and all the rest of the inhabitants, all of the same place, the receipt whereof to the said Johannis Westbrook doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and therefrom doth acquit and exonerate, release and forever discharge the said John Cortregt, Antony Westbrook, Jacob Kuykendall, Abram Van Campen, Gerret Van Campen, Jacob Van Etten, Cornelis Westbrook, their heirs, executors and administrators, by these presents hath given, granted, bargained, and sold, ratified, and confirmed, and by these presents doth freely and clearly give, grant bargain and selle, release and confirme, unto the said person hereinbefore mentioned there and successors, and all the inhabitants of Minnesink forever; one lot of ground some distance southerly from the dwelling house of said Johannis Westbrook, beginning by a red oak saplin for the first corner; from thence due south one hundred yards to another red oak saplin and from thence due west to a pine saplin; and from thence due north to the fort station; to have and to hold the said lot of ground for a burin' place and a scule (school) house forever, to the only proper use, benefitt, and behoove of all them the said John Cortregt, Antony Westbrook, Jacob Kuykendal, Abram Van Campen, Gerret Van Campen, Jacob Van Etten, and Cornelis Westbrook and all the other inhabitants of Minnisink, and to thare heires and assigns forever.

In witness whereof the said Johannis Westbrook hath hereunto set his hand and seall the first day of June, Anno Dom. one thousand seven hundred and thirty one.

Johannis X Westbrook
his mark

Sealed and delivered in presence of Solomon Davis,
Henry Short.

In order that our readers may know what our forebears endured in colonial days we include here some facts published in the New Jersey Archives referring to life in the Minisink country where the Westbrook Family lived..

New York-March 29, 1756-About two weeks ago, the barn of one Westfall, at Minisink, was burnt by the Indians with 24 cows, 9 horses and about 400 bushels of wheat. (if we are not mistaken, this is now just inside the southeast limits of Port Jervis, N.Y.) from the Pennsylvania Journal No. 695 April 1, 1756.

One very interesting story about the Swartwout family on the Paulins Kill or Swartswood Lake section of Sussex Co.n.J. we will not publish.

These are all from the 1st Series, Volume No. 20

Perth Amboy, N.J. August 19, 1756. We have a certain account from the Northern frontier of the Province that on Thursday last, Abraham Van Aken, Esq. Justice of the Peace in the County of Sussex Co. (he is the ancestor of Mrs. Coulter and lived on the present Port Jervis Golf Club farm) was shot through the left arm and had one of his fingers of his hand shot off by an Indian, who had concealed himself in the cellar of an old house in one of Van Aken's fields; and as he was driving his team loaded with grain, his daughter who had been helping him, being upon the top of the load, the Indian fired upon him; upon which Van Aken called to his daughter to jump off the load and run for her life. The girl in leaping down happened to fall and the Indian was going to dispatch her with his tomahawk, which the father perceiving, wounded as he was, made toward the Indian with his pitch fork and saved the daughter from the stroke. And Van Aken's son (Daniel) coming up with the gun at the same time, the Indian fled, and when he was got to the end of the field they saw two other Indians join him but they all run away. This was done within a mile of Cole's fort upon Machackemeck River, near Delaware. Justice Van Aken lay so ill of his wounds that his life was in great danger.

We have a further account from the same place, that on Friday last, three men to wit; Gerardus Swartwout, oldest son of Major Swartwout, Samuel Finch, and Peter Westphalen (ancestor of the Hon. Ralph Westfall of Columbus, Ohio and his many relatives in that and adjoining states) were found murdered and stript quite naked, and Swartwout and Finch scalped by the Indians, some miles higher up the River Machackemeck, and within the Province of New York.

We heard that the Company that went out with Capt. Gardner, one of the Captains of the New Jersey force now

stationed upon the frontier (along the Delaware, into the Province of Pennsylvania in order to discover the lurking place and destroy the settlement of the enemy Indians, traversed the east branch of the Susquohanna, 15 miles above Wioming, an Indian town upon the said branch, but could not discover any Indians, who had all abandoned their usual places of abode. However, they set fire to Wioming and destroyed all the houses there, some of which were very good ones. Penn Gazette No. 1444 Aug. 26, 1756.

Goshon, N.Y. dated Aug. 14, 1756. Last Thursday morning about a mile west of the Wallkill (River) two men were fired upon as they were at work in the field, by a party of Indians, but missed them; but as they ran different courses, they both escaped and that night got safe to their neighbors.

This day, it is reported by some Minisink people, that Major Swartwout (his wife a Westbrook from Ulster Co.) is carried off by the Indians. He went last week to a place called Basha's Land (near Westbrookville) to fetch some horses he had there and not returning in the evening, they found one horse shot in the field and his throat cut, and ten taken away, but can hear no further of the Major. Penn. Journal No. 716, Aug. 26, 1756.

Letter from Lt. Rickoy dated Headquarters (on the Delaware) on frontier of New Jersey, Nov. 17, 1757, John Doty and Sergeant Mahurin killed just two miles from the fort. Penn. Gazette No. 1510, Dec. 1, 1757.

List of the killed in New Jersey since May 1757.

May 2, Jacob Van Kamp and Peter Brink near the Headquarters. Nov. 9 John Doty and Otho Mahurin near same place. Nov. 10 Gideon Westbrook near Brink's Fort. Nov. 11 John Pressler. May 15, 1758 Nicholas Cole's four children and three Germans. May 25-Mary Walling near Fort Gardner (10 mile east of the Delaware). June 8, Cornelius Westbrook and Abram Westbrook. June 12 Bastian Cortright and Mary Kirkendall. An Indian, Capt. Armstrong was killed by a boy, he had pretended to live in great friendship among the English. This Indian had been implicated in the killing of the Swartwout family on the Paulins Kill. June 15 at Urian Westfall's, eight men. June 23, William Ward. We now have 200 soldiers upon our frontiers. Three of our Jersey men went over the river to plow near the fort at Poquasso, when a party of Indians fell upon them and murdered and scalped them. This was the 14th instant. Penn. Journal No. 813, July 6, 1758.

Deed book W, page 474, Newton, N.J. from Johannes Westbrook and Antje to Benjamin Westbrook, his son, 22nd of August, 1746, the latter a cardwinder (weaver) so he was both blacksmith and weaver, nine acres excepting the one acre for a burying ground, adjoining Johannes Westbrook's orchard, the easternmost corner of William Ennes's lot, signed by Johannes Westbrook WB-mark and Antje Westbrook. Witnesses Cerns Van Etton a son in law and Wm Ennes the one armed schoolmaster and neighbor. We assume that this is the little place below Bell's and in front of the old Cemetery. Joseph Ennes, a son swore to the signature of Wm. Ennes and was recorded at Newton, N.J. Mar. 8, 1811.

Cornelius Westbrook and Catharine Westbrook, the father in law and his wife, were appointed administrator of his estate at Newtown (Newton), N.J. January 4, 1764 and on the 10th day of January, 1764 they presented an inventory of his estate amounting to 534 pounds, 13 shillings and 9½ pence. A fairly sizeable estate for that time and period along the Delaware, in today's values that would be about \$20,000 for comparative living. They got a lot for their money in those days.

The following are some Westbrook Family tombstones with a few others who are connected with the family.

Dingmans Ferry, Pike Co., Pa.

Andrew Dingman b. Dec. 25, 1804 d. Mar. 22, 1889

Carolina Eliza Sayre his wife b. Oct. 21, 1804 d. May 6, 1885

b. for born and d. for died - to keep the record straight.

Jas. D. Brisco 1834-1895

Elizabeth Brisco 1836-1908

Daniel H. Middaugh 1857-1914

John B. Quick b. 1779, d. 1865, Diana his wife b. 1782 d. 1864

Ada dau. of Peter A.L. Quick b. 1861 d. 1863

Peter A.L. Quick Feb. 1, 1819 - Mar. 8, 1902

Catharine A. Quick July 25, 1832 - Nov. 21, 1920

Abram C. Dingman M.D. d. Nov. 14, 1886, ae 43 y. 1 mo. 27 ds.

Susan E. Dingman wife of John Magennis 1827-1901

Jane Dingman 1831-1890

Alfred Stoll Dingman 1st Lt. Co. B. 179 Pa. Inf.

Aug. 12, 1837 - Jan. 28, 1907.

Kate Van Auker his wife Apr. 13, 1857 - Jan. 18, 1921

Walter V. Dingman, their son Mar. 14, 1890 -

Albert S. Dingman 1854-1929

Carrie M. Darragh his wife 1875 -

On the 15th a man was wounded near Samuel Depuy's but likely to recover. He saw but two Indians.

As our frontiers are hardly known abroad, please to insert the following description.

Our first fort, Reading is 12 miles above Easton, (this should be at about Belvidere of today); the 2nd fort at Colonel Van Campen's 18 miles further, this should be in Pahaquarry township of today, to Fort Walpack 6 miles-this should be about Flatbrookville, to Headquarters 6 miles-I would suppose this would be about Fort Shapaneck where the old church was later, to Nominack 8 miles, we all know where this was, just a mile or so below Burson Bolls place of today, the old house was still standing the last I knew, the roof had been changed. to Shippeconck Fort 4 miles, this could have been in the vicinity of Millville, just north, possibly the old Jacob Westbrook's house down under the hill, then to Cole's Fort 8, most opinion places this at the old church in Port Jervis, see marker, these on Delaware River, then to Fort Gardner below the great mountain 12 miles, presumably north of Westtown of today. A very high mountain on each side Delaware River all this distance. Penn Gazette No. 1537 June 8, 1758.

Extract of letter from Union Iron Works in New Jersey, June 10, 1758. I have just received a letter from Colonel Van Campen from which I have collected the following account. Five men from the Block House on a night scout along the River were waylaid as they were returning home yesterday morning by nine Indians about 3/4 of a mile from Lieut. Westbrook's. The men discovering the men in ambush, taking aim, made so quick a fire, that the guns of both parties went off at once. The two Westbrook's were killed on the spot. Gilbert Van Gordon wounded in his arm who with his son and Jacob Helm retreated while the Indians were dragging away two of their wounded. Another scouting party out at the same time and hearing the firing made what speed they could toward the place and found the two Westbrook's scalped. This action happened Thursday morning last.

This will give you a slight idea of life on the frontier in the French and Indian War period.

20,004. The late Hon. Charles E. Stickney in his articles of about 35 years ago, made the following quotation from Vol. 4, second series of New Jersey Archives: Benjamin Westbrook was known as Lieutenant Westbrook and Captain Westbrook. His death occurred

in a battle with the Indians Nov. 17, 1763. Capt. Benjamin Westbrook and eleven other men from the vicinity of Westbrook's Fort went across the Delaware for the alleged purpose of bringing over cattle and property which had been left there by persons who had fled there from their habitations. They very carelessly allowed themselves to be surprised by a body of Indians when they were about three miles in Pennsylvania. One or two of Captain Westbrook's party were killed by the unexpected fire of the enemy. The battle was of short duration for the white's fled when they saw the futility of resistance. Five of them were left dead on the field. Captain Benjamin Westbrook, William Cortright, Andrew Decker, Nathaniel Carter, and one Duncan. Six escaped and returned to Nomanock (Fort), and one named Whcatland was missing, supposed to have been taken prisoner. Capt. Bowers who was stationed at Cole's Fort a few miles up river from Nomanock (about 12 miles), wrote to a friend in Morris County that upon receiving word of the disaster to Capt. Westbrook's party from Ensign Walton who was stationed at the Stone Fort at Shippekonk (in Montague) he, Bowers upon verifying the truth of the report, crossed the river with nineteen men, where he was joined by Capt. Denike with twenty one men, and others making in all 105 men. We marched in Indian file with advanced guards till we came to the place where the engagement had taken place. We found persons killed and scalped in the most inhuman manner. Three were buried on the spot and two bodies were brought back to Nomanock, where they were interred. We found one Indian killed in the engagement and concealed under the trunk of a tree. A brother to one of the slain pulled out the Indian and scalped him. By the best information we could obtain, there must have been forty or fifty of the savages and from the blood on the field many of them must have been hurt. Their commanding officer was also left dead on the field and from papers found on him he appears to have been a white man named Daily formerly of Somerset Co., N.J.

Beck W

There is on file at Newton, N.J., page 475/ the following deed, dated Sept. 29, 1753 between Richard Gardiner of the Drowned Lands in the County of Sussex and Province of East New Jersey, surveyor of the one part and Benjamin Westbrook of the Township of Walpack in the County of Sussex in province aforesaid, blacksmith 37 acres entered in Book S page 336 conveyed to Richard Gardiner by James Alexander and Robert Morris dated May 31, 1753

At this time, we will give a list of the Revolutionary War Westbrook Records as of Oct. 30, 1933 given by the Office of the Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey to Major William E. Westbrooke, quote:

Aaron Rose Westbrook served as a Lieutenant in the Sussex County Militia and State Troops from 1776 to the end of the war. Born about 1754; resident of Sussex County, N.J. and died there August 4, 1834. (See Vol 4 of Westbrook Family)

Abraham Westbrook served as a Private in the Sussex County Militia and State Troops from 1778 to 1782. Born in 1762. Resident of Sussex County, N.J. See No.20,017 in this volume No. 3

Cornelius Westbrook served as an Ensign or Lieutenant, Sussex County Militia in 1780. Resident of Sussex Co. New Jersey. See Vol. No. 4

Cornelius Westbrook served as a private in the Sussex County militia and troops. Resident of Sussex Co., NJ

Cornelius Westbrook served in the Hunterdon Co. militia.

Henry Westbrook served as a private in the Sussex County Militia, resident of Sussex Co., N.J.

Jacob Westbrook received a certificate from the Quartermaster General's Department in 1781. See Vol.2, No. 10,003.

Jacobus Westbrook received a certificate from the Quartermaster General's Department in 1781. See Vol.4

James Westbrook served as a private in the Hunterdon County and Sussex County Militia from 1780 to 1783. Born January 1767, resident of Sussex County, N.J. died Chemung County, N.Y. January 23, 1839 See Vol. 4

James Westbrook claimed to have served in the Sussex County Militia in 1777, and in Pennsylvania Organizations both before and afterwards, born in 1760, resided in Ohio in 1836. See Vol. No. 5

Johannes Westbrook received several certificates from the Quartermaster General's Department in 1781

Richard Westbrook received a certificate from the Quartermaster General's Department in 1780.

Samuel Westbrook served as a Major in the Sussex County militia from March 1, 1776 to the end of the War. Major in the State Troops in 1778 and 1780, Purchaser of Provisions and Forage, January 1777, to June 1778, but continued to act as Purchaser to the end of the War, and Contractor for Sussex County, from January to December 1781. Resident of Sussex County, N.J. Born about 1746. Justice of the Peace in Sussex County in 1776, and died in Chemung County, N.Y. July 10, 1833. See Vol. 4.

Severyn Westbrook served as an ensign in the Sussex County Militia and State Troops in 1776. See Vol. 2 No. 10028.

Wilhelmus Westbrook served as an ensign in the Sussex County Militia and State Troops, 1779 and 1780 See Vol. 3, 20,013.

William Westbrook served as a private in the Sussex County Militia; was killed by the Indians in 1781. See No. 10,046 and his brother on previous page No. 10,043 namely Lewis Westbrook, both in Vol. 2.

*****Westbrook, no first name given, served as Adjutant of the 2nd Regiment, Sussex County Militia in 1778.

*****Westbrook served as an orderly sergeant in the Sussex County Militia in 1776.

This completes the New Jersey Westbrook Revolutionary data, some of these we have more data on, others we have not.

In the history of Bradford County, Pa. is the following:

Cherick Westbrook and Leonard Westbrook, brothers were settlers under the Susquehanna Company on or before 1790, first in Standing Stone and 1796 in Ulster Township. During the Revolutionary War both served in Captain John Franklin's Wyoming Company. They were noted for their size and strength. See page 212 and 276 of Choverly's History published 1926. See Vol. No. 5

In addition to those Westbrook's given under New Jersey service, we have the following

Capt. Johannes Westbrook (see diary page BH-18 of this volume.

Joel Westbrook, see records of the State of N.Y. for his service.

Benjamin Hearnback served in Hampshire, Va. rangers in 1775, Sergeant of militia in 1781. See Vol. 8

Jonathan Westbrook was an officer in Revolutionary Army, and received a pension many years. Vol. 9

Frederick Westbrook was an ensign in the Revolutionary War and we understand had the title of General in the War of 1812.

Anthony Van Etten served as a sort of quartermaster and lost his life in the War-see DAR records, also records of the State of New York see Vol. 7

Joseph Van Noy, private in the Militia of the U.S. see page 74 of the Sussex & Warren Co., N.J. history. Vol. 8

Ensign and Capt. Levi Van Etten of the N.Y. troops see records of N.Y. State. Vol. 2 No. 10,029

Capt. Abram Shimer, N.J. Troops, see Vol. 2, No. 10,004

Capt. James Bonnell, N.J. Troops, see No. 10,038 Vol. 2

Emanuel Middagh, N.Y. Troops, see Diary in this Vol.

Martin Kuykendall, see Vol. 5, also page 340 of Kuykendall giving his affidavit. His affidavit in U.S. Archives is dated April 13, 1833.

Samuel Coykendall, N.J. Troops, private, ensign and captain, Sussex Co., N.J.

John Van Aken, a drummer boy in the Revolution and I believe a Captain in the War of 1812, I have a photostatic copy of his service among my papers sent me by his descendant, who was a State Senator.

Capt. John Van Etten, French & Indian War, in command at Fort Hyndshaw in Northampton Co., Pa.

Capt. Abram Gudeback in N.Y. Troops, see Gumaer's History of Deerpark, records of the State of N.Y. He is the ancestor of many Westbrooks.

Lt. Martinus Decker of the old Stone Fort in Germantown, Port Jervis, N.Y., see affidavits in Kuykendall Family history on file in Washington, D.C.

Major John Decker, see records of the 4th Grange Co. Regt of N.Y. State, History of Deerpark by Gumaer, he is ancestor of many Westbrooks.

Elias Conklin and John Conklin, N.Y. State troops, see Vol. 8.

Capt. Moses Kortright N.Y. State Troops, see Vol. 7

We might also point out that all the descendants of Johannes Westbrook and Magdalena Decker have Colonial Service from Lieutenant Jan Broderson Decker and wife Hayltje Jacobs of Kingston, N.Y., later I believe of Marblatown, Ulster Co., N.Y. according to Anjou.

The descendants of Dirk Westbrook and Janneke Van Keuren have Colonial on the Van Keuren or Matthyson side from Mattys Matthyson, a Captain in 1685 and later served against the French on the frontier. His son Tierck married Marytje Ten Eyck of Hurley and was known as Tyreck Van Keuren of Kingston N.Y. and since Marytje Ten Eyck is a granddaughter of Judge Albert Heymans Roosa this makes the children of all four of the brothers in Minisink, descendants of Judge Albert Heymans Roosa. Janneke Van Keuren was a daughter of Tyreck Van Keuren and Marytje Ten Eyck and married Dirk Westbrook and they owned the large valley farm about 12 miles down the Delaware in N.J., below Port Jervis, N.Y.

Those of our Westbrook family who descend from Matthew Blanshan can also join the Huguenot Society, since he came from Artois, France. We will discuss this later, in more detail.

There were four things that we wanted to cover in this volume, one (1) was the Revolutionary War Records of which we have given a partial record; two (2) the Dutch Reformed Church Consistory records as pertains to the Westbrooks, three (3) The Colonial Court records of Sussex County, N.J. as pertains to the Westbrooks, and fourth (4) the early records of the Minisink Valley Historical Society, because members of the family have played such a large part in its development. In 1952 Mrs. Eva Westbrook Terwilliger is President, Mr. Cornelius Cuddeback who has been Treasurer for 21 years is now Vice President, three members of the Executive Committee by blood or marriage, are members of the family, also Mr. Wendell Phillips is Vice President and a descendant. Also Clara Van Fleet a Vice President is a descendant. Out of 12 officers, 8 of them represent the family. This is not mentioned in any spirit of bragadocio but simply to show you that the family has the desire to serve, and after all, that is what makes the world go round and helps to keep us on an even keel. Some families start out well but somewhere along the line lose that spirit for service.

We omitted to mention Mrs. Henrietta Canfield Christian the new Treasurer.

G-1

1. Anthony Janz Van Westbrook from Westbrook,
from Westbrook, Holland and his wife Grrseltic Direxs.
See Volumes No. 1 and No. 2

3. Johannes Westbrook, their son, and his wife
Magdalena Decker, lived at Kingston and Warwarsing,
New York-see Volume No. 2, page G-1.

20,000. Johannes Westbrook Jr. the son of Johannes
Westbrook Sr. and Magdalena Decker, was born at Kingston,
N.Y. bap. January 9, 1698, married Antjen Roosa of
Hurley, N.Y. Dec. 19, 1715-see Kingston Dutch Reformed
Church Records for birth and marriage). They removed
to Sussex County, New Jersey about 1726, according to
Church Life, (Published 1888 to 1903 by Deacon W.H.
Nearpass). The Baptisms of their children in the Church
records are as follows:

- 20,001. a daughter Lena see Kingston DRC page 113,
baptism No. 2373, bap. January 29, 1716.
Witnesses the paternal grandparents.
- 20,002. a daughter Maria, Kingston DRC page 120,
No 2539, bap. Dec. 22, 1717, witnesses the
maternal uncle and aunt.
- 20,003. a daughter Heyltjen, see Kingston DRC p.131
Bap. No. 2784, bap. July 3, 1720-witnesses
the paternal uncle and aunt.
- 20,004. a son Benjamin, Kingston D.R.C. p. 145,
Bap. No. 3090, bap. Mar. 10, 1723, born
per Bible record January 25, 1723.
- 20005. a daughter Heyltjen, DRC page 160, bap.
No. 3427, bap. Jan. 16, 1726
- 20,006 a son Cornelis bap. in Rochester, DRC p.177,
Kingston No. 3797, bap. Oct. 6, 1728,
born (Onse Swede soon Cornelius is gebooren
Don 15 Van Augustus 1728)
- 20007, Onse Verde soon Abraham is gebooren Don
15th Van Juny 1731-this was not found in
the church records by the writer.

We do not have a copy of the will of Johannes
Westbrook Jr. but hope to include it in the Biographical
Section. He and his wife are buried in the acre lot
which he gave for a burial ground, but no stone marks
their grave as of this date, so far as the writer has
ever found. *He died Sep 26, 1748 (BN-59, 143)*

20,001 Lena Westbrook bap. January 29, 1716 at Kingston Dutch Reformed Church married her 1st cousin Capt. Johannes Westbrook, son of Judge Anthony Westbrook see Vol. No. 2, No. 10,001 for their descendants.

20,002. Maria Westbrook bap. Dec. 22, 1717 DRC at Kingston, N.Y. married Jacobus Quick Aug. 22, 1742 (WJC p. 1320) as per page 265 of DRC Minisink, see also page BH-55, Vol. 2, the last item on the page. Jacobus Quick's baptism is found in the DRC Kingston, dated January 29, 1716, the son of Thomas Quick and Margaret Decker. Jacobus was therefore a brother of Tom Quick the Indian slayer and also Mrs. William Ennes, whose husband was the one armed schoolmaster and the writer of many deeds and legal papers in the valley in his day. She died before July 1750 when he remarried. The baptism of their children per DRC Minisink Church record, were as follows:

- 20,008. Thomas bap. May 3, 1743, see BH-26, V-2, also DRCLV page 105
- 20,009. Johannes bap. Jan 6, 1745, see BH-26, V-2, (WJC p 1320) DRC-MV. p.108.
- 20,010. Petrus bap. Feb. 22, 1747, see BH-27, v-2, (WJC p 1320) DRC-MV p. 112.

See Biographical Section.

20,004. Benjamin Westbrook born January 25, 1723 see Westbrook family Bible Record in this volume (WJC-1350) married June 28, 1745, see v-2, BH-56, also p. 265 DRC-MV to Catharina Westbrook daughter of Cornelius Westbrook and Antje Roosa-see Vol. 4. He was a cordwainer (weaver) and blacksmith and farmer, also a Captain of Militia in the French and Indian War and was killed on Nov. 17, 1763, see Biographical Section. No record of his wife's death at present. His wife Catharina Westbrook was bap. at Kingston, N.Y. DRC No. 3524, Sept. 25, 1726 (WJC p. 2691) Their baptized children were as follows:

- 20,011. Antje bap. Oct. 7, 1746, BH-27, v-2, DRC p.111
- 20,012. Johannes bap. Feb. 26, 1749, BH-27, v-2, DRC p.117
- 20013.. Wilholmus bap. Dec. 29, 1751, BH-29, v-2, DRC p.124
- 20014.. Maria bap. May 12, 1754, BH-30, v-2, DRC p. 129
- 20,015. Lidia bap. June 19, 1757, BH-31, v-2, DRC p.133
- 20,016. Cornelia or Cornelius bap. Apr. 20, 1760
BH-51, v-2, DRC p. 138 (this is Cornelius)
- 20,017 bap. Apr. 9, 1762, BH-32, v-2, DRC p. 142, ABRAM
- 20,017½ *George and Book N-3, p.11, 5/27/1824 hwtm, N2*

G-3

20,005. Heyltjen Westbrook bap. Jany 16, 1726
DRC K. p. 160, No. 3427 married Cornelis Van Etten
(WJC p. 108&125) her cousin, March 26, 1746, BH-56,V-2,
DRC p. 266, he was bap. DRC K. p. 149, No. 3184-Jany 19,
1724, they lived in Sandyston Township, I believe. No
record of their death at present. Their baptized children
were as follows:

- 20,018 Antje bap. DRC-MV, p 112, Nov. 30, 1746
BH 27,V-2, WJC-125.
- 20,019 Johannes bap. DRC-MV, p.121, Jany 20, 1751
BH-28,V-2, WJC-125
- 20,020 Gideon bap. DRC-MV, p. 129, June 22, 1754
BH-20,V-2, WJC-125
- 20,021 Magdalena bap. DRC p.135, Jany 27, 1759
BH-31, V-2, WJC-125
- 20,022 Magdalena bap. DRC-MV, p.142, Apr. 9, 1762
BH-32,V-2, WJC-126

See Biographical Section.

20,006. Cornelius Westbrook, bap. DRC K. p. 177, No.
.....3797, bap. Oct. 6, 1728, born Aug. 15, 1728, married
June 17, 1750, Elisabeth Kittle, BH-56-V-2, DRC-MV, p. 268
WJC-p. 1649. Their children baptized per church records
were;

- 20,023. Rachel bap. June 22, 1754 BH 30,V-2, DRC-MV p. 129
- 20,024. Susanna bap. June 19, 1757, BH-31, V-2 " " 133
- 20,025. Cornelia bap. Jany 27, 1759, BH-31, V-2 " " 135

He was killed by the Indians on June 7th, 1758 per
Bible, also, see BH-5 & 6, which says while returning
home from a night scout on June 8th. We are using the
Bible record.

20,007. Abraham Westbrook born June 15, 1731 per
Bible record, killed by the Indians June 7, 1758, per
Bible record, while returning home from a night scout,
during the French and Indian War, married Maria Helm
May 7, 1750 per Bible record. The baptisms of their
children are as follows; (See WJC pages 1650-51, 52)

- 20,026 a son Micheal born per Bible May 20, 1752,
bap. May 31, DRC-MV, p. 125 BH-29,V-2.
- 20,027, a son Martinus born March 17, 1754, bap.
Mar. 24, 1754, BH-31, V-2, DRC-MV p. 128
- 20,028, a daughter Johanna born Sept. 24, 1755,
bap. Oct. 19, 1755, DRC, MV p. 131, BH-30, V. 2
- 20,029 a daughter Helena b. Sept. 14, 1757-per Bible
Maria married 2nd his cousin Tjorck.

20,009 Johannes Quick bap. Jan'y 6, 1745, DRG, MV p 108, is the subject of a bit of controversy; I don't know definitely who he married, although we have this bit of evidence from the pen of Lawyer J.W. Johnston, who wrote a manuscript history of the D. & H. Canal, "John Quick was by marriage an uncle to the wife of Henry Winfield (Deborah Westbrook) and familiar were the accounts of Mrs. Winfield relative to her many journeys of 16 or 17 miles on foot along the mountain path and river beach to visit her uncle "Honus". They lived on what was known later as the Daniel Van Tuyl property and John Quick was buried on the brow of the hill overlooking the Delaware River and nearly in front of the old Van Tuyl residence. It is my understanding from Johnston's writings that John Quick was about 60-61 years old when he died Sept. 6, 1806, this would check with his baptismal date.

Calvin Van Etten Crane who is a descendant of John Quick thru his daughter Jamima Quick wife of Calvin Crane, does not believe that John is the son of Maria Westbrook and Jacobus Quick. We do not know if John Quick married a Cortright or a Westbrook, it had to be one or the other to be an aunt of Debora Westbrook Winfield, the latter being of the Cornelius Westbrook and Antje Roosa line.

The children of John Quick and his wife were, according to Lawyer J. W. Johnston:

- 20,030, Sarah Quick born --- married Henry Quick of no apparent relationship.
- 20,031. Jamima Quick wife of Calvin Crane
- 20,032 Julia Quick born -- married Nathaniel Recvos of the town of Greenville, Orange Co., N.Y.
- 20,033 Peter Quick
- 20,034, Levi Quick
- 20,035 Abran Quick
- 20,036 Francis Quick

One or more of these boys lived in the town of Greenville, Orange Co., N.Y.

We also know that the Quick Family history does not agree with us, but we know how many of that record were obtained, so we will not be too much concerned about that. What we are interested in, is placing Johannes Quick where he belongs in the family tree, if we are wrong in our conclusions, definite data will have to be produced to prove it, on the basis of his age at death, it would appear we are right.

20,010. Petrus Quick bap. Feby 22, 1747. DRC, MV., p. 112, married after 1770 Hannah Dewitt, ancestry not definitely known at this time; the Pike Co history says they lived a half mile from the Delaware River in Westfall township at what has been known for years as Quicktown. Their children as given in the Church baptisms and the Pike Co. history are as follows: (WJC 1330-31)

20,036A Johannes bapt. Oct. 29, 1780 DRC, MV p. 171

20,037 Jannetie bap. Dec. 20, 1789 born Nov. 15, 1789
DRC, MV. p. 198

20,038 Roger Clark bap. Aug. 24, 1800 born Nov. 23,
1799, DRC, MV p. 214

20,039 Jacob born --- (Pike Co. history p. 898)

20,040 Margaret born ---- " " " " " -880

20,041 Elias Quick born --- emigrated westward

20,042 Marya born --- " " "

See Biog. & Hist. Section.

20,011 Antje Westbrook bap. Oct. 7, 1746 BH-27, v. 2,
DRC, MV p. 111 married her second cousin Abraham Westfall,
No. 10,047, Vol. 2 (Wjc p. 1360)

20,012. Johannes B. Westbrook bap. Feb. 26, 1749, BH-27, v.2; DRC, MV., p. 117 (WJC p. 1360) married per DRC MV p. 274, Jan'y 18, 1769 BH 57, v. 2,, to Lydia Hornbeck by Rev. Thomas Romeyn, his will dated Mar. 14, 1796 recorded and filed Nov. 27, 1804 (WJC 1362). No date of death of his wife. She was the daughter of Evert Hornbeck and Eleanor Hornbeck (The Cuddeback Family History p. 70 is in error (See Vol. 2 No. 10,003. She was still living in 1804 when his will was probated. According to the War Record of Daniel Ennes who married a sister of Lydia Hornbeck, Daniel stated that he served in the Company of his brother in law Capt. Westbrook, hence we are forced to conclude that Johannes B. commanded a company during the Revolutionary War, this may account for his early death, a possible wound suffered in battle.

The baptisms of their children found in the church records were:

20,043. Catrina bap. Sept. 16, 1739 born July 15
DRC, MV p.167 (WJC 1361) BH-34, v.2
20,044. Iena bap. Sept. 16, 1739 born July 15
DRC, MV p.167 (WJC 1361) BH-34, v.2

20,044 DRC, MV p. 157 (WJC 1361) BH-34, v. 2
Lena bap. Sept. 22, 1771, born Aug. 18,
DRC ML p. 152 (WJC 1361)

20,045 bap. Feb. 10, 1773-DRC MV 162, BH-35, v.2 (WJC 1361)

Maria

See Biographical and Historical Section.

20,013 Wilhelmus Westbrook bap. Dec. 29, 1751
 BH-29, v-2, DRC MV p. 124, married presumably immediately
 after the Revolutionary War (WJC 1422 & 1437) see his
 war record under Biographical Section (WJC 1437)
 Aeltje Westbrook Jobs bap. Dec. 29, 1751 page 124 DRC MV
 BH-29, v-2, daughter of Solomon Westbrook and Esther
 Bevier, see No. 10,045, vol. 2, G-9. Their tombstones
 in Montague DRC cemetery, Sussex Co., N.J. road;
 Wilhelmus Westbrook died May 2, 1805 (I think it should be
 53 yrs. 6 mo. 1 d. Aeltje Westbrook (his wife) died
 May 4, 1843, at 96 yrs. 6 mo. 23 ds. Their children
 as given in the Dutch Reformed Church records and the
 Sussex and Warren Co., N.J. history page 362 are as
 follows:

Their children as given in the Dutch Reformed
 Church records;

- 20,046 Joseph Jobs born May 30, 1785 bap. May 1785
 (WJC 1427-28) BH-39, v-2, DRC-MV 183.
- 20,047 Hoster born Mar. 16, 1787 bap. Apr. 22, 1787
 DRCMV p. 187 (WJC 1427-1477)
- 20,048 Cathrina born June 11, 1789 bap. April 18
 DRC, MV 196 (WJC 1427, 1482)
- 20,049 Benjamin born Oct. 8, 1791 tombstone record
 Montague cemetery (WJC 1502)

20,014. Maria Westbrook born Dec. 12, 1754 BH30, v-2,
 DRC, MV p. 129, (WJC-1549) married Solomon Coykendall Jr.,
 married by Salomon Coykendall, J.P. on May 1, 1771,
 DRC-MV p. 275, BH-57, v-2, see Kuykendall Family
 History pages 152 and 292, he died between 1784 and
 May 23, 1789. She married 2nd Jacobus (James) Van Vliet
 (Fleet), DRC, MV p. 276, I believe she was his 2nd wife.
 Children by her first husband (Coykendall)

by Vayhet
 Solomon
 Daniel

- 20,050 Henry supposedly born 1778, according to
 Coykendall history, p. 292 and 152.
- 20,051 Cathrina bap. June 22, 1783 DRC, MV p. 178
 BH-38, v-2, (WJC-1551)
- 20,052 Famoty (Frances or Fanny) born Aug. 13, 1784
 bap. Sept. 26, 1784 DRC, MV p. 181, BH-39, v-2
 (WJC-1551)

The tradition mentioned in the Kuykendall Family
 history that he was killed by the Indians during the
 Revolutionary War, puzzles us, because the bap. and birth

records above indicate he was still living in 1784. Another cause for speculation is the absence of children born between 1771 and 1778, that is unusual.

It could be possible they were in Wyoming before the Revolution and possibly the older children died in the Wyoming massacre or else died on the way back when the family might have fled. It could be that he died from the effects of wounds from that struggle.

Her father, Capt. Benjamin Westbrook was killed in the French and Indian, we have wondered if that had any bearing on the tradition.

20,015. Lidea Westbrook bap. May 12, 1754, BH-30, v-2, DRC, MV p. 133 (WJC p 1561), married probably some time during the Revolution, Ezechiell Williams, probably born in Delaware Township, Pike Co., Pa., the son of John Williams and Lea Decker, DRC, MV p. 131.

In the fall of 1788, Domine Van Bunschoten travelled from Minisink to Wyoming, Pa. and on October 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, baptized the children in that vicinity, witness the entries on pages 193 and 194 of DRC, MV baptisms. On Oct. 27, 1788 he baptized one child for this couple.

20,053 Lea born May 20, 1788 bap. Oct. 27, 1788
DRC MV p 193, BH-40, v-2 (WJC-1561)

20,016 Cornelius B. Westbrook bap. Apr. 20, 1760 DRC, MV p. 138, BH-31, v-2 (WJC p 1570), married Jane Westfall, there is no record of this in the church records, except where they appear as a witness to a baptism on page 210 DRC-MV, also Cornelius B. Westbrook and Jane his wife gave a deed on May 27, 1824 (H-3 p 11 at Newton, N.J.) to George Westbrook for land of Benjamin Westbrook, deceased father of both.

I had always assumed that George was the son of Cornelius but lacking evidence to the contrary, it would appear that George must have been born after Capt. Benjamin Westbrook was killed and therefore never baptized by the mother, Capt. Benjamin's widow.

20,017. Abram Westbrook bap. Apr. 9, 1762, BH-52, v-2, DRC, MV p. 142 (WJC 1580) his tombstone in Milford, Pa. cemetery roads, died Feb. 15, 1844, aged 81 yrs, 11 mo. 8 days, he was a soldier of the Revolution and was at the battle of Conashaugh, Pa. (4 miles below Milford), then his uncle, Capt. Peter Westbrook, was killed, he married July 26, 1789 Jannetie Van Aken DRC, MV p. 277, BH-58, v-2, (WJC-1580)

Their children as listed in the church records, we understand the old bible was lost when the family was later living in Pennsylvania;

- 20,054. Maria born Feby 13, 1790 bap. Apr. 25, 1790. DRC, MV p. 197, BH-41, v-2 (WJC 1580-1582)
- 20,055. Benjamin born Aug. 1, 1792 (WJC 1581-1639) not listed in baptisms.
- 20,056. Catrina born Oct. 13, 1794 bap. Nov. 16, 1794 DRC-MV p. 206, BH-42, v-2 (WJC 1589)
- 20,057. Sarah born June 14, 1798 bap. June 24, 1798 DRC-MV p. 212 (WJC 1581-89) BH-43, v-2.
- 20,058. Solomon b. Dec. 28, 1800 bap. Mar. 29, 1801 DRC, MV p. 215, (WJC-1581-1639) BH-44, v-2
- 20,059. Wilhelmus born Dec. 18, 1804 bap. Aug. 8, 1807, DRC, MV 223, (WJC 1581-1639, BH-46, v-2.

See Biographical Section for further details.

20,017¹. George Westbrook born presumably in late 1763 or early 1764 after the death of his father, Capt. Benjamin Westbrook was killed (No. 20,004), see deed book H-3, p. 11 at Newton, N.J. which in turn refers to Book S, No. 3, page 336, May 1, 1753 (and AB No. 3, p. 449-50) married May 9, 1806 to Alche Cortright by Roger Clark, J.P. and proprietor of the Brick House Hotel (BH-62, v-2 (WJC 1570) late in life, they moved to Brooklyn, Susquehanna Co Pa. (where many Minisink descendants went).

Their children as given in the church baptisms and the history of Susquehanna Co., Pa. were as follows: .

- 20,060 Mehely born Sept. 7, 1805 bap. July 18, 1807 DRC, MV p. 222 (WJC-1571) BH-46, v-2
- 20,061 Joannes born June 11, 1807 bap. July 18, 1807 BH-46, v-2, (WJC-1571) DRC-MV p 222 (Mrs. Moody)
- 20,062 Cornelius born Apr. 22, 1810 bap. May 6, 1810 BH-47, WJC p. 1571, DRC-MV p. 226
- 20,063 Julian born Feb. 25, 1811 bap. Nov. 18, 1813 BH-47, v-2, WJC-1571, DRC MV p. 228

- 20,064. Samuel Cortright born Oct. 27, 1813, bap.
Nov. 18, 1813, BH-47, v-2, WJC 1571, DRC, MV
228
- 20,065. Daniel born ... see p. 86 Susq. Co., Pa.
history of Brooklyn, Pa.
- 20,066. Benjamin born ... see p. 86 Susq. Co., Pa.
history of Brooklyn, Pa.
- 20,067. Lydia born.... see p. 86 of Brooklyn, Susq. Co.
Pa. (Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. A. Saunders)
- 20,068. Eliza born ... see p. 86 of Brooklyn, Susq. Co.
Pa. (Mrs. J. S. Williams)
- 20,069. Margaret born ... see p. 86 of Brooklyn,
Susq. Co., Pa. (Mrs. Nichols)
- 20,070. Jane born see p. 86 of Brooklyn, Susq.
Co., Pa. (Mrs. J. Watterman)

See Biog. & Hist. Section for further details.

20,018. Antje Van Etten bap. Nov. 30, 1746, DRC-MV
..... p. 112, BH-27, v-2, WJC p. 125, married
..... before 1773 to Jacobus Van Gorden who was
probably a son of Johannes Van Gorden and Margriet Quick,
see baptisms DRC, MV. p. 102, June 17, 1740, they were
both living Dec. 31, 1786 when she joined the Dutch
Reformed Church after the arrival of Domine Van Bunschoten.
The baptisms of their children as found in the church
records are as follows:

- 20,071 Gideon bap. Oct. 17, 1773 DRC, MV p. 163,
BH-35, v-2 (WJC p. 126)
- 20,072. Sara bap. Nov. 25, 1776, DRC, MV p. 167,
BH 36, v-2, (WJC p. 126)
- 20,073 Mary bap. Nov. 1, 1780 DRC, MV p. 172, BH-37,
v-2, WJC p. 126.
- 20,074, Jacobus born Apr. 29, 1789 bap. June 6, 1789
DRC, MV p. 195, BH-41, v-2, WJC-126

See Biog. & Historical Section.

20,019. Johannes Van Etton bap. Jany 20, 1751
DRC, MV p. 121, BH-28, v-2 (WJC p. 127) married Mary
McGee as mentioned in the church records where they appeared
as witnesses, when or where they were married, we don't
know, at his death, they apparently had no living
children, his will given in the Biog. & Hist. Section
distributes his property to his nephews and neices.

20,020 Gideon Van Etten bap. June 22, 1754 DRC, MV p. 129, BH-20, v-2 (WJC p. 128), married for his first wife, Nelly Desha by Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten DRC, NV p. 275 on Apr. 27, 1786, BH-58, v-2. They had one daughter baptized.

20,075, Hoyltie baptized Dec. 22, 1786 born Nov. 17, 1786 DRC, MV p. 186.

He married 2nd, marriage record not found, Blandina Barton or Bartron as it is variously spelled, bap. Sept. 8, 1769, born June 27, DRC, MV. p. 157, apparently the daughter of James Bartron and Elizabeth Westbrook see v. 5, their children of record were:

- 20,076 Joannes a son bap. Apr. 13, 1792 born April 1, 1792, DRC, MV p. 203, BH-42, v-2, (WJC p. 128)
- 20,077 Anthony born Aug. 15, 1792 bap. Sept. 8, 1793 DRC, MV p. 204, BH-42, v-2 (WJC 128)
- 20,078 Jamow born June 19, 1794 bap. July 4, 1795 DRC, MV p. 208, BH-43, v-2.
- 20,079 Antio born Jany 7, 1797 bap. Feb 1797 DRC MV p. 210, BH-43, v-2.
- 20,080 Jacob born Sept. 20, 1800 bap. Sept. 8, 1800 DRC, MV p. 214, BH-44, v-2, WJC p. 129
- 20,081 Marjore born July 4, 1802 bap. Nov. 9, 1802 DRC, MV p. 217, BH-45, v-2
- 20,082 Maria born Nov. 16, 1798 bap. Oct. 14, 1807 DRC, MV p. 220, BH-45, v-2, WJC. p. 129
- 20,083 Sarah born July 15, 1804 bap. Sept. 20, 1807 DRC, MV p. 224, BH-46, v-2, WJC p. 129
- 20,084 Christina born May 1, 1806 bap. Sept. 20, 1807 DRC, MV p. 224, BH-46, v-2, WJC p. 129

We do not have death date of Gideon or Blandina his wife at this writing.

20,026 Michael Westbrook died unmarried as a young man, and his property descended to his brother Martinus by inheritance.

20,027 Martinus Westbrook born Mar. 17, 1754 bap. Mar. 24, 1754 DRC MV p. 128, BH-31, v-2 (WJC 1657) married May 10, 1773, Grietje Low BH-61, v-3. Martinus Westbrook served as a private and Captain (BH-23 v. 3) in the Revolutionary War in the Sussex County, N.J. militia in 1780 and 1781, he served with a baggage wagon in 1778-See records of the Adjutant General of New Jersey published in this volume.

The children of Martinus and Grietje were as follows:

20,086 Abraham born Erste Dag Van July 1777 is onso
..... Erste sone geboren Abraham, the writer
believes this is July 1, 1777, bap. Aug. 24,
1777, DRC, MV p. 169, BH-61, v-3, BH-36, v-2 (WJC 1657)

20,085 Maria born Oct. 8, 1774 (BH-61, v-3) BH-35,
v-2, bap. Nov. 16, 1774 DRC, MV p. 164-WJC 1669.

These are the only baptisms and births found in the Bible and church records of this couple.

His will was made Aug. 1, 1812, at which time his wife was living, see Biog. & Hist. Section.

20,028 Johannes Westbrook born Sept. 24, 1755 bap.
Oct. 19, 1755 DRC, MV p. 131, BH-30, v-2, married Daniel
Van Gorden Nov. 19, 1772, BH-61, v-2 who was baptized
July 5, 1747 DRC, MV p. 115 (WJC p. 1861) the son of
Harmonus Van Gorden and Elsie Cuddoback (See Cuddoback
Family History). The Bible record (BH-62, v-3,) states
Hannah Van Gorden died August ninth 1829 buried the 11th
of August. Daniel Van Gorden died June 14, A.D. 1830,
buried the 16th of June 1830, (BH-62, v-3)

The record of their children is as follows:

20,087 Mary born July 15, 1773 (BH-61, v-3,
bap. Oct. 17, 1773 DRC, MV p. 163, BH-35,
v-2, (WJC-1862)

20,088 Elsie born Feby 10, 1775 BH-61, v-3, bap.
June 14, 1775 DRC, MV 165, BH-35, v-2,
WJC 1862

20,089 Eleanor born Apr. 23, 1777 (BH-61, v-3, bap.
June 1, 1777, DRC, MV p. 169, BH-36, v-3,
WJC 1862.

20,090 Abraham born April 14, 1781, BH-61, v-3 (WJC 1862
twins

20,091 Sarah " " " " " " " " "

20,092 Levi born May 17, 1783 BH-61, v-3, WJC 1862

20,093 Mertuynes (Martinus) born Nov. 5, 1786
BH-61, v-3, bap. Dec. 31, 1786, DRC, MV p. 186
BH-40, v-2, WJC 1862-1868.

Section No. 1 Genealogical

G- 1

1. Anthony Janz Van Westbrook from Westbrook, Holland and his wife Orrseltie Dirxcs. See volumes 1, 2 and 3.

3. Johannes Westbroeck(Westbrook), their son, and his wife Magdalena Decker, lived at Kingston and Warwarsing, N.Y. - See volume No. 2 , page G-1 and BH-1.

30,000. Cornelius Westbrook, their third son, born at Kingston, N.Y., baptized Mar. 14, 1703 at Kingston DRC, married April 10, 1724 DRC, K. No. 524, on page 545, to Annetjon Roosa born in Hurley, daughter of Evert Roosa and Tientje Van Etten (WJC p. 2688-92). Cornelis was still living Dec. 2, 1771, see BH 35, vol. 3. Records of Mennising Consistory, when he retired from the Eldership, having been reappointed Mar. 3, 1764 to take the place of his son in law Capt. Benjamin Westbrook, who was killed in a battle with the Indians. See 20,004, G-2, v-3.

Their children as listed in the church records and those of Deacon Nearpass , were:

- 30,001. Johannes Cornelis bap. Feb. 14, 1725 K.DRC
- 30,002. Catrina bap. Sept. 25, 1726 K. DRC
- 30,003. Evert Rosa born bap.....
- 30,004. Jacobus bap. Mar. 26, 1735 K. DRC
- 30,005. Potrus bap. May 30, 1738, BH-26, v-2, DRC-MV 98
- 30,006. Annatjon bap. Oct. 26, 1740-Church Life Sept.1896
- 30,007. Leah born Nov. 24, 1743, BH-69,v-2.
- 30,008. Samuel bap. Feb. 9, 1746,BH-27,v-2,DRC,MV 110
- 30,009. Lydia bap. Aug. 19, 1750,BH-28,v-2, " " 120

The third child above was named after his paternal grandfather, see WJC 2688-92 for above records.

See Biographical and Historical for detail.

30,001. Johannes Cornelis Westbrook bap. Feb. 14, 1725 DRC, Kingston No. 3313 married Dec. 4, 1748, DRC, MV, p. 267, BH-13, v-2, to Maria Westbrook bap. Mar. 30, 1729 DRC, K, bap. No. 3861 (daughter of Dirk Westbrook and Jenneke Van Keuren) both were born at Warwarsing, N.Y.) (WJC 2707, MWC p. 60. Johannes was still living June 6, 1805 see Book T-2, p. 71 of deeds at Newton, N.J.

Their baptized children were as follows:

- 30,010 Jenneke bap. Apr. 20, 1750 DRC, MV p. 126, BH-29, v-2, WJC 2707.
- 30,011 Jenneke bap. Jan. 28, 1753, DRC MV p. 131, BH-30, v-2, WJC 2707
- 30,012. Charlotte (Seletje) bap. June 19, 1757 DRC, MV p. 133 BH-31, v-2, WJC 2707
- 30,013. Meseri bap. June 19, 1757 DRC, MV p. 133 BH-31, v-2, WJC 2707

See Biographical and Historical Section for further details.

30,002 Catrina or Catherine Westbrook bap. at Kingston DRC Sept. 25, 1726 No. 3524 married her 2nd cousin Captain Benjamin Westbrook see Vol. 3, No. 20,004, for their descendants.

30,003. Evert Rosa Westbrook was born, as near as we can judge, somewhere between 1726 and 1735, baptized possibly by one of the visiting ministers who occasionally visited Minisink, he was named after his grandfather, Evert Roosa and his marriage to Marya Kortrecht reads as follows: DRC, MV p. 266, BH-57, v-2, (WJC 3314) 1752, April 5, Evert Roos Westbroeck, young man, born at Namenack (on his father's Minisink farm) to Marya Kortrecht, young woman born at Menissinck and both dwelling at Namenack, married the 24th ditto. According to our records she was the daughter of Arie or Aaron Kortrecht and Elisabeth Cole. According to the deed records Arie Kortrecht was one of the early blacksmiths of Minisink. We have no death dates for either Evert or his wife Marya. We know they were both living Aug. 16, 1782 when they were witnesses of the baptism of their grandson Jacobus, BH-38, v-2.

The baptism of their children found in the church records is as follows:

- 30,014 Arie (Aaron) bap. Feb. 25, 1755 DRC, MV. p. 126
BH-29, v-2, (WJC 3315)
- 30,015 Jacobus (James) bap. Feby 11, 1758 DRC, MV p. 134
BH-31, v-2, WJC 3315
- .30,016 Antjc bap. Mar. 8, 1761, DRC, MV p. 140,
BH-32, v-2, WJC 3316.

30,005. Petrus or Capt. Peter Westbrook was bap. May 30, 1738, BH-26, v-2, DRC, MV p. 98 (WJC 2688) married presumably about 1760-61 to Lydia (Van) Vredenberg marriage record not found, probably before a Justice of the Peace. She was bap. Oct. 25, 1743, DRC, MV p. 107, a daughter of Aaron Vredenberg and Sara Rosenkrans (See Rosenkrans Family History p. 68.) Capt. Peter Westbrook died at the Battle of Conashaugh, Pa. just across the river from his home April 19, 1780. Lydia died Mar. 15, 1838, see letter of Pension Department in Biographical and Historical Section. The baptisms of their children as found in the church records are as follows:

- 30,017. Cornelius bap. Oct. 18, 1761, DRC, M.V.
p. 141, BH-32, v-2, (WJC 2865)
- 30,018 Sarah bap. July 17, 1763 DRC, MV p. 145,
BH-32, v-2, (WJC 2865)
- 30,019. Blandina bap. Aug. 18, 1765 DRC, MV p. 150
BH-33, v-2, (WJC 2865)
- 30,020. Benjamin bap. Sept. 22, 1771 born July 5,
DRC, MV p. 159, BH-34, v-2, (WJC-2865)
- 30,021 Lydia bap. Nov. 1, 1780 born Aug. 28, DRC,
MV p. 172, BH-37, v-2, the church record
says died Dec. 31, 1780.

See Biographical and Historical Section for the great amount of detail which we have in regard to this family.

30,006. Annatjen Westbrook bap. Oct. 26, 1740 see Church Life DRC, M.V. Sept. 1896, married probably in 1761 to Gysbert Van Gorden Jr., where they migrated we do not know, for certain, they had the following children baptized:

- 30,022. Samuel bap. Feb. 21, 1762 DRC, MV p. 148
BH-32, v-2 (WJC 2864)

C-4

- 30,023. Wilhelmus bap. Dec. 2, 1764 DRC, MV p. 148
BH-33, v-2, (WJC 2864)
30,024 Antje bap. June 28, 1767 born May 22,
DRC MV p. 153, BH-34, (WJC-2864)
30,025 Catherine bap. Feb. 10, 1773, DRC, MV p. 162
BH-35, v-2. (WJC 2864)

The writer is of the opinion that this family finally migrated out around Elmira, N.Y. or in that vicinity.

30,007 Leah Westbrook born Nov. 24, 1743 (WJC-3578) BH-69-v-2, died Nov. 28, 1820 married probably about 1763 or 1764, he was born May 28, 1741, died May 4, 1829, both buried in Machackemeck Cemetery, see tombstone record in volume No. 2. He was the son of Josias Cole and Maria Kimber (of the Unionville, N.Y. Kimber family) and grandson of William Cole and Catryntje DuBois, one of the pioneer families of Port Jervis, N.Y. (Daughter of David DuBois)

Their children as per church baptisms and the old English Bible were as follows:

- 30,026. Josias was born November the 15th day A.D. 1764, baptized DRC, M.V. p. 48, BH-33, v-2, Nov. 25, 1764 (WJC 3776)
30,027. Cornelius Westbrook was born February the 1st day, 1767, baptized DRC, MV, p. 151, BH-33, v-2, Reby 7, 1767 (WJC 3776)
30,028. Anna Cole was born August the 3rd day, 1769 baptism not shown (WJC 3776)
30,029 Mary Cole was born October the 16th day, 1772.

The Cole family owned the lower end of Port Jervis, N.Y., towards Carpenters Point and gave the ground for the Church and Cemetery. See Biographical and Historical Section for a great mass of historical data which we accumulated from the hands of the late Mrs. Charles F. Van Inwegen, whose husband was President of the First National Bank of Port Jervis for many years, and their son H. Barentsen Van Inwegen. (See WJC 3665)

30,008. Major Samuel Westbrook bap. Feby 9, 1746, DRC, M.V. 110, BH-27, v-2, WJC 3131, married presumably in 1766 or thereabouts to Catherine Van Vredenberg, a sister of his brother's wife (Capt. Peter Westbrook) and

the daughter of Aaron Van Vredenberg and wife Sara Rosenkrans of Montague, Sussex Co., N.J. (where Mr. Middleton later lived) As near as we can ascertain, Major Samuel and his brother Capt. Peter Westbrook both lived on the Namenack Farm. We will endeavor to get another picture of the old Fort on his farm and place same in this volume.

After the Revolutionary War Major Samuel Westbrook moved to Western New York and settled on Cayuta Creek just south of Van Etten, N.Y. We will quote deed records in the Biog. & Hist. Section.

Their children as listed in the church baptisms and partially confirmed by the History of Van Etten township, page 369, were as follows:

- 30,030. Jācobus (James) born January 6, baptized DRC, MV p. 151, on Feby 7, 1767, BH-34, v-2, WJC 3131
- 30,031 Daniel born Aug. 20, bap. DRC, MV p. 159, on Sept. 22, 1771, BH-34, v-2, WJC 3131
- 30,032 Joshua born March 23, bap. DRC, MV p. 165 on June 14, 1775, BH-35, v-2, WJC 3131
- 30,033 Wilhelmus bap. Aug. 24, 1777 DRC, MV p. 169 BH-36, v-2, WJC 3131
- 30,034 Petrus born Jan. 4, 1781 bap. Aug. 1784 DRC, MV., p. 180, BH-38, v-2, WJC 3131

I believe they are both buried at Van Etten, N.Y. Further details of his war service and his dealings in western New York will be found in the Biog. & Hist. Sec

The fifth generation will follow immediately after this page.

Fifth Generation

30,011. Jennhke (Jane) Westbrook bap. Jany 28, 1753 DRC, MV p. 131, BH-30, v-2, WJC 2707, married Andrew Dingman before 1775, date not found in church marriage records, they lived first on the Jersey side of the Delaware River, where her father had given them land. Later, they crossed the Delaware into Pennsylvania where his father Andrew Dingman Sr. had a home started before the War, see pages 83 and 212 of the Pike County History. Andrew Dignman Jr. the son of Andrew Dingman Sr. and Cornelia Kermer, from Kingston, N.Y., was baptized Aug. 9, 1752, page 910 of the Pike County history, says he was born Sept. 19, 1753, his sworn war record corroborates this. The witnesses Abraham Kermer and Sara Schammers, the paternal great uncle and aunt of the child-see WJC 2306C- (our sketch on the Van Schoonhoven family.

Andrew and Jenneke had quite a piece of property at what was in those days, the old Ferry in Dingman Township, see page 909 of Pike County history, also see BH-17 of this volume 4, his sworn war record. We are unable to justify the church in the light of his statement or vice versa. He is said to have departed this life in 1839.

Their children according to the church records were:

30,035. Daniel Westbrook Dingman born April 14, 1775, according to Pike County history, page 910, church record missing, if any, born on his grandfather Westbrook's upper farm in Walpack Township, Sussex Co., N.J. on what in 1880 was known as the Daniel Smith farm, and then his father sold and purchased in Pennsylvania near where in 1880 John Whittaker lived.

See Biographical and Historical Section for details of this family.

20,036, Cornelia bap. Nov. 25, 1776, BH-36, Vol. 2, MV, DRC p. 167, thw itnesses the maternal grandfather and his second wife Catrina Cole, see page 275 DRC-MV

30,012. Selotje (Charlotte) Westbrook bap. June 19, 1757, DRC, MV, p. 133, BH-31, v-2, WJC 2707, married the Rev. Abraham Brokaw, probably during or immediately after the Revolutionary War, no church record, among my records I have a note they lived in the vicinity of Reading, Pa., it could be they were married there. They lived at one time on a farm on the Walpack Flats in New Jersey, which was given them by her father. We have no death dates for either, nor do we know the place of their burial.

Their children according to the church and deed records, were as follows:

- 30,037 Judica born April 1, 1784 bap. Apr. 25, DRC, MV p. 23 Bh- v-2
- 30,038 Maria born Sept. 18, bap. June 3, 1787 DRC, MV p. 27, BH- v-2, witnesses maternal grandparents.
- 30,038 Margery born 29 Sept. 1789, bap. Oct. 11, 1789 DRC, MV p. 38, BH- v-2
- 30,040, Sally (Sarah) b. Nov. 10, 1793 bap. Dec. 1, 1793 DRC, MV, p. 43, Bh- v-2.
- 30,041 Jane possibly the oldest, but no birth or baptism date shown, although she is given in the deed records as one of their children (WJC-2707)

See Biographical and Historical Section.

30,013 Meseri (Margery or Margaret) bap. June 19, 1757 DRC MV p. 133, BH-31, v-2, WJC-2707, married Henry Decker We will discuss his possible ancestry later. It is supposed they were married about the end of the Revolution. According to historical tradition in the Dingman Family they also had a farm from her father on the Walpack Flats along the Jersey side of the Delaware.

We have no death dates for either of them, their children as found in the church records, were:

- 30,042. Selitie (Charlotte) born Oct. 27, bap. Dec. 25, 1785 DRC Walpack, p 35, Bh-16 v-2.
- 30,043 Johannis born Nov. 12, bap. Jan 11, 1789 DRC W p. 38, Bh- v-2
- 30,044 Daniel born 29 Jan 1784 bap. Apr. 24, 1784 DRC, W. p. 33 Bh-16, v-2
- 30,045 Andries Dingman born....bap. Jan 15, 1792 BH-16, v-2, DRC W. 41,

- 30,046. Blandiena born March 1, 1794 bap. Mar. 30, 1794, DRC,W. p. 43, BH-17, vp 2.
- 30,047. Abraham born June 14, 1796 bap. July 10, 1796 DRC,W p. 45, BH-17, v-2
- 30,048. Elijah born May 7, 1801 bap. 1801, DRC,W. p. 49, BH-18, v-2.

We think she died between this date and 1803 because the rest of the children in the church records give Mary Swartwout as the Mother.

Probably Henry Decker was a son of Daniel Decker, and Blandina Vredenberg who were married Dec. 4, 1756, DRC,MV p. 271, the grandparents were Thomas Decker and Hannah Van Inwogen see p. 61 of Gumaer's History of Deerpark.

No death dato for Henry Decker. His baptism is on page 141 DRC, MV, baptized Aug. 2, 1761, witnesses Harmenus Van Inwogen of Huguenot (Peonpack) and his wife Margrietje Cole daughter of David Cole, who owned the present Woodruff (Van Etten) farm. (Cole's heirs sold it to Anthony Van Etten, a Westbrook descendant-who still own it.)

30,014. Aric (Aaron) Westbrook bap. Feb. 25, 1753, DRC,MV p. 126, BH-29, v-2 (WJC 3315) married Mary Dewitt Cortright, according to our record a daughter of Hendrick W. Cortright and Catrina Middagh, a granddaughter of William Kortright and Margriet Jansen, a gr. granddaughter of Jan Kortright and Mary Vredenberg (WJC p 3368) We assume they were married between 1772 and 1785 while we were without a minister during the Revolution, probably by a Justice of the Peace. A note on page 3458 of my records made years ago, I put on paper this statement, Mary Dewitt Cortright was a sister of the ancestor of Will Cortright of Montague-Shaytown neighborhood. Aaron Westbrook and his wife were 2nd cousins before their marriage, his grandfather Courtright and hers being brothers.

Their children listed in the church records, were:

- 30,049. Jacobus (James) bap. Aug. 16, 1782, DRC,MV p. 177, BH-38, v-2, (WJC 3458, witnesses the paternal grandparents.

daughter Taatje married Pieter Gumaer, see also Gumaer's History of Deerpark.

We also know that Jan Dewitt brother of Jacob married Wyntje Kiersted (daughter of Dr. Kiersted Jr.) had five children, three of them, their families were well known in the Minisink Valley, Blandina who married Jurian Westfall, Rachel who married Isaac Van Aken and Jannetje who married Judge Abraham Van Aken, so you can see that thru the Dewitt side, they had plenty of relatives here in the valley.

This sort of gives you the background. History always seems dry to me unless you throw in the sidelights.

30,017 Cornelius Westbrook bap Oct. 18, 1761 DRC, MV p. 141, BH-32, v-2, WJC 2865-2886, married probably by a Justice of the Peace before the arrival of Domine Van Bunschoten, probably in 1784 (his will was made in 1820) to Maria Westbrook (see vol. 2 No. 10,031) bap. Mar. 29, 1767, BH-34, v-2, daughter of Jacob Westbrook and Lydia Westfall G-6, v-2. See unpublished Minisink church records for death dates.

Their children, as baptized and per his will, were:

30,056 Blandina bap. May 5, 1785 DRC, MV p. 179, WJC 2885, witness paternal grandmother Page 197, bap. Apr. 18, 1789 is a daughter Blandina born Dec. 31, 1784, the witnesses Ledia Westfall the maternal grandmother BH-41 v-2

30,057 Lidca bap. Sept. 18, 1791 born Aug. 4, 1791 DRC, MV p. 202, witness maternal grandmother BH-42, v-2, WJC 2886.

30,058 Petrus baptized May 18, 1794, born May 2, 1794 DRC, MV p. 206, BH-42, v-2, WJC 2886.

See Biographical and Historical Section.

30,018 Sarah Westbrook bap. July 17, 1763, DRC MV p. 145, BH-32, v-2, (WJC 2865) married Evert Van Aken son of Isaac Van Aken Jr. and Margaret Hornbeck (daughter of Evert Hornbeck and Eleanor Cuddeback) possibly some time during the Revolution, by a Justice of the Peace, probably, before the arrival of Domine Van Bunschoten (WJC 2917). We have no baptism date for Evert Van Aken.

G-E

- 30,050 Emy (Emma) bap. Aug. 27, 1785 born June 15, DRC, MV p. 183, BH-39, v-2, WJC 3458 witness Roger Clark (proprietor of Brick House Hotel) and Emy Skinner.
- 30,051 Alexander bap. July 13, 1788 born April 16, 1787 DRC, MV p. 189, BH-40, v-2 (WJC 3458) Mary Lewitt Cortright must have died in the next few years for in deed book X page 113, Newton, N.J., Aaron's wife is Sarah Westbrook late Sarah Cole widow of Wm. Cole dec'd of Montague.

The pension office says he died Aug. 4, 1834 and left no widow, See Bh-33, v-4 herein, but did leave one son Alexander. See Biog. & Hist. Section for War Record of State of New Jersey and other data.

30,016. Antje Westbrook bap. Mar. 8, 1761 DRC, MV p. 140, BH-32, v-2, WJC 3316. Present evidence called to our attention by Calvin Etten Crano, indicates that she married Cornelius Dewitt. There seems to be a bit of obscurity as to his parentage, he could be the son of Cornelius Dewitt & Sarah Hornbeck, but we have no evidence. He probably is Cornelius Jr. (see p 192 of the church records) who married 1st, Lidea Brink.

Their children were:

- 30,052 Maria bap. Apr. 18, 1781 DRC, MV p 180 BH-38, v-2
- 30,053 Hoster bap. June 2, 1786 born Sept. 26, 1785 DRC, MV p. 185, BH-39, v-2
- 30,054 Elizabeth bap. Nov. 15, 1788 born Sept. 6, 1788 DRC, MV p. 192, BH-41, v-2
- 30,055 Cornelius bap. Apr. 24, 1796 born March 29, 1796, DRC, MV p 210, BH-43, v-2

The way the church and other records are set up, the facts look to be as follows: Cornelius Dewitt Jr. and Lidea Brink his wife had a son Lodewyk Hornbeck Dewitt-this is by the first marriage. We know from the Kingston records that Cornelius Jr's father and mother were Cornelius Dewitt and his wife Sarah Hornbeck bap. Oct. 12, 1710 the daughter of Lodewyk Hornbeck and his wife Maritje Vernooij. We know that Cornelius Sr. was baptized Apr. 6, 1701, the son of Jacob Dewitt and Grietje Vernooij. We also know that the latter couple also had a daughter Jannetje married Gerardus Van Inwegen, and

According to the Van Etten Family records of their daughter, Sarah Westbrook died Sept. 6, 1841 and Evert Van Auken Oct. 19, 1844. I have been told by men whose word I believed, that they were originally buried in the old Van Auken cemetery up on the side of the hill of the old Van Auken farm of his father, and grandfather in Montague, just east of the River road, and the bodies and stones later removed to Laurel Grove Cemetery at Port Jervis, N.Y. Their children, so far as we know, were as follows:

- 30,059 Lydia born sometime during the latter part of the Revolutionary War, died at Whitehall, N.Y. April 6, 1853, per Goshen, N.Y. probate records (WJC 2952)
- 30,060 Mary, for whom we have no vital records at present.
- 30,061 Sarah (Sally) born per Van Etten family records April 11, 1800 died Dec. 5, 1871

To the best of our knowledge, Evert Van Auken was a farmer and lumberman according to the records we have seen. Farmed in Montague, N.J. and lumbered up along the Delaware River, the same as Jacob Shimer, Isaac Bonnell and others of the Montague families, all of whom were related in one way or another, by blood or marriage.

See Biographical and Historical Section

30,019 Blandina Westbrook bap. Aug. 18, 1765
DRC MV p 145 BH-33, v-2, WJC 2865, married a distant cousin Ensign and Judge Soveryn Westbrook, No. 10,028 in volume 2 and their descendants are to be found on page G-17, they were married May 7, 1786 DRC MV p. 275 BH-58, v-2.

30,020 Benjamin Westbrook bap. Sept. 22, 1771 born July 5, DRC, MV p. 159, BH-34, v-2 (WJC2865-3018) married June 5, 1790 DRC MV p. 277 BH-58, v-2, to Lena *daughter of Daniel* Ennes the Revolutionary soldier who moved to the vicinity of Moravia, N.Y. Most of their children were baptized at Minisink and then they too, took the long trail to what was then the western country, in western New York where her father's family had settled. At the time of her father's will they were living at Sodus, Wayne County, N.Y. We do not know where they are buried or when they died.

Their children as found in the church records, etc.
were:

30,062 Lidea bap. presumably 1791, the baptism record as printed being a bit ~~of~~ confusing, who was born Dec. 22, 1790 DRC,MV 201, BH-42, v-2, WJC 3052, witness the paternal grandmother for whom she was named.

30,063 Elizabeth bap. Aug. 9, 1793 born June 20, 1793, DRC, M.V. 204, BH-42, v-2.

30,064 Sarah bap. Sept. 27, 1795 born Aug. 15, DRC,MV p. 209, BH-43, v-2, WJC 3052

30,065 Petrus bap. Oct. 9, 1797 born Sept. 30, 1797 DRC,MV p. 211, BH-43, v-2, WJC 3052

30,066 Lena bap. Oct. 2, 1802 born Sept. 2, 1801 DRC,MV p. 216, BH-44, v-2, WJC 3052

30,067 Daniel Ennist bap. Oct. 14, 1807 born Dec. 14, 1803, DRC,MV 221, WJC 3052, BH-45,v-2

30,068 Cornelius bap. Dec. 11, 1808, born Aug. 20, 1806, DRC,MV 224, BH-46, v-2, WJC 3052

30,069 Lena bap. Feb. 16, 1812 born Feb. 20, 1811 DRC,MV p. 226, BH-47,v-2, WJC 3052

30,070 Blandina born Dec. 17, 1809, this information received from members of the family.

The son Cornelius says in his memoirs they moved first near Van Etten, N.Y. and from there he went to Ohio, Cuyahoga County, and then on to Missouri.

I would judge from the Daniel Ennis will that Benjamin and Lena probably lived their final years at or near Sodus, N.Y. in Wayne Co. This is only an assumption based on what we know.

We have a great deal of information on the Ennis family including the copy of the original William Ennis Bible. He was known as the one armed schoolmaster and wrote many deeds and wills, always inditing the year after his signature. That bold hand of his, once you saw the handwriting, it remained indelibly in your mind. In many ways, he was a remarkable character. In latter years his heirs tried to claim the Ennis inheritance but it had already gone to the Crown.

22-12

30,022 Samuel Van Corden bap. Feby 21, 1762 DRC,MV p. 148 BH-32, v-2, WJC 2864, we think was the Revolutionary soldier, see his war record on page Bh-49 of this Vol. No.4 who settled finally, as an old man in Tioga Co.,Pa.

If your author's surmise is correct, we think he married Catherine Sherred sister of his brother's wife. If I am correct, then his children are:

30,071 Samuel Jr. born about 1785

30,072 John born about 1787 .

30,073 Mary age or birth not listed

30,074 Stella born May 12, 1806

30,075 William born -- killed in War of 1812, no children.

Some of the family has her name as Sheridan, it could be right and we could be wrong.

If my deductions are correct, and I believe they are, then Samuel Van Gorder No. 30,022 is the ancestor of Dr. Edith Flower Wheeler of Cortland, N.Y., whom we have known about 12 or 15 years, and who has made many visits to Port Jervis, N.Y.

30,023 Wilhelmus (William) Van Gorden bap. Dec. 2, 1764 DRC,MV p. 148, BH-33, v-2, WJC 2864, we believe married Lena Sherred about 1784(see baptismal records) and the baptism of their children as found in the church records were as follows:

30,076 Samuel born Aug. 1785 bap. Dec. 22, 1785-6* DRC,MV 186

30,077 Solomon born July 15 baptized June 11, 1787, we question the year because other births on page DRC,MV p. 188 in the printed copy are out of line-the births and baptisms.

30,078 Amy born April 18, 1789 bap. May 24, 1789 DRC,MV p. 197

30,079 Catrina born Aug. 28, 1791 bap. Sept. 18, 1791, DRC,MV p. 202

No further record of the family at present.

32053

DENNIS LIBRARY

30,028 Josias Cole born Nov. 15, 1764 bap. DRC, MV p. 148, BH-32, v-2, Nov. 25, 1764 (WJC 3776) married Rosina Westfall (called Hannah) May 14, 1786 by Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten, DRC, MV-275, BH-58, v-2, who apparently was the daughter of Sarah Westfall.

Their tombstones in Machackemeck Cemetery, Port Jervis, N.Y. read as follows:

Josias Cole who died March 22, 1842 ae 77 yrs. 4 mo. 7 ds.

Rosannah wife of Josias Cole who died Aug. 4, 1850 ae 87 years, 6 mo. 17 ds. See Bh-69, v-2.

Their children as per will and family records, were:

30,080 Hannah born see will record Biog Sec.

30,081 Sarah born see will record Biog. Sec.

30,082 Joshua born ----- see will record, Vol. 4 Biog. & Hist. Section.

Many details which we could not put here are to be found in the Biog. & Hist. Section of this volume.

30,027 Cornelius Westbrook Cole born Feby 1, 1767 (Bible Record) bap. DRC, MV p. 151, Bh-33, v-2, Feby 7, 1767, (WJC 3776-3889), married July 14, 1789 to Annatie Gumaer by Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten, DRC, MV p. 276, BH-58, v-2. Her tombstone in Machackemeck Cemetery reads; Hannah wife of Cornelius W. Cole who died Nov. 10, 1850 ae 81 yrs. 8 mo. 26 ds.. He died at the age of 88 yrs presumably about 1855. You will note the two sister in laws died within three months of each other, one 87 yrs and the other 81 yrs. They resided in Port Jervis, I assume from the records on present Cole street. To the best of our knowledge they had two daughters, as follows:

30,083 Margaret Cole see Biog. section, will & deeds.

30,084 Charity Cole " " " " " "

Both of these children still have descendants in Port Jervis, N.Y. today as you will see when the supplement is published.

in 1797. He settled about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Owaseo village had a sawmill and grist mill, operated his farm, was a Justice of the Peace, a ruling Elder of the Church and the first Postmaster appointed in 1817.

See Biographical and Historical Section for details.

30,029 Mary Cole born Oct. 16, 1772(Bible record) married Benjamin Decker, son of Major John Decker of the Revolution-who lived east of the Neversink River-Oct. 11, 1790, DRC?MV p. 277, BH- v-2., by Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten.

In her father's will, she was given a lot of land, Lot No. 85 , 30 acres, purchased from John LeFever and Affey his wife, situate in the Town of Marcellus, Onondaga County, N.Y. We have no record of their family.

Marcellus is located between Syracuse and Auburn, N.Y. so they had relatives in numbers within a southern radius of 30 miles, in fact the family stretched all thru the Finger Lake Region from Sempronius, Niles, Moravia and Van Etten, on up to Lake Ontario, Sodus, Lyons, Phelps, on west to Buffalo and across into Canada.

30,030 Jacobus (James) Westbrook born January 6, baptized Feby 7, 1767 DRC?ME p. 151, BH-34, v-2, WJC 3131, married May 7, 1786 to Gertie (Charity) Brink by Rev. Elias Van Bunschoten DRC, MV p. 275, BH-58, v-2 died January 23, 1839(U.S.Govt records) on his farm west side of Cayuta Creek, no record of her death. The history of Van Etten township, says the father moved from the Minisink Region about 1799.

James Westbrook served as a soldier in the Revolution see DAR No. 101,193, his great granddaughter Frances McKey Hagen joined on his service. His heirs as given at the Probate of his estate, Will Book 1, page 133 at Elmira, N.Y. are as follows:

30,098 Pater Westbrook born Aug. 5, 1797,Will book 1			
page 133, WJC 3185-86			
30,099 Cornelius born Jany 20,1793	"	"	"
30,100 James J. Jr. born Oct. 4, 1809	"	"	"
30,101 Susannah born Dec. 23, 1806	"	"	"
30,102 Elizaboth born Aug. 5, 1790	"	"	"

30,103 Mary (Polly) born Sept. 22, 1800(WJC 3184)

30,104

Catherine born May 9, 1788

" "

30,105 Samuel born Dec. 10, 1786 bap. Dec. 31, 1786
DRC,MV p. 186.

These records from a great granddaughter

James Westbrook served as a private in Hunterdon County, N.J. & Sussex Co., militia 1780 to 1783 born Jan'y 1767 resident of Sussex Co., died Chemung County, N.Y. January 23, 1839, from N.J. records.

See Biographical and Historical Section

30,031 Daniel Westbrook born Aug. 20, bap. Sept. 22, 1771 DRC,MV p. 159, BH-34, v-2, married (date not known) to Mary whose last name may have been Depuy, not certain. He died in 1820 aged 49 years and his wife Mary in 1837 at 54 yrs, this as per Cemetery records. (WJC 3153-90-95)

Their children were:

33106 Samuel D. born 1814

33107 Catherine born..... see deed records

33108 Elizabeth born " " "

See historical sketch.

30,032 Joshua Westbrook born March 23, bap. June 14, 1775 DRC,MV p. 165, BH-35, v-2, married before 1798 Elizabeth Van Aken apparently of Walpack, N.J.(Sussex Co) because the baptism of their children are in the Walpack Church records. He died 1814 it says, aged 44 years, by accidental drowning, which would make his birth 1770, and make him the second son instead of the third. She died in 1854 at 75 yrs, see Van Etten cemetery records. Their children as sent to us by his granddaughter were as follows:

33,109 Sarah born Sept. 9, 1797 bap. Jan'y 7, 1798
DRC, W. p. 47, BH 17, v-2,WJC 3299-3310

33110 Rachel born Mar. 20, 1802 bap. Sept. 30, 1802
DRC, W. p. 51, Bh-18, v-2

33,111 Samuel born Nov. 20, 1804 bap. May 15, 1806
DRC W p. 55, BH-18, v-2

33,112 Katherine born ---- (WJC 3211

33,113 Jacob born Oct. 17, 1814 died Oct. 12, 1897
8:45 P.M.

33,114 Susan born Feby , the family record given us
says 1814, which we question.

33,115 Margarot born Mar. 12, 1807 bap. July 23,
1807 BH-19, v-2, DRC, W p. 57.

See Biographical and Historical Section for all the
details.

We will not carry this branch of the family any
further at this time. The balance of the line will be
found in a supplement to be published later.

It is now July 20, 1952 and we want to get this
volume out by Sept. 1st, we will have to hurry along
because there is a good deal to be completed in the
B & H. Section of this issue.

1. Anthony Janz Van Westbrook from Holland to America, married Orseltie Dirxsz, lived Albany, New York, see lease dated August 16, 1661 from Jochemsz and power of attorney dated August 18, 1662 to Jan Hendricksz Bruyn, both published in volume No. 1. He died possibly at Albany or Kingston, New York, and his wife probably died at Kingston, N.Y. where her children were living at that time.

3. Johannes Westbrook, their son, probably born at Albany, New York sometime between 1662 and 1667, married at Kingston, New York after May 12, 1687, see Kingston, New York Dutch Reformed Church marriage records, lived at Kingston, New York, where his children were born, was Trustee of Kingston in the 1690-1700 period, the owner of tan vats, moved probably about 1715 or later to Knightsfield (now Warwarsing) N.Y. where he died sometime between January 25, 1725/6 and April 10, 1727, when his will was proved. They say his will is filed in New York City. He married Magdalena Decker daughter of Lieutenant Jan Broerson Decker and his wife Miss Jacobs.

We had never realized until the last two weeks that Magdalena Decker Westbrook came to Minisink with the rest of the family, although once you stop to think of it nothing could be more logical. On page 281 of the published records of the Minisink Church which we own, is this notation: April 11, 1745, Upon representation of satisfactory certificates were received in the presence of Jan Van Vliet and Johannes Westbroeck, elders-Madlena Decker and Antjen Rosa wife of Johannes Westbroeck. Here were both his wife and mother, received at the same time. We may discover her death date when we go thru our bible records. See Historical Section for Biographical material, page 1.

10,000. Anthony Westbrook, the son of Johannes Westbrook Sr. and wife Magdalena Decker, was born Kingston, N.Y. bap. in the D. R. C. Apr. 17, 1692, married at Kingston D.R.C. Apr. 30, 1714, was justice of the Peace under New York, although the boundary settlement placed it in New Jersey where it is today. See Kingston D.R.C. baptism 702 and marriage record No. 313. Aeltje or Alice Van Etten his wife was bap. at Kingston, N.Y. Nov. 11, 1694 the daughter of Jan Van Etten and Jannetje Roosa, the latter a granddaughter of Judge Evert Pels and Judge Albert Heymans Roosa, who were appointed by Governor Peter Stuyvestant in 1660 at Kingston. Judge Roosa was one of the 9 founders of the Kingston Dutch Reformed Church of Kingston, N.Y. in 1660, see plaque in the Church vestibule.

Anthony Westbrook and his brothers and sisters and their families are usually placed as arriving at Minisink about 1730, this being the approximate year they traveled down the old Mine Road, most of them on what is now the Jersey shore, with two exceptions.

The house of stone that stood just below the Montague-Sandyston line, on the west side of the road, of which the writer has a picture, was demolished by Professor Philhower and erected again down on the River Bank of the Delaware River, on what was originally a part of his brother, Johannes Jr.'s farm, still in the family.

He was a Justice of the Peace (Vrederichter) as early as 1738, church master in 1747, Elder in 1749

He was the purchaser of considerable land in Montague township, Sussex County, New Jersey (then Hunterdon County) we have found deeds which mention all the way from 800 to 2,000 acre tracts, at this writing, I am not certain of the exact acreage, but it seems to have been plenty large. See Biographical Section.

He died between June 25, 1755 and Feby 24, 1759 His wife was living in 1755, the exact date of her decease we are not certain of, at this writing.

Their children, were six in number, according to the records, as follows:

10,001 Johannes born at Nytsfield (Warwarsing) Ulster County, New York bap. Feby 24, 1717

10,002 Jannetje born at Mormal (Marbletown) Ulster Co., N.Y. born Jany 10, 1720 - this could be a baptismal date.

10,003 Jacob born at Guilsford, Ulster County, N.Y. baptized July 1, 1722

10,004 Lena (Magdalena) named for her grandmother, born at Neshotack (now Guilford, Ulster Co., N.Y.) baptized Oct. 15, 1727. *10004 1/2 Solomon bap.*

10,005 Gideon born at Menissinck bap July 4, 1733

10,006 Anthony Jr. born at Menissinck bap. May 19, 1736. *10006 1/2 Mary (see well) bap at New Paltz, N.Y.*

These early Justices of the Peace or Judges as they really were, handled a lot of neighborhood squabbles, if you are in doubt, we suggest you peruse the early Justice Records at Newton, N.J. They are very interesting.

For further data on Judge Anthony Westbrook see the Historical and Biographical Section, which also gives a copy of his will.

In order that our readers may know what we mean by Minisink, let us elucidate. Roughly, it went above present Cuddebackville in the Neversink Valley, and south well down toward the Water Gap on the Delaware, this was the Minisink country, in ancient days. More specific information is given in the Historical Section.

We have given a lot of thought over the last two months as to how we would arrange the genealogy portion of this volume. Back in 1935 when we were new at the game, we published Vol. 2 of the Martin Family History and used our own system of arrangement which seemed to suit the family. However, it so happened that we were foolish enough to give a Society to which we belonged in New York City, a copy. They happened to have as President a man who up until very recently, loomed quite large in International affairs from a certain standpoint. He had with him a man whom he installed as Secretary of the Society and this gentleman saw fit to write a review of our little pamphlet. So, what was our amazement when the quarterly book came out to find his sarcastic remarks about what he thought of the arrangement. For once in my life, my sense of humor deserted me and I told them point blank and without further ado that I had done all the work on the volume at my own expense and I thought I was doing them a courtesy when I presented the book, and would they please return both volumes to me at my expense and would they also please take my name off the roster. Of course, this created a furore, which I did not start but which I finished. The President left his job at the end of the year, his Secretary left also, and the Society invited me back, but I thanked them and said I was very well satisfied at the Long Island Society and would they please consider my decision final. So you see, people who have contributed nothing to the hours of work involved in an undertaking nor none of the money, frequently feel that they know more about it than you do. I often think of these when I am reading book reviews which are highly critical, and I think to myself, well if they had to do it, the job would never have been done.

When one does a large amount of work on his own time at his own expense, and outside of his regular line of duty one is not apt to be very tolerant of those who talk much and do little. I think of that sometimes when I consider the case of General Douglas MacArthur.

People who try to crowd a great deal of accomplishment into one lifetime, frequently are handicapped by a lack of planning time, unless you burn the candle at both ends and steal it from time which you should spend resting. Rest in this world is just as vital as thought, in order to maintain the proper mental balance, because the physical affects the mental. Happy is he who keeps the physical and mental in proper adjustment. I learned this from my dad many years ago.

So, we have decided to handle the genealogical arrangement as follows:

They will be numbered as we have already indicated, but instead of carrying out each line to its ultimate conclusion, we will proceed by generations. For instance, Anthony Janz Westbrook is the top of the pyramid, his son Johannes is the second generation, his grandson Judge Anthony Westbrook is the 3rd generation and from there, base broadens at each generation. One advantage this system has, is that you know what people are contemporary.

4th Generation

10,001. Ensign and Captain Johannes Westbrook, b. 2/24/1717 married March 31, 1738 to Magdalena Westbroeck (his cousin) by his father Judge Anthony Westbroeck, She was the daughter of Elder Johannes Westbroeck Jr. and his wife Antje Roosa, and baptized January 29, 1716 at Kingston Dutch Reformed Church.

They both died after Dec. 20, 1784, see deed on page BH-12 and 13. *He died July 16, 1787*

Their children baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church at Minisink, were:

10,007 Bap. Oct. 31, 1738, page 99 D.R.C., a son b. 9/2/1738
Anthonie, the witnesses the paternal grandparents.

10,008 Bap. Sept. 19, 1740, page 103 D.R.C., a son b. 7/26/42
Johannes, the witnesses the maternal grandparents

10,009 Bap. Dec. 23, 1744, page 108 D.R.C., a dau. b. 8/9/1744
Antje, the witnesses the maternal uncle and aunt.

10,010 Bap. Nov. 16, 1746, page 112 D.R.C., a son b. 10/7/1746
Johannes -this was a rebaptism, due to an interpretation of church rules, the witnesses were the maternal grandparents.

10,011 Bap. June 21, 1747, page 114 D.R.C., a dau. b. 5/18/1742
Alida (Dolly), wit: paternal uncle.

10,012. Bap. Mar. 12, 1749, page 117 D.R.C., a son
Samuel, witnesses Jacobus Swartwout (Captain) and wife Antje Westbroeck, both a paternal and maternal relatives of the child.

10,013, Bap. Mar. 24, 1751, page 122 D.R.C., a dau. *Elizabeth b. 2/17/1751*
Janetje, witnesses maternal uncle and aunt of the child.

10,014-Bap. April 11, 1756, a son Joel, page 132 D.R.C., b. 11/27/55
witnesses both paternal and maternal cousins of the parents.

10,015 Bap. Nov. 21, 1759, a son Gideon, page 138 b. 9/20/1759
D.R.C., witnesses Daniel Van Fleet and his wife Sarah Cuddeback.

This concludes the church baptisms of their children. Johannes and Magdalena deeded their farm to their two sons Joel and Samuel, page BH 12 and 13. No record of their burial date or place.

10 013 1/2 Bap. 6/17/1753 b. 6/9/1753 a dau Sara.

10,002 Jannetje Westbroeck, born at Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, bap Jany 10, 1720, married April 17, 1743 to Elder Simon Westfael (by Pieter Kuykendall, Justice of the Peace) who was bap. July 30, 1721 (the son of Jurian Westfael and Blandina Dewitt) born in Dutchess County, N.Y. removed about 1730 to Teeschact, in Upper Smithfield (now Westfall Township) Pike County, Pa. where his parents purchased a farm of Daniel Broadhead in 1735. He was living in Pennsylvania in 1743, but appears to have built a home across the River at Carpenter's Point, N.Y. in 1755 (now part of Port Jervis, N.Y.) probably due to the French and Indian War depredations along the frontier.

The baptisms of their children are found in the Minisink Dutch Reformed Church as follows:

10016 Bap. April 23, 1744, page 108 D.R.C., a son Jury (George) witnesses the paternal grandparents.

10017 Bap. Oct. 6, 1745, page 110 D.R.C. a daughter Aeltje (Alice) witnesses the maternal grandparents.

10018 Bap. Jany 24, 1748, page 116 D.R.C. a son Jury (George) witnesses Daniel Westfael and Lydia Westfael.

10019 Bap. Feby 12, 1749, page 117 D.R.C. a son Simeon witnesses Jacobus Van Aken, Jannetje Dewitt

10020 Bap. May 19, 1751, page 122 D.R.C. a son Jan Dewitt, witnesses Johannes Westbroeck and wife Magdalena Westbroeck, maternal uncle and aunt who lived on the present Huguenot Road where Halsey Westbrook lives now.

10021 Bap. July 8, 1753, page 121 of the D.R.C. a son Wilhelmus, witnesses Arie Vredenberg and Sara Rosenkrans his wife who lived in the stone house on the Middleton farm in Montague, which was torn down many years ago, so the Honorable Henry Absalom Van Fredenberg told me, his father having owned it when he was born.

10022 Bap. Feby 13, 1756, page 131 D.R.C. a daughter Aeltje (Alice) witnesses Dirk Rosenkranz and Cathrina Van Aken his wife, see page 83 of Rosenkrans family history.

10023 Bap. Jany 27, 1759 page 136 D.R.C. a son Salomon, witnesses Salomon Kuykendall and Sarah Kool (Cole) his wife, near neighbors to the north-see page 151 of the Van Kuykendal family history.

10024 Bap Nov. 9, 1760 see page 140 D.R.C. a daughter Blandina, witnesses Pieter Kuikendal, Catrina Kuikendal see page 151 and 152 of Kuykendall family history.

10025 Bap. April 8, 1764, page 147 D.R.C., a son Ruben, witnesses Jacobus Van Vliet and Carah Cool (Cole) Simon Westfall died April 21, 1805 ae 87 yrs. see Machackemeck Cemotery.

Jannetje Westbrook his wife was living in 1780, see page 171 of D.R.C.

10003 Jacob Westbrook born at Guilsford, Ulster Co. N.Y. bap. July 1, 1722, Kingston D.R.C. married April 11, 1746 to Lydia Westfall, see page 266 D.R.C. she was born in Dutchess Co., N.Y. the daughter of Jurian Westfall and Blandina Dewitt. He died between Oct. 20, 1780 the date of his will and May 21, 1781, the date of Probate. In 1781, the Quartermaster General of New Jersey issued a certificate to Jacob Westbrook either for services of supplies. His residence of stone was a Fort during the Revolution. Lydia Westfall, his wife was living on April 18, 1789 see D.R.C. page 197 when she was a witness to the baptism of her granddaughter who was named after her own mother, Blandina Dewitt Westfall.

Their children were baptized as follows:

10,026 Bap Aug. 10, 1746, see D.R.C. page 111, a daughter Blandina, the witnesses were the paternal grandparents.

10027 Bap. Sept. 8, 1751 see D.R.C. page 123, a son Johannes, the witnesses the paternal uncle and Aunt (the latter also a first cousin of the father).

10028 Bap. May 12, 1754, see D.R.C. page 129, a son Saffrein the witnesses the maternal aunt and uncle of the child.

10029 Bap. Feb. 5, 1758 see D R.C. page 331, bap. No. 6773 at Kingston, N.Y. a daughter Jannetje, witnesses Cornelis Keter and Jannetje Keter.

10030 They had a son Solomon who was born 1762.

10031 Bap. March 29, 1767, see BH page 34, a dau. Maria, no witnesses given.

See Biographical -Historical Section, for further details.

10,004 Magdalena Westbrook born at Neshotack (now Guilsford, Ulster County, N.Y. bap. Oct. 15, 1727 married March 3, 1749 see D.R.C. page 267, see BH-14, to (Capt) Abram Chambers (Shimer), young man born at Skippack (near Philadelphia in Pennsylvania) the son of Jacob Shimer and Margaret Paper, grandson of Heivert Papen and Elizabeth Rittenhouse, and great grandson of

Bishop William Ruttinghuysen, the first Mennonite Bishop in America, from Broig, Holland, settled in Germantown, Pa. established on the Wissahickon, the first paper mill in America and supplied the paper for the first Bible printed on this Continent. Abram Shimer was born about 1729. (For most of which we must give credit to our late cousin Allen R. Shimer of 1125 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem, Pa. for his wonderful bit of research). Magdalena Westbrook Shimer died before 1798 for on Oct. 27, 1798 Capt. Abram Shimer married Mrs. Margaret Van Etten Willson, a cousin of his first wife. Capt. Abram Shimer died between Sept. 20, 1804 and Oct. 14, 1805, as the result, we are told, of wounds received by being struck by the horns of a buck deer he had shot on a hunting trip. He 2nd wife outlived him many years. See Biog-dies June 1830 Hist. Section.

The children, all by his first wife were as follows;

10032 Bap. Nov. 26, 1749, a son Isaak, witnesses the maternal grandparents-See BH 28. No further record.

10033 Bap. Feb. 24, 1751, a daughter Marie, witnesses Daniel Westfall and wife Marie Westbrook, maternal aunt and uncle. See BH-28, no further record.

10034 Bap. Feby 23, 1752 a son Jacob, witnesses the maternal unce and aunt of the child and next door neighbor to the north. See BH-29.

10035. Bap. Nov. 11, 1753 a daughter Hester, witnesses the maternal uncle and aunt of the child. See BH-29. No further record.

10036 Bap. Dec. 15, 1754, a daughter Hester, witnesses as in preceeding baptism, see BH-30.

10037 Bap. Nov. 26, 1756, a daughter Mari, witnesses same as for same child above. See BH-31.

10038- Bap. Jany 27, 1759, a daughter Elizabeth, witnesses William Ennest and Elizabeth Quick his wife, the one armed schoolmaster. See BH-31.

10039 Bap. Dec. 21, 1760, a daughter Maragrit, witnesses John Cortregt and Maragret Johnson, see BH-32. No further record.

10005 Gideon Westbrook born at Menissinck, bap. July 4, 1733 married Nov 1, 1755 date not shown, killed Nov 10, 1757 to Jannetje Keeter. He was deceased on Nov. 12, 1759 when an inventory of his estate was taken by William Ennis, one armed schoolmaster and his brother in law Capt. Abram Shimer. He was listed as a miller in Montague township. His wife may have married again to James Rosenkrans Jr..

They had two children baptized in the D.R.C. as follows:

10040 Bap. July 4, 1756 D.R.C. page 132, a son Josephet (Joseph) witness Abraham Westbrook, a cousin of the father.

10041 Bap. Jan'y 22, 1758 DRC at Kingston, N.Y. --page 331, No. 6766, a son Gideon, witnesses Thomas Keter and wife Lea Van Etten.

I am of the opinion that Gideon Westbrook Sr. was killed by the Indians in the French and Indian War as were several others of the Westbrook family. See Biog.-Hist. Section for further detail. *(Killed near Brink's Rock Nov 10, 1757 by the Indians see H. archives 1st Series Vol 20)*

10006 Anthony Westbrook Jr. born at Menissinck bap. May 19, 1736, married August 5, 1757 (BH-14) DRC page 272 to Susanna Kittle daughter of Ritsert Kittle and Leah Van Etten. Hence a distant cousin of her husband. It would appear that Anthony was the victim of Indian raids or forays against the settlements. As of Sept. 26, 1760 an inventory of his estate was made by Jacob Westbrook, his brother and William Ennis, schoolmaster. On Nov. 6, 1760 his widow Susannah was appointed administrator with Judge Abraham Van Aken as her bondsman. On Nov. 30, 1762 the widow was married to Johannes Cortregt, a neighbor, see DRC page 273. Anthony Westbrook Jr. and Susanna Kittle had one child baptized, as follows:

10042

Bap. Aug. 19, 1759, see DRC page 136, a daughter Maria, the witnesses, the paternal aunt and uncle of the child, see BH-37.

See Biog. Hist. Section for details.

~~This also concludes the 4th generation.~~

In Many instances, the descendants of Anthony Janz Van Westbrook will be carried down to the 13th generation in America.

From 1730 to 1951 is 221 years hence nine generations spread over this period average about 25 years to a generation in the Minisink country.

I know of several families whose generations average about 50 years but this is very unusual.

10004 $\frac{1}{2}$ (G-2)
 Solomon ~~Wilhelmus~~ Westbrook bap. possibly at Kingston or New Paltz, N.Y. mentioned in his father's will dated 1755, as his second son, married according to Bevier Family History, May 4, 1748 (possibly at New Paltz) to Esther Bevier, she was bap. Sept. 23, 1722 Kingston DRC baptism No. 3045, page 143, the daughter of Jean Bevier and Catherine Montanye. ~~Wilhelmus~~ Westbrook died between Jany 4, 1755 and Feby 24, 1759. ~~Solomon~~

Their bap children were as follows:

- 10043 Louis bap. Feby 26, 1749 page 117 DRC (BH-27)
- 10044 Moses, bap. Dec. 29, 1750, page 120 DRC (BH-28)
- 10045 Arltje bap. Dec. 29, 1751 page 124 DRC (BH-29)
- 10046 William bap. Feb. 15, 1756 page 132 DRC (BH-30)

We believe his tombstone is on the farm of his brother, Capt. Johannes Westbrook, on the present Huguenot Road, now owned by Halsey Westbrook, see the descendants of his daughter Aeltje.

10006 $\frac{1}{2}$ (G-2)

Mary Westbrook bap. at New Paltz, New York, see DRC records published by the Holland Society in New York City, married April 8, 1748 (BH-14) to Daniel Westfall, bap., the son of Jurian Westfall and Maria Cuddeback (see Cuddeback Family History), a copy of the marriage record on page 266, DRC, also BH-56 or BH-14

The baptism of their children in the DRC, are as follows:

- 10047, Abram bap. Jany 29, 1749, DRC page 117 (BH-27) witnesses - the maternal aunt and uncle
- 10048 Margriet bap. March 30, 1752 DRC page 125, (BH-29), witnesses the paternal aunt and uncle the latter a first cousin of the mother.
- 10049 Aeltje bap. Oct. 10, 1754 DRC page 130 (BH-30) witnesses the maternal grandparents of the child
- 10050 Hannatje bap. Nov. 10, 1761 (BH-32) DRC p. 141
- 10051 Antony bap. Dec. 2, 1750 DRC page 121, no further record. Witnesses the maternal grandparents.

Fifth Generation10007 (G-4)

Anthony Westbrook bap. Oct. 31, 1738, born Sept 2, 1738-see W.H.Nearpass records, married about 1763 or before to Sarah Decker. They lived, it is supposed, somewhere on the present Huguenot Road between Port Jervis and Huguenot, probably in the neighborhood of the old Driving Park. They removed, possibly during or immediately after the Revolutionary War, to the Grand River Country in Canada, where the English granted them a large tract or patent of land, supposed to contain several thousand acres. He was still living at Grand River, County of Quebec on June 15, 1789, see Deed Book Q, page 7 at Newton, New Jersey.

Their children as baptized at Minisink DRC, were:

- 10052 - Johannis bap. Jany 8, 1764 page 146 DRC, BH-33, witnesses the paternal grandfather and grandmother, no further record.
- 10053 - Alexander bap. May 28, 1766, page 149 DRC, BH-33, no witnesses given.
- 10054 Elizabeth bap. May 12, 1769, DRC page 156 born Oct. 16, 1768-BH-34

The rest of these births are taken from the records of the Hon. William Henry Nearpass, so he must have had contact with some branch of the family before the close of the last century.

- 10055 - Johannis born Nov. 6, 1770
- 10056 - Aenderic (Andrew) born June 17, 1773
- 10057 - Baggell born Oct. 20, 1775.

See Biographical Section for further details on this remarkable branch of the family, whose line will be continued in Part 2 of Vol. 2.

10008 (G-4)

Johannes Westbrook was born July 8, 1740, bap. Sept. 19 1740, WHN records say died July 26, 1742.

10009 (G-4)

Antje Westbrook born Aug. 9, 1744 was bap. Dec. 23, 1744, married before 1770, Daniel Cortright, a son of Hendrick Kortright and Margriet Decker, born we suppose on the old Whitlock or Fowler farm, on the east side of the Neversink, south of Huguenot on the Horn Road, bap. May 3, 1743, DRC page 105, the witnesses Jacobus Decker and Neeltje Titsworth. His grandfather Decker was

an original owner of the land on which the City of Port Jervis now stands. They first resided on the east side of the Shawangunk Mountains in Orange County (in the old town of Minisink possibly) and from thence removed into western New York State; this is as per Peter E. Gumaer's history of Deerpark, page 69. He stated they had sons and daughters. He had a Cortright relative from Minisink, Sylvester Cortright living in the vicinity of Skaneateles Lake.

Their children as baptized at Minisink DRC were:

- 10058 - Gideon born Oct. 21, bap. Nov. 30, 1770, witnesses the maternal uncle Gideon Westbrook and Elisabeth Westbrook, DRC page 158, BH-34
- 10059 - Janneke bap. Sept. 6, 1781 DRC page 175, BH-37.
- 10060 - Solomon bap. April 20, 1784, DRC page 181, BH-39.

Since they apparently lived and died in western New York, we have no death record and no contacts with their descendants.

10010 (G-4)

Johannes Westbrook was bap. Nov. 16, 1746 born Oct. 7, 1746 see DRC page 112, BH-27, married as per page 273 DRC, BH-57 - Dec. 10, 1766 to Engelte Davis, the daughter of Joris Davis and Debora Schoonhoven or Schoonover, she was bap. Sept. 13, 1747, see DRC page 115. He died sometime around 1788, we have records indicating she was a widow in 1788. No record of her death date.

They had four children baptized, as follows:

- 10061 - Benjamin bap. Dec. 25, 1768, DRC page 155, born Nov. 12th, BH-34.
- 10062 - Heyltje bap. Feb. 9, 1773, DRC page 161, BH-35.
- 10063 - Maria bap. Oct. 29, 1780, DRC page 171, BH-36
- 10064 - Benjamin bap. Sept. 6, 1781, DRC page 174, BH-37, born January 2, 1777

We have no record of any other children.

10012 (G-4)

Samuel Westbrook was born Feby 25, 1749, bap. Mar. 12, 1749, page 117, D.R.C., BH-27, married probably about 1763 to Maria Van Aken of Minisink, he died between

Dec. 16, 1809, the date of his will and Jan'y 15, 1810 when it was probated. We believe they are buried in Dutchtown Cemetery near Elmira in Chemung Co. However, the record of their tombstone published Feb'y 10, 1935 in Elmira does not coincide with the facts. From tombstone and will records we know they had the following children:

- 10065 John born 1763-see U.S.Govt records, Washington, DC
- 10066 Abraham (birth date unknown) mentioned in father's will
- 10067 Benjamin bap. June 1, 1777 see BH-36 born Jan'y 2, 1777 died Sept. 17, 1835
- 10068 Elias - in Samuel's will
- 10069 Samuel Jr. " " "
- 10070 Lida (Ledia) " "
- 10071 Magdalena " " "
- 10072 Catherine " " "
- 10073 Rhoda " " "

See Biographical Section for details.

10013 (G-4)

Elizabeth Westbrook born Feb'y 17, 1751 married during the Revolutionary War Haggai Skinner, we understand they moved to Canada-as several of the Skinner Family did, where they may be buried.

They had two children baptized at Minisink:

- 10074 Hagge bap. Aug. 18, 1782 DRC 173-BH-37 & 1/23/1780
- 10075 Magdalena bap. Aug. 18, 1782 DRC 173 -BH-37 & 3/5/1777
- 10075A-Livi & 2/23/1785, 10075B-Huldah & 10/5/1782, 10075C-Lydia & 5/13/1785
- No further record of the family. See page 21 BH 99
- 10075D Anna & 5/25/1788, 10075E Joel & 4/12/1791, 10075F Rachel & 2/25/1794.

10013½ (G-4)

Sara Westbrook born June 9, 1753 bap. June 17, 1753 DRC 127 - BH-29, married we suppose, Asa Otley before 1780, where they lived or died, we know not, in the Minisink Church records are the baptisms of two children:

- 10076 Samuel bap. Oct. 29, 1780 DRC 171, BH-36:
- 10077 Antio bap. Nov. 27, 1781 DRC 176, BH-38

No further record of this family.

10014 (G-4)

Joel Westbrook bap. April 11, 1756, born Nov. 27, 1755 see DRC page 122, BH-30. According to the best records we can find, enlisted in the New York troops at the beginning of the Revolution, then disappeared. It is said in some records that he returned home after the War, was recognized by the neighbors and really given pretty rough treatment. This is understandable when you consider the going over Colonel Brant and his Indians had given the Minisink Valley settlers in 1778 and 1779, it was really rough, so in 1783 memories were very long and tempers were very short. We have various records of women in Minisink, who until their dying days in the 19th century, flew into a violent rage if an Indian appeared.

Near neighbor of Capt. John Westbrook, father of Joel, was one Nehemiah Patterson, staunch patriot, who had a daughter Mary, and in his unrecorded will at Goshen, N.Y., of which the writer has a copy, speaks of his daughter Mary Westbrook. As near as I can tell from the assembled facts, Mary Patterson married Joel Westbrook and named her only child that we can find record of, Nehemiah Westbrook, after her father. I found trace of Nehemiah Westbrook in several old Montague records, going back to 1800, but in the Church records, Nehemiah appears first on page 227, and, strange to relate at the baptism of his son, and on the same day as the son of his cousin Lydia Westbrook (deceased) was baptized, namely, June 12, 1811. If we are correct in our calculation, this was a week day, which leads the writer to suppose that both children were baptized at the same time and possibly in the same house. Nehemiah Westbrook and Nehemiah Patterson are the only two persons in 4200 baptisms that have such a first name. To us, the evidence, circumstantial as it may be, leads to no other conclusion than that married to Joel Westbrook, she named her son after her father. Joel either went back to Canada with his brother's family or else his death was caused by the rough treatment from the settlers.

10078 - Nehemiah Westbrook born probably about 1781 to 1784, 1820 census of N.Y. State shows him to be 26 to 45, and the 1830 between 40 and 50 years of age.

10015 (G-4)

Gideon Westbrook born Sept. 20, 1755, bap. Nov. 21, 1759, DRC page 138, BH-31, the last record of him that we have is on Nov. 30, 1770 when he was a witness at the baptism of his nephew Gideon Cortright, son of his sister Antje Westbrook wife of Daniel Cortright.

10019 (G-5)

Lieut. Simon Westfall born Feb. 2, 1749, bap. Feby 12, 1749, DRC page 117, BH-27, married Sally or Sarah Cole born Jan'y 10, 1745 bap. Jan'y 20, 1745, daughter of David Cole and Elenor Westfall. According to the Van Aken Bible records at Niles, Michigan, Lt. Simon Westfall died in 1812, his wife died March 12, 1837 aged 95 years, see BH-69.

Their children as baptized and as per the Bible of W.H.H. Van Aken, a grandson of Lt. Simon Westfall, were as follows:

- 10079 Simon Westfall born Jan'y 16, 1766, bap. Feby 19, 1766, BH-33
- 10080 David Westfall born Feby 23, 1768
- 10081 Jane Westfall born Oct. 20, 1769
- 10082 Margaret Westfall born Mar. 11, 1773
- 10083 George Westfall born Dec. 23, 1776 bap. June 1, 1777 BH-36

See Biographical and Historical Section.

10020 (G-5)

Jan Dewitt Westfall bap. May 19, 1751, DRC page 122, BH-28, born May 13, 1751, married some time during the Revolutionary War, Mary Davis daughter of Joris Davis and Debora Schoonhoven, bap. July 5, 1754, DRC page 130, We have no death date for either of them. Their children according to the baptism and deed records were as follows:

- 10084 Samuel D. Westfall bap. Oct. 29, 1780 DRC p 170
- 10085 George D. Westfall see deed Book M page 386 to 389, at Newton, N.J. Jan'y 25 and Mar. 11/1805
- 10086 Simon Westfall see above deed records
- 10087 John Westfall Jr.-see later sketch
- 10089 ? ? ?

10021 (G-5) WESTFALL

Wilhelmus Westbrook bap. July 8, 1753, page 121 DRC, married Margaret Hayne in June 1778, see records of the U.S. Government, he having served as an officer during the Revolution, see Biographical Section.

Their children baptized in the DRC were:

10089 Cathrina bap. Oct. 29, 1780 page 170 DRC
BH-36

10090 Altye bap. Sept. 6, 1781 page 174 DRC BH-37

10091 Lydia bap. Apr. 20, 1784, page 180, DRC-BH-39

10092 Nancy bap. Aug. 30, 1795 BH-67, born Sept. 27th

10093 John bap. Aug. 30, 1795, BH-67, born Sept. 27th

10094 David Westfall -see deed records Newton, N.J

10095 Elizabeth " " " " " "

10096 Appolonia " " " " " "

10097 Benjamin " " " " " "

10098 James Westfall

See Biographical Section for death records.

10024 (G-5)

Blandina Westfall bap. Nov. 9, 1760 DRC page 140 (BH-32) married sometime during or about the end of the Revolutionary War, to Johannes Brink, no death date or tombstone record

Baptized children were as follows:

10099 Ruben Westfall bap. Apr. 20, 1784 (BH-38)

No further record, probably disappeared in the Western immigration from Minisink.

10025 (G-6)

Ruben Westfall bap. Apr. 8, 1764 DRC 147, BH-33, married Charity Kuykendall bap April 22, 1760, on Dec. 19, 1791 DRC page 277, BH-58, daughter of Henry Kuykendall and Elizabeth Cole, see page 393 of Kuykendall Family history. We know of only two children at this time:

10100 Catherine born --born married Daniel Hilferty as his first wife.

10101 Margaret born July 12, 1804 bap. Feb. 10, 1805, (BH-48) DRC page 233.

10026 (G-6)

Blandina Westbrook bap. Aug. 10, 1746 born.... DRC page 111, BH-27, married on Nov. 30, 1766, DRC page 273, (BH-57), to Joseph Hornbeck, son of Evert Hornbeck and

Lena Guddeback, bap. No. 4353 Kington DRC of June 18, 1734, they lived on the farm just north of the little Red School House of Civil War days, the stone house of which was used as a fort in Revolutionary times, in recent years owned and occupied by the family of Bruce Penney. Joseph Hornbeck was a blacksmith and farmer and very successful at both. Blandina was deceased at the time of her father, Jacob Westbrook's death and when he made his will in 1780.

Their children of record, were:

- 10102 Soferyne Hornbeck born..
- 10103 Jacob Hornbeck born...
- 10104 Benjamin Hornbeck
- 10105 Lydia Hornbeck

The authority for the statement regarding these children is found on page 68 of the Guddeback Family History, page 369 and 363 of the History of Montague, Sussex Co., N.J. and page 923 of the Pike County, Pa. history. Also, see history of N.E. Pennsylvania about 1896, and our own researches. See Biographical section

10027 (G-6)

Capt. Johannes J. Westbrook (the blind Captain) bap. Sept. 8, 1751 DRC page 111, BH-29, born July 1, 1751, per family Bible-see copy in Biog. Section, died May 30, 1836, married Esther Shimer his first cousin May 5, 1774, she died March 18, 1843, they lived in the old stone house just below the Montague Sandyston line, see picture in front of this Part 1.

Their children per Bible Record were:

- 10106 Jacob born July 22, 1775 bap. Sept. 1, 1775, DRC page 166, BH-35.
- 10107 Abraham J. born October 15, 1777, died..... bap. Jany 24, 1778, page 170, BH-36
- 10108 Abraham J. born January 17, 1780 died January 17, 1814, bap. Nov. 1, 1780, DRC page 172, BH-37.
- 10109 Esther Westbrook born March 1, 1787, died Mar. 18, 1843, bap. Apr. 1, 1787, DRC page 187, BH-40.

Johannes and Esther his wife joined the Minisink Church May 6, 1786, DRC page 285. See Biog Section.

Capt. Johannes Westbrook was known as the blind captain, due to the discharge of a salute close to his eyes, supposed to have been done by a jealous rival. He served in the Revolutionary War in New Jersey, see War Record in Biog. Section. See Guamer's History of Deerpark, also records of the Adjutant General's Office at Trenton, N.J.

10028 (G-6)

Ensign and Judge Saffrein or Soveryn Westbrook was bap. May 12, 1754, see DRC 129, BH-30, married May 7, 1786 DRC p. 275, BH-58, Blandina Westbrook, his 2nd cousin, daughter of Capt. Peter Westbrook killed at the Battle of Conashaugh in the Revolution-see U.S. Govt pension records. Saffrein died January 8, 1832 probably aged 78 yrs. 6 or 8 mo., the tombstone was awful hard to read. She died Feb. 10, 1838, aged 73 yrs, his will dated Aug. 28, 1830 probated May 25, 1832. Both buried on the farm owned by his great great grandson Lloyd Wells, in Montague, on the River Road. It is out on the brow of the hill, a beautiful spot. See records of the State of N.J. for War Record, also Biog. Section. He was also a Member of the Board of Freeholders of Sussex Co., N.J.

Their children were:

- 10110 - Jane bap. Dec. 31, 1786 DRC 185-BH-40,
born Nov. 8, 1786.
- 10111 - Jacob bap. Aug. 24, DRC 190, born Aug. 3, 1788
BH-40
- 10112 - Lidia bap. May 24, 1791 born Nov. 5, 1790
DRC p. 201, BH-42.
- 10113 - Peter bap. Dec. 9, 1792 born Oct. 26, 1792
DRC p. 203, BH-42.
- 10114- Joseph bap. Mar. 25, 1795, born Jan. 18, 1795
DRC p 207, BH-43
- 10115 - Margaret bap. Aug. 23, 1801 born March 28,
1801 DRC p. 216, BH-44.
- 10116 - Hester born3/17/1805-bap9/6/07 DRC 224
- 10117 - Sarah born]
- 10117A- Polly (Mary) born.].see father's will
- 10117 -B-Catherine bap. 9/6/1807 b.7/31/1807 DRC 224

See Biographical Section.

Joseph and Margaret of the above children are not mentioned in their father's will.

10029 (G-6)

Jane Westbrook born Nov. 1757, bap. Feb. 5, 1758, see DRC of Kingston, page 331, No. 6773, married Nov. 27, 1777 to Levi Van Etten born July 12, 1757 (Van Etten Family Bible) he died Oct. 25, 1843, she died Dec. 23, 1837 (Orange Co. Biog. Hist), their children as listed in the Bible were as follows:

- 10118 Jacob Van Etten born Dec. 27, 1779
- 10119 Solomon Van Etten born January 25, 1782
- 10120 Jane Van Etten born ..July, 1785 departed this life 25 Day of April 1796
June 7 a son was born and departed this life same day, 1784
- 10121 Blandina Van Etten born 4th January, 1788
- 10122 Levi Van Etten was born 13th of August, 1790
- 10123 John Van Etten was born 14th January, 1793
- 10124 Thomas Van Etten was born 4th day of May, 1795
- 10125 Hannah Van Etten was born 4th day of August, 1797 and departed this life 14th January, 1798.

See Biographical & Hist. Section.

10030 (G-6)

Solomon Westbrook born Oct. 6, 1762 (BH-3) died March 30, 1824 married Sept. 24, 1782 to Margaret Dewitt and lived in Delaware Township, Pike County, Pa. (See Biog. & Hist. Sec.). Their children were:

- 10126 Jacob born January 30, 1786 bap. Mar. 5, 1786-BH 39.
- 10127 John born January 9, 1789 bap. Feby. 8, 1789-BH 41
- 10128 Solomon born Apr. 5, 1793 bap. Mar. 12, 1793
died 1852, BH-42.
- 10129 Soferyne born Feby 25, 1804 bap. Oct. 14, 1807, BH-45.
- 10130 Margaret born

10034 (G-7)

Jacob Shimer bap. Feby 23, 1752 married Phebe Wallen, daughter of Joseph Wallen and Neeltje Decker before 1774. He died shortly after his will was made on January 7, 1803, see the will of his father, Capt. Abram Shimer. In his will he mentions 11 children as follows:

- 10131 Elenor bap. Nov. 16, 1774 BH-35
- 10132 Magdalena bap. Nov. 27, 1776, BH-36
- 10133 Joseph born.....mentioned in father's will

10134

Polly (Mary) bap. Nov. 25, 1781 born Aug. 28th.

10135 Esther bap. see her father's will

10136 Susanna bap. Aug. 27, 1785 born June 21, 1785

10137 Abraham bap. Oct. 28, 1787 born Aug. 4, 1787

10138 Elizabeth bap. June 7, 1789 born April 3, 1789

10139 Jacob bap. June 5, 1791 born April 9, 1791

10140 Isaac bap. May 12, 1793 born Mar. 15, 1793

10141 Lydia bap. June 13, 1795 born Feb. 28, 1795

10142 Margaret bap. Aug. 24, 1800 born June 29, 1800

See Biographical & Hist. Sec. for details

10036 (G-7)

Hester Shimer bap. Dec. 15, 1754, DRC page 130, BH-30,
 married Capt. Johannes J. Westbrook, her cousin, No. 10027,
 see his line for their descendants on page G-16.

10037 (G-7)

Mary Shimer bap. Nov. 26, 1756, DRC page 132, BH-31,
 married her cousin Manuel Van Etten Nov. 9, 1788 BH-58,
 they moved to western New York, we understand, but left
 no descendants.

10038 (G-7)

Elizabeth Shimer bap. Jan. 28, 1759, BH-31, DRC page
 136, married Capt. James Bonnell sometime during the
 Revolutionary War, as she is mentioned as his wife in
 New Jersey Archives during that struggle. He died in the
 year 1814. Elizabeth died long years afterward. Their
 children were:

10143 Lena bap. Jan. 22, 1786 born Nov. 4, 1785

10144 Catherine bap. June 22, 1788 born Oct. 28, 1787

10145 Isaac born April 8, 1790

10146 Pheby bap. June 13, 1795 born Dec. 25, 1794

10147 Jacob bap. Aug. 24, 1800 born Aug. 18, 1799

10148 John born and died in Sussex Co., N.J.

10149 Joseph born.....

10150 Ellen bap. born... married John LaForge, Milford,

For his war record, see Biographical Section.

No. 10040 (GH-8)

Josephus Westbrook bap. July 4, 1756, DRC page 132,
married Aug. 3, 1797 DRC page 278, BH-58 to Elizabeth
Cortright daughter of Johannes Kortright and Susanna
Kittle, who died Dec. 11, 1811 aged 39 yrs, 8 mo. 13 ds.
Their children were:

- 10151 Gideon bap. June 13, 1798 born Nov. 1797
DRC page 211, BH-43.
- 10152 Jannetje bap. Oct. 14, 1807 born Aug. 25, 1799
DRC page 219, BH-45
- 10153 Simeon bap. Oct. 14, 1807 born July 11, 1803
DRC page 221, BH-45
- 10154 Lydia bap. Aug. 8, 1807 born Aug. 12, 1806
DRC page 223, BH-46
- 10155 Jannitie bap. July 23, 1809, born Mar. 12,
1809 DRC page 225, BH-46.

After his wife died he married Margaret Middagh,
ancestry unknown at this time, see page 230 DRC, BH-47
they have one child baptized.

10156 Naomi Decker born Dec. 26, 1815, bap. Oct. 26,
1816.

No death date for either Josephus or Margaret at
this time.

Beginning with page 21 in Part 2 of Vol. 2 we will
continue the genealogy of Judge Anthony's descendants.

We might make mention of some of the abbreviations
we have used.

DRC- Dutch Reformed Church

BH - Biographical and Historical Section

G - Genealogical Section

Walpeck Church baptisms BH-15 to 25 inclusive

Minisink Church " BH-26 to 55 "

Marriages pages BH-55 to 68 inclusive.

Machackemeck Cemetery BH-69

Unpublished Minisink Church records 1816 to about 1900
BH-70 to 79 inclusive.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

By William J. Coulter

Wantage Records
Vol III

12-
B-1825

By of Caskey and
S. J. and N. Y.
that the best way
Caskey Family has
to give some data
deeds of Sussex
July 3, 1895, Deed
of Moses Coykendall
wife of Wantage
to Decker to John
John Caskey Junior
of the same place,
on the Deep Grove
10 years.

purchased land in
Co., Aug. 22, 1790,
ne Caskey, and also
land in Oxford
see page 793 of
a County History.
Robert Caskey and
his had a daughter
who married Law-
also that Jane Todd
of Major Todd,
fame. Who knows
Todd and was he
the Todd family who
series in Sussex and
during the 19th
Benjamin Todd, of
was a descendant?
John Caskey Senior,
by his wife, John
and Elizabeth his
to Robert Caskey
r 2-3 right land
& Coykendall, wit-
a Caskey and George

Jan. 19, 1826, Ro-
Leah his wife and
of Wantage, all
he property of John

553, Jan. 16, 1826,
and Cornelius his wife
Alva Caskey same
right, title and in-
property of John

Margaret Caskey, of
17, 1830, to Alvah
age, all her right to
her father deceased,
r tenth part by con-
Robert Caskey and
herself, one from
widow, and heir, one
n right of John Cas-
key, Jr., died young

1, John Z. Drake and
Wantage, for \$100.00
r undivided right or
y of John Caskey, de-
Drake and Irving

2, Sept. 24, 1835, Be-
t Meeker, widow of
r of the County of
the Town of Smith-
her share of estate
r, deceased, see B-3.

April 17, 1890, Mary
the Township of Want-
children of Jane Bu-
her mother, con-
land due from John
heir, conveyed to Alva

3, Martha Caskey wife
y, one of heirs at law
on, late of Hardyston,
Catherine Lawrence,
e, for Catherine J.
omas J. Lawrence,
e Thomas L. Willson,
eter Willson, James
Elizabeth Willson, and

A 4, page 491, 1832, Gideon Cole,
and Eleanor his wife, Joseph Cole,
Hannah Perry, late Hannah Willson,
Moses Courtwright and Esther his wife,
late Esther Willson, Cleophas Letzer
and Martha his wife, late Martha
Willson, and Abby C. Willson, heirs-
at-law of Moses Cole deceased, all of
Wantage, Cleophas Letzer and wife of
Lackawanna in State of Pennsylvania,
to Peter Cole, Samuel Cole
and Esther Cole of Wantage, three
equal undivided sixth parts of real
estate of Abraham Cole, deceased;
see book of Division, also all rights
of Moses Cole, see April 4, 1811.

Book A-4 page 577, see deed of
Samuel Swartwout and Janima his
wife to Mathew Writter, Benjamin
Cuddeback, Simson Van Inwegen,
James R. Cole, Michael Van Fleet,
William Cuddeback, Cornelius W.
Cole, Lewis Van Inwegen, Brazilla
Ransom, Alfred Ratkay, Margaret
Carpenter, John D. Carpenter, John
Caskey, Andrew J. Caskey, Levi Van
Etten, Jr., James Terwilliger, Benja-
min Van Inwegen, Charles St. John,
James Bennett & Co., Daniel Hilferty,
Wilhelmus Westfall, James Bennett,
James D. Swartwout, David Swart-
wout and Richard Kimmendorf. This
was a partition deed in which some
of the Caskey family entered in,
about which we may have a lot to
say at a later date.

Cornelius Westbrock and Antje Roosa Branch

Book of Divisions, page 391, of Na-
thaniel Van Auker, of Walpack, de-
ceased, divided between John W.
Van Auker, Sarah Wintermute, wife
of Barney Wintermute, Bowdoin
Van Auker, Hannah Dimon, wife of
Jonathan Dimon, Abraham Van
Auker, Mahala Maria Depue, wife of
Daniel Depue, and Leah Naomi Jane
Van Auker, his heirs at law (Leah
Naomi Jane being a minor under
21) and Mary Van Auker his widow.
This refers to the Wantage branch
of the Westbrocks.

Deed B page 26, May 1st, 1800,
Jacob Cuddeback and Dinah his wife,
of Montague, and Evert Van Auker,
of Montague, one part or parcel is a
just one-third part of land formerly
owned by Jacob Van Etten on the
Maskipokunk Island and on the main
shore where he formerly lived, 54
acres, bounded by land formerly
Isaac Van Auker now Evert
and James Van Auker, said land be-
ing conveyed to Jacob Cuddeback by
two deeds from Jacob Van Etten and
wife 23rd May, 1789, another lot con-
veyed by Jacob Van Etten to Cor-
nelius Cuddeback and by Cornelius
Cuddeback to Jacob Cuddeback, 22nd
of May 1799, bounded by lands of
Solomon Middaugh, Benjamin, Peter
and Joseph Van Noy, witnessed by
Joseph Van Noy and Thos. Kyte.
(See our sketch of the Van Etten
branch of the Westbrocks which ran
in 1832 and 1833, in which you will
note that Jacob Van Etten had
three daughters, two of which mar-
ried Cuddebacks.)

May 4, 1835—Deed of Jacob Shimer
and Sally his wife to Soveryne L.
Westbrook being same parcel deeded
by Soveryne Westbrook to Peter S.
Westbrook his son on June 14, 1831,
and by him to Jacob Shimer in
May, 1834.

Also deed of Blandina Westbrook,
widow of Soveryne L. Westbrook, all
claims to land deeded him by his
father (grandfather) on June 14,
1831, recorded Aug. 6, 1831, Book L3.
Page 423.

Deed Jacob S. Westbrook and
Elizabeth his wife to Soveryne L.
Westbrook, 200 59-100 acres being
part of 2,000 acres of Thomas
Stephenson and Solomon Davis, bor-
dering on lands of Daniel Davis.

E 2, page 298, Abraham West-
brook and wife Jane (Van Auker)
Westbrook of Montague to Wm. Hol-
bert of Lackawaxen, Pa.—this is the
father of Long Benny Westbrook of
Westfall Township, Pike Co., Abra-
ham is buried in Milford, Pa.,
Cemetery.

A 2, page 443, Samuel Westbrook,
Esq., and Catherine his wife of the
Township of Spencer, County of Ti-
oga and State of New York, for
\$100,000, to Jacob Hornbeck of Mon-
tague, on Sept. 9, 1813, signed Sam-
uel Westbrook and Catherine West-
brook, witnessed by Simon Court-
right and Daniel Westbrook. This
is Major Samuel Westbrook.

B3 page 123, July 30, 1812, Cor-
nelius P. Westbrook and Mary his
wife and Lydia Westbrook, widow
of Peter Westbrook, Captain, late of
the Township of Sandyston, deceased,
to Jacob Hornbeck of Montague,
land in Sandyston on the Flatbrook,
bounded by land of Timothy Shay
and Johannes J. Westbrook and land
formerly belonging to Samuel West-
brook being 7 acres and one-half
be the same more or less and . . .
state that they are the rightful
owners, signed Cornelius P. West-
brook, Mary Westbrook, Lydia West-
brook-the widow of Captain Peter
and her son and his wife.

B 2, page 29, May 11, 1813, Alce-
Westbrook, Benjamin Westbrook and
Elizabeth his wife of Wantage Town-
ship, Sussex Co., N. J. Joseph West-
brook and Sally his wife of Sandys-
ton, to Wm. Loder of Sandyston, for
\$500.00, land in Sandyston bounded
by lands of Wm. Loder, John Depue,
53 acres, being known as the round
meadows formerly belonging to

Johannes B. Westbrook, deceased, our
two equal parts, the whole into seven
parts, as an undivided right, etc.,
etc., signed, Alce Westbrook, Benja-
min Westbrook, Elizabeth Westbrook,
Joseph J. Westbrook, Sally Westbrook.
This is the Johannes Westbrook and
Antje Roosa branch already covered.
C 2, page 350, Richard Westbrook
and Mahala his wife of Wantage, to
Gideon Wickham of same place,
\$100 being part of tract of \$3 50-100
acres conveyed in trust to Martha
and William Titworth for the use or
benefit of the legatees of Henry C.
Titworth, deceased. This is the
Wantage branch of Westbrook.

C 2, page 257, May 4, 1795 from
Simon Westfall, of Orange Co. and
Abraham Westfall of the Township
of Mamacotting, County of Ulster,
to Solomon Middaugh of the Town-
ship of Montague, for 13 L 2 shill-
ings, land in Montague where Mid-
daugh lives, 4 1-4 acres and 25 rods
as surveyed by Gulsbert Sutfin, sign-
ed in the presence of Jacob Coyken-
dall and Reuben Westfall, acknowl-
edged by Reuben Westfall, Mar. 19,
1814, before Samuel Hull. This is
the Judge Anthony Westbrook
branch.

C 2, page 65, Mar. 17, 1811, So-
veryne Westbrook and Blandina his
wife to Abraham Westbrook both of
Montague, 103 acres, 127 perches and
10 acres and 10 perches, bounded by
land of Soveryne Westbrook on two
sides and Martin Cole and James
Decker on the other, sum, \$1,000.00.

Beyea Family

We now take up the family of
Peter Beyea, next child of Samuel
Beyea and Abigail Brown, who, ac-
cording to the cemetery inscription
at New Vernon Cemetery, near Mid-
dletown, born 1799, died 1875, his
wife Durinda born 1804 died 1870,
just how many children he had, we
are a little in doubt about, we know
they had at least one son Leonard
and probably several daughters which
we are not sure about. It is said
that Henry Beyea, the blacksmith of
Howells, Orange Co., N. Y., was a
son of Peter Beyea and Durinda, but
to date this is only hearsay, given
us by a member of the family who
ought to know; however, we leave
it this way until further records are
presented. Also the wife of Charles
Reynolds and her sister, Mrs. John
Kiernan, who is buried at Howells,
N. Y. Cemetery, were also daughters
of Peter and Durinda. Also the wife
of Timothy Horton, of near Middle-
town, was a daughter of Peter and
Durinda, we are told. Leonard G.
Beyea, son of Peter and Durinda,
married Susan Hallock, we believe,
of Mt. Hope; their stones in New
Vernon, read born 1830, died 1899,
when his wife and daughter were
appointed to handle the estate; his
wife, born 1833, died 1917; their
children, Edson M., born 1863, died
1864; their daughter, Fanny H.
born 1860, died 1880; they also had
a daughter, Mary Beyea, who mar-
ried L. M. Hulseapple, of Mt. Hope,
son of David E. Hulseapple and
grandson of Michael Hulseapple, who
with his wife is buried in New Ver-
non Cemetery, reading: Michael
Hulseapple died Dec. 31, 1870, aged
86 yrs. 2 mo. 3 days; Annie his wife,
born Sept. 10, 1795, died March 15,
1884. We understand the rest of the
Hulseapple family are buried in the
same cemetery. Mary Beyea and L.
M. Hulseapple had a son Harry Hulse-
apple, who with his family live on
Washington Heights, Middletown, N.
Y. He is employed by the Orange
County Golf Club on the greens
work, and has been for some years.

1825 Census of the Town of Mil-luk, Orange Co., N. Y.

Mary Oakley, 2 females, 20 acres, 3
cattle, 3 hogs. John Durland, 6
males, 4 females, 140 acres, 28 cattle,
3 horses, 47 sheep, 22 hogs. Samuel
S. Kay, 4 males, 2 females, 2 hogs.
James H. Brown, 1 male, 3 females,
1 cattle, 3 hogs. Charles S. Green,
6 males, 4 females, 34 acres, 8 cattle,
2 horses, 18 sheep, 7 hogs. Edward
O'Brien, 1 male, 1 female. John
Shute, 5 males, 4 females, 120 acres,
18 cattle, 2 horses, 33 sheep, 12 hogs.
Caleb Clark, 3 males, 4 females, 100
acres, 20 cattle, 3 horses, 15 sheep,
18 hogs. Increase Stoddard, 3 males,
2 females, 100 acres, 20 acres, 3
horses, 24 sheep, 15 hogs. Hulet
Clark, 3 males, 1 female, 80 acres,
18 cattle, 2 horses, 6 sheep, 15 hogs.
Henry McBride, 7 males, 5 females,
50 acres, 8 cattle, 2 horses, 20 sheep,
8 hogs. Isaac Young, 6 males, 2
females, 1 cattle, 1 horse, 5 hogs.
Joseph Green, 7 males, 3 females,
70 acres, 9 cattle, 5 horses, 23 sheep,
12 hogs. Total page 22, 18 subject
to Military Duty, 36 male voters, 3
people not naturalized, two in the
family of Benjamin Manning and
one in the family of Edward O'Brien;
total male 112, females, 104, 1,631
acres, 333 cattle, 53 horses, 416 sheep,
301 hogs, one distillery in the pos-
session of John Durland, above.

2—Jane F. Tarr, born Nov. 30, 1850, married Sept. 21, 1869, Edwin Hawley and resided Yucelo, Oklahoma, and died Aug. 1, 1906, and had seven children: I—Lydia E. Hawley, born March 15, 1871, married Arthur W. Hatch and resided McAlester, Oklahoma. II—Arthur E. Hawley, born Aug. 21, 1873, married and resided at Yucelo, Oklahoma, and had two children: Lydia and Alice Hawley. III—Marshall Hawley, born Jan. 13, 1876, married ——. IV—Abraham Hawley, born Jan. 23, 1878, died ——. V—Walter E. Hawley, born Oct. 31, 1880, no further record. VI—Emily May Hawley, born Aug. 31, 1884, married Frank Cabbot and resided Tuncalo, Okla., and had two children, Erma L. Cabbot and F. Cabbot. VII—Edmond Dallas Hawley, born Aug. 12, 1883.

XIV.

Descendants of Phoebe Westbrook and Abraham Diamond. They had two children:

1—Sarah Ann Diamond, born Feb.

22, 1843, married Nov. 23, 1864, Neal Brown, and resided Oakland, and died June 18, 1897, and had twelve children as follows: I—John Malcolm Brown, born Aug. 11, 1865, and married Feb., 1893, Elizabeth Pierce and resided Strathcona, Alberta, and had three children: Ruth Elizabeth Brown, born 1899; Clarence Brown, born 1902, and George Jaffray Brown, born May, 1906. II—Mary Matilda Brown, born Feb. 11, 1867, married Aug. 3, 1887, Walter Vanderlin and resided at Brantford Ont., and died Dec. 30, 1893, and had one son, Homer Leonard Brown Vanderlin, born June, 1893, and died Aug. 15, 1893. III—Fleta Augusta Brown, born March 10, 1869, married Feb. 27, 1889, Melville R. Baldwin and resided Scotland, and had one daughter, Nita Leone Baldwin, born June 19, 1892. IV—Joseph Killborne Brown, born Jan. 17, 1871, married June 8, 1903, Effie O'Brien and resided at Rochester, N. Y., and had a son, Malcolm Brown, born Sept. 18, 1905. V—Phoebe A. Brown, born Nov. 2, 1872, died Jan. 8, 1893. VI—Frederick Abraham Brown, born Feb. 16, 1877, married Oct. 10, 1900, Frances Woodley and resided Mt. Pleasant and had two children: Gladys Brown, born Jan. 5, 1903, and Earl Brown, born Sept. 20, 1904. VII—Jenny Angeline Brown, born May 31, 1878, married Jan. 29, 1897, James Elliott and resided Scotland and had a son, Aubrey Killborne Elliott, born July 1, 1903. VIII—Florence Victoria Brown, born Oct. 24, 1879, married June 13, 1900, C. Payson Vivian and resided Oakland, Ont., and had a Lloyd Nellis Vivian, born Nov. 6, 1905. IX—Margaret Grace Brown, born Feb. 17, 1881, married Oct. 3, 1900, Frank Chambers and resided at Brantford, and had a daughter, Hazel Bernice Chambers, born Dec. 15, 1901. X—Alice Edna Brown, born Nov. 10, 1882, married Oct. 7, 1907, G. Frank McDowell and resided Brantford. XI—Charles Duffin Brown, born Oct. 23, 1883, and married June 25, 1907, Ada Vincor and resided St. Thomas and had a son, Elliott Franklin Brown, born March 16, 1909. XII—William Edward Brown, born Sept. 4, 1885, died April 16, 1887.

2—John Abraham Diamond, born July 30, 1845, married Sept. 16, 1874, Jane Eddy and resided Oakland, Ont. We have two letters which have been forwarded to us by Mr. William E. Westbrook, of the Canal Zone, and with these we will close our sketch on the Canadian Westbrook's until further data is received and proceed with the other branches of the family.

It is from Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, Mr. L. E. Westbrook: I was born in Manhattan, Kansas. My father's name was Levi Doge Westbrook. My father was born in Canada as I have heard him say. The Westbrook's go way back as they have a family tree. The last time I

was in Kansas City in 1919, my aunt had a picture of it at which time I was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. My record is as follows: I enlisted in the Army the 2nd day of May, 1898, retired on Dec. 23, 1923. I was to Cuba twice and the Philippines once, so I got some double time for foreign services and I was away from Kansas from 1898 to 1919, and I had lost all my folks. During the World War I did not get out of the U. S. After the War I was at Newport News, Va. demobilizing troops and there I met two Westbrooks but in talking with them I do not think we were related at all and when I came back from Cuba in 1909, I met a Sergeant in the 42nd C. A. C. at Fort Monroe, Va. Our readers will please note that his family was mentioned in our article of last week and that his name is Lawrence E. Westbrook.

The other letter is from Mr. Harry Westbrook, District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company 424 West Third St., Claremore, Oklahoma. We have no record of our family. My parents were born in Canada, near York, Ont. Father came to Kansas in the early 60's and located near Manhattan, Kansas. Mother's name was Mary Lowrey before her marriage (also a Westbrook descendant as our readers will have noted) her father ran a hotel in York for years. I know very little of her people as I have never visited Canada. Father's father's name was Eugene (this is wrong, it was Levi as you will note) and he came to Kansas in the early days. In father's family were three children: T—Lydia and myself. Both father and mother are dead.

This completes the Canadian branch at the present time, although we are advised more will come to us later.

Port Jervis, N. Y.—1845.

The Trustees of the Village had a notice calling for proposals for the construction of five water reservoirs which were to be ready in July of that year although the time was extended to Feb. 12th. The reservoirs were to be 12 (twelve) feet in diameter and ten feet deep. To be erected as follows: No. 1 about 150 east of the passenger depot; No. 2 on the southeast corner of Sussex and Ball street (where Nicholson garage is now); No. 3 near the east corner of the Presbyterian Church (about where the chapel is now); No. 4 near the District School on Main street (about where the Sullivan Avenue school is now); No. 5 near the northeast corner of the Fowler House on Fowler street. The Trustees who signed the notice were: Chas. St. John, Wm. H. Power, Saml. Fowler, Dan. Romaine, and Orville J. Brown.

Charles St. John was the father of our fellow townsman, Mr. Stephen St. John.

William H. Power was the Supt. of the Delaware Division (also one of the welcoming committee in the celebration following the completion of the Erie) preceeding Hugh Riddle. Hugh Riddle was one of the most noted railroad executives of his day; he was Supt. of the Delaware Division, later of the Erie and later for many years, President of the Rock Island Railroad. While in Port Jervis he lived on the South corner of Broome and Sussex streets in a large square frame house. That house was dismantled many years ago and the site is now occupied by the Drew M. E. Church.

Saml. Fowler was the man who built the Fowler House and the mansion on East Main street, Port Jervis and the prime mover in the building of the plank road from Port Jervis to Fowlerville (which was named after him) Sullivan County, N. Y.

Daniel Romaine was a contractor and builder and was the father-in-law, I believe, of the late John D. Swinton, Sr.

Orville J. Brown was the owner of the Brown Building on Jersey avenue of which the first floor rent was used for several years by the New York and Erie R. R. as a freight house. The upper floor was known as Brown's Hall and was often used by the Democratic War Horses for their caucus and conventions. Mr. Brown was also the builder and owner, I believe, of the Hotel afterwards conducted by Alexander Gordon, now the site of the National Restaurant, Mrs. Schweitzer's Hat Shop and the Confectionery Store adjoining, etc., at Sussex and Front streets. Orville J. Brown was the father of Ed. Brown, who owned and conducted the Hotel Brown now known as Hotel Mitchell, Middletown, N. Y. (See our sketch of the Lyon family.)

The Graham House kept by Martin D. Graham had just been constructed on New Jersey avenue, a few rods from the New York and Erie Depot; he kept a store in the basement. He was the grandfather of Judge Graham Witschick, of the Supreme Court now living in Newburgh, N. Y.

N. & S. H. Mills had a general store.

J. M. Heller had a wagon and sleigh manufactory. He was the father of the later Martin V. Heller, of the Erie R. R. (frt. and passenger agent) Port Jervis and the grandfather of Mrs. Dr. F. W. Best, whose family we will mention later in our Westbrook sketch.

The paper also contains the by-laws of the village, which covered about one and one-quarter columns in length.

(Continued Next Week)

APR 20 1934

THE WESTBROOK FAMILY GENEALOGY OF ULSTER, ORANGE, PIKE AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

By W. J. Coulter, Middletown, N. Y.

(Continued From Last Week)

In our sketch of the family of Justice Anthony Westbrook and his wife, Aeltje Van Etten, we have covered thus far, two of their children and their descendants, namely Capt. Johannes and his sister, Annetje Westbrook, who married Simon Westfall.

We will now proceed to discuss the descendants of Jacob Westbrook, the third child of Justice Anthony.

The baptism record of Jacob Westbrook has already been given. He married as per page 256 of the Minutemen's marriage records, Lydia Westfall. The marriage record reading as follows: 1746, March 24, Jacob Westbrook, young man, born at Chalford, dwelling at Middletown, to Lydia Westfall, young woman, born in Dutchess County and dwelling at Shippokeek, April 11th.

Lydia Westfall was a daughter of Jurian Westfall and Blandine Devitt, and therefore a sister of Simon Westfall, who married Annetje Westbrook (sister of Jacob) therefore the data printed about the ancestry of Simon Westfall under his heading also applies to Lydia Westfall, wife of Jacob Westbrook. Our readers will please refer to our article of Oct. 18, 1933, and previous data published.

The baptism of the children of Jacob Westbrook and Lydia Westfall are found in the Minutemen and Kingston Church records as follows:

Page 121—Minutemen Church records, baptized Aug. 10, 1746, a daughter, Blandine, Willem, Anthony Westbrook, Aeltje Van Etten, his wife, the paternal grandparents of the child.

...the sum of one hundred pounds the old way. Item—I give and bequeath unto my two youngest daughters, Jannetie Westbrook, wife of Levy Van Allen and Mary West-

brook, each the sum of one hundred pounds, each for their portion and the sum of forty pounds each for their outfit (all the old way) which shall be paid to the said respective daughters within the space of one year after the decease or second marriage of my beloved wife aforesaid. By my three sons, Johannes Savarine and Solomon or their heirs. Each an equal share. Item—I will and bequeath that all my personal Estate, Goods and chattels be equally divided between my six children or their heirs namely, Jannetia Savarine Solomon, the issue of Blandina, deceased, Jannetie and Mary. Lastly I nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Lydia Westbrook, and my two beloved sons, Johannes Westbrook and Savarine Westbrook, sole executors and executrix of this, my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I hereunto Set my Hand and Seal This Twentieth day of October, in the fifth year of the Independent States of America and in the year of our Lord, One Thousand and Seven Hundred and Eighty 1780.

Signed, Jacob Westbrooke. Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Jacob Westbrook to be his last will and Testament in the Presence of us who Have hereunto Subscribed our names as witnesses in the Presence of the Testator—Louis Westbrook (nephew) Evert Roen Westbrooke (cousin) Thos. Kyte (schoolmaster.)

Lydia Westbrook, the widow of Jacob Westbrook, renounced her right as executrix as per the following paper on file at Trenton, N. J.

To whom it may concern—This is to certify that I, Lydia Westbrook, widow of Jacob Westbrook, late of Montague, deceased, do give my sole consent that my two sons, Jannetia & Savarine Westbrook (who are co-executors with me in the last will and testament of my said husband) May Administer to the same and likewise that at my request and with my consent there has been an inventory taken of the Personal Estate the 15th of this Instant. As witness my hand this 21st day of May, 1781. Lydia X Westbrook. In the mark

Presence of Thomas Kyte. Thus we know that Jacob Westbrook died between Oct. 20, 1780, and May 21, 1781, that is between the making of his will and the renouncement by his wife. Also, we are advised that in 1781, the Quartermaster General's Department of New Jersey, issued a certificate to Jacob Westbrook, so he must have performed some service or sold them some materials or supplies. Also, Jacob Westbrook was one of the signers of the Revolutionary Pledge because on page 51 of the History of Sussex and Warren County, N. J., it says that the Committee of Safety for the County which met at Newtown on August 10th and 11th, 1775, it was reported that every citizen in the Township of Montague signed the Articles of Association, 100% loyal if you will to the American Colonies. This is a record of which Montague ought to be proud, because at that day and date Montague was the frontier, all the people on the west side of the Delaware River, at that point with very few exceptions, came over into Jersey during the Revolution. However, the Township of Sandyston was not far behind, all except two signed and these promised to sign as soon as opportunity offered. The Township of Wantage had only one who did not sign. This shows how intensely loyal to the American cause, this portion of New Jersey was. Our Sussex County people can well be proud of their record in that heroic

struggle. On page 362 of the Sussex and Warren County history, it says that Jacob Westbrook inherited the property of his father, Anthony Westbrook, and that Jacob left seven children, Solomon, John L. Soferyne and a son who emigrated to Virginia and three daughters. However, our readers will note that nothing is mentioned in the will about a seventh child. He specifically states six children, and mentions them by name. Jacob Westbrook was a very well to do farmer during his lifetime along the Delaware, according to the records we have been able to find. He was a very large land owner, and after searching the records and talking with his descendants, I have come to the conclusion that he owned between 1,000 and 2,000 acres extending from the Delaware River to the top of High Point Mountain. His abode was on his land near Millville. The writer has been told that he lived in a stone house still standing down on the River flats, the farm now being owned by the McCarthy's, which years ago was used as a post house and is not used at all any more, and this has caused me to wonder if this is the Jacob Westbrook stone house. I hope to investigate the matter this Summer.

Port Jervis, N. Y. (continued)

The New York and Erie R. R. advertised their timetable which showed the schedule of trains departing from "Delaware Station"—five passenger and three freight east-bound, four passenger and two freight westbound. The advertisement shows the cut of a locomotive under full steam, with the smoke steaming out behind from a funnel shaped smoke stack. That reminds me that in the early days some trains were scheduled to stop at "Shin Hollow." (I presume most of our present readers do not know where Shin Hollow was—it was a little flag station halfway or more up the mountain from Port Jervis to Godefray or Grahams Station—the name was made famous because the Erie at the time the road was built, hired a good many Irish laborers to do the laboring work. They struck and caused quite a commotion so that it was necessary to call out the militia at Port Jervis to quiet the disturbance and in doing so I understand a good many shins were badly bruised, hence ever after it was called Shin Hollow and was so known in my day. For further information see Ed. Mott's story of the Erie R. R. However, I want to caution my readers about one thing—be careful when you read Mott's stories; he could take truth and fiction and mix them together so well you could hardly tell which was which.)

Shin Hollow was a busy locality at one time during the later 40's. Fields which were once under cultivation are now growing up with brush, saplings and trees. In the Upper reaches of the Hollow towards Graham's Station, along the brook a colony of beavers has taken possession and have commenced their engineering operations. Shin Hollow is a dream of what it used to be.

The Wood Pit just east of the Neversink River Railroad bridge was filled with cordwood which was used for fuel for the engines. The Hon. W. T. Doty, of Circleville, N. Y. in his youthful days used to fire on the old wood burners on the Erie and took on wood at Middletown, Otisville, Shin Hollow, etc.) a little later when the Erie began to use coal, the coal pockets were northeast of the wood-pit up along the mountain. (How many of our readers remember that?)

Going back to the village of Port Jervis, I notice Dr. Dufrene gives a particular notice. He says in order to prevent misunderstanding and disappointment to those who may call upon him for professional services, he will charge \$1.00 for a call

in the village instead of 50c as heretofore." He further says, if an think a physician must attend his people without paying for it, I wishes they would call elsewhere. Signed Dr. A. W. Dufrene. That reminds me that years ago I know a locomotive engineer on the Erie by the name of Dufrene Medrick—brother of our fellow townsman, Dr. R. F. Medrick. The Doctor tells me that his brother, Dufrene, was named for Dr. Dufrene, whose office was down on Front street somewhere in the vicinity of the present Palmer Sporting Goods Store. The father of Dr. and Dufrene Medrick was John Medrick, an old Erie engineer. He was also the father of Erastus Medrick, who was for years an engineer on the N. Y. O. & W. R. R. a Middletown (he had sons Will and John, of Middletown, and Frank, of Norwich, N. Y.) and also of John Medrick, Jr. He had two sisters (I am quite sure Mr. Van Noy is wrong about that—they were daughters, because I remember both of them.)

(Continued Next Week)

APR 27 1934

THE WESTBROOK FAMILY GEN- EALOGY OF ULSTER, OR. NGE PIKE AND SUSSEX COUNTIES.

By W. J. Coulter, Middletown, N. Y.
(Continued From Last Week)

Before we commence our weekly article, the writer would like to ask our readers one question; do any of you know how or where to get genealogical information in the State of Ohio? We have four of our Westbrook clan who settled in Ohio between 1812 and 1824 and several others later. We have written to the County seats of Adams, Licking and Knox Counties where they settled and word comes back that the records were burned or the building burned or they know nothing. I certainly is discouraging to try to get anything out of the State of Ohio. I sometimes wonder how the join the D. A. R.—where do they get their records. A word from anybody who knows how to get this information will certainly be appreciated.

The first child of Jacob Westbrook and Lydia Westfall, was of course their daughter, Blandina, mentioned last week. Her father mentions her as being deceased but leaving children or a child apparently. We have been unable to find the record to definitely establish who this child was, although I think I have a fair suspicion as to who it might be. However, we are going to defer talking about that until later and discuss the other children first.

The next child and oldest son, as is mentioned in Jacob Westbrook's will, was Johannes J. Westbrook, although the way he wrote it, the name looked more like an "I" than a "J." Our article of last week gave his baptism as Sept. 8, 1751, however on referring to his family Bible we find he was born as follows: Jannetia J. Westbrook was born the 1st of July, 1751. Jannetia J. Westbrook died May 30th, 1836. Esther Shimer his wife, was born the 10th of October, 1754. Jannetia J. Westbrook was married to Esther Shimer, the 5th of May, 1774. Jacob Westbrook their oldest son, was born the 22nd of July, 1775. Abraham J. Westbrook was born the 15th of October, 1777. Abraham J. Westbrook was born the 17th of January, 1780, (the first Abraham apparently died.) Esther Westbrook was born the 1st of March, 1787. Esther Westbrook died March 18th, 1843, wife of Dr. Jacob

Hornbeck. Esther Shimer died the 13th day of June, 1817. Abraham J. Westbrook was married to Phebe Ennis in the year 1806, in January. John Westbrook, their eldest son, was born the 21st of July, 1807. Esther Hornbeck Westbrook was born the 4th of April, 1809. Lenah Westbrook was born the 11th of February, 1811. Daniel Westbrook was born the 1st of June, 1813. Abraham J. Westbrook died 17th of January, 1814. Phebe Westbrook was married to Christian Probasco the 30th of July, 1816, and died the 23rd of January, 1817. The above data was taken from Johannis J. Westbrook's Bible which was in two books and this book is No. 1 and reads: "The Christian, entirely the property of Christ, in Life and Death; Exhibited in Fifty-Three SERMONS on the HEIDELBERGH CATECHISM by the Rev. John Vanderkamp, late Minister of the Gospel, in the Church of Dirksland, Holland, translated from the Dutch by the Rev. John M. Van Harlingen, New Brunswick, N. J. Printed by Abraham Blauvelt, 1810.

Our readers may not know it, but I discovered that this Bible or Catechism which was printed in two volumes, was printed by subscription only, and I found the list of the subscribers, and for the benefit of our readers I am going to give the list of those in the Delaware Valley, principally because it may be of interest to the descendants. They were as follows: 1810—Rev. James Anderson, Stillwater. At Mehakke-mack (Port Jervis) was James Bennett, Benj. Carpenter, Benj. Cuddeback, William Cuddeback, Martin Cole, James Shappanack, Elias Gomar and Peter Gomar (Gumaer), Benjamin Hoornbeck, S. Lambert, Wm. Little, Levi Middagh, Simon Middagh David Morrow, Jacob Neerpas, Jacob Quick, Wm. M. Rowles, Peter Swartwout, James Van Vliet, Joseph Van Noy, Garret Van Aken, James Van Aken, Evert Van Aken, Joseph Van Gorden, James Van Gorden, Martin Van Gorden, Joseph Van Aken, Daniel Vredenberg, Herman Nemiwegen (Van Inwegen) this is old Harmanus Van Inwegen; Daniel B. Westfall, George D. Westfall. At Menissing (below Brick House Hotel) were Benjamin Dupuis, Joseph Ennes, Esq.; John D. Westbrook, John I. (J.) Westbrook, Severen Westbrook (brother of John J.), William Westbrook, Abraham Westfall. Rev. James G. Force, of Walpack, Simeon Rosencrans, of Shappanack; Peter Van Neste, of Flatbrook; Abm. Van Campen, of Shappanack; Abm. Westbrook, of Mammacottong (he is the ancestor of the Hon. Jacob Westbrook, of Waverly, N. Y., who so far as we know is our oldest living Westbrook). We copied a few other names as follows: Benjamin Brouwer, of Middletown; Rev. Abm. Brokaw, Frederick S. Elmendorf, of Marletown; John Frere, Kingston; Rev. S. Goeschins, of Marletown; Rev. Charles Hardenbergh, of Bedminster; Teunis Hubbard and Henry Hendrickson, of Middletown; John C. Hardenbergh, of Hurley; Abraham Hoffman, of Shawangunk; Peter Jansen, of Mabletown; James Schureman, Mayor of New Brunswick; Jacob A. Snyder, of Mabletown; Gerbrand Service, of Rammopugh (Ramapo); Conrad Tinkie, Rammopugh; Jeremiah Vanderbilt, of Wallebogh (now N. Y. C.);

Harry Van Dolsen, of Rammopugh; Nicholas Van Houten, of Rammopugh; Rev. John Zabriskie, of Millstone (N. J.) We did not copy any more.

So if any of our readers have any of these Bibles or Catechisms, please remember they are 124 years old and worth saving as a relic if for nothing more.

The baptism of the children of Johannes J. Westbrook and Esther Shimer are in the Minisink Church records as follows:

Page 166—Sept. 1, 1775, a son,

Jacob, witnesses: Jaen (Jacob) Westbrook and Leida Westvaal, the paternal grandparents.

Page 170—Baptized Jan. 24, 1778, a son, Abraham, witnesses: Abraham Shimer, Lana Westbrook, the maternal grandparents.

Page 172—Baptized Nov. 1, 1780, a son, Abraham, witnesses: Abraham Shimer, Lena Westbrook, the maternal grandparents.

Page 187—Baptized April 1, 1787, a daughter, Hester, born March 1, 1787, (note that this checks with the Bible), witnesses: none.

On page 285 of the Minisink Church records, May 6, 1786, Johannis I. Westbrook and wife, Hester Chimier joined the Minisink Church.

It seems quite pertinent for us to say a word at this time about the Minisink Church which stood just below the Brick House on the curve, which site is now marked by a marker placed there by the Board of Freeholders of Sussex County thru the efforts of the late John J. Van-Sickle, who was a member of that body for so many years. This Church like its sister Churches of Mack-backameck, Walpack and Smithfield, had its inception in the year 1737. After the western country opened up following the Revolution, the then rather thickly populated section along the Delaware River began to thin out, due to the migratory fever and the desire of the very small land owners for more land, consequently the Dutch Reformed Churches lost many of their members. Along about 1795 on October 16th, the financial condition of the Minisink congregation became acute and to relieve themselves they petitioned the Legislature of the State of New Jersey for permission to hold a lottery, which was taken to Trenton for presentation by Thomas Kyte, who was the former schoolmaster, Quartermaster of Ulster Co. troops during the Revolution, land agent, etc. This petition was rejected and again on Oct. 9th, 1804, they presented a second petition, which was likewise rejected. However, the original papers of this second petition with all the original signatures were preserved from oblivion by the late Hon. Adjutant General Stryker, of the State of New Jersey, who in or about 1890 or thereabouts, returned them to the place from whence they came and the writer has been fortunate enough to have photographs made of the petition and the signatures, copy of which we give you herewith.

The Honourable, The Legislature of the State of New Jersey.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Townships of Montague & Sandyston in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey.—Humbly Represent—

Not being singular from our fellow citizens in almost every part of the State, it has always been our wishes to have a preached Gospel amongst us, for to effect, some years past, it was thought most advisable to raise money by subscription to build a meeting house. Subscriptions was therefore opened and people signed very liberally; a house was therefore planned and the building commenced, but long ere it was completed our money was exhausted; new subscriptions was again opened, the money raised on which was still insufficient & it was discovered when too late, that after every inhabitant had contributed liberally in proportion to his circumstances there would yet be a few workmen &c. on whom the burthen would fall; this accordingly has been the case and to these people considerable sums have been this long time due, to the great injury of themselves and families, the patience of whom is now wholly exhausted, and they have come to a determination that if the money is not shortly paid, to sell the house to satisfy their demands.

At present we have got a very worthy pastor (Rev. John Demarest) whom we should be happy to support, but from the wretched condi-

tion of our meeting house, which for the want of repairs, has become almost useless and will be entirely so shortly, unless timely remedies are used, to raise money for which, and discharge the debts due to the creditors above mentioned; and also at the same time to pay or give some salary to a worthy minister for his useful talents is too burthensome for the people that compose this congregation.

In consideration of the above circumstances and for the purpose of raising money to pay the arrearages of building to those who have suffered for the want thereof, and by that means prevent the sale of the meeting house, and also for the purpose of repairing the said house to prevent it from going to ruin.

We your Petitioners most humbly request that your Honourable body, would grant us the privilege of making a lottery to raise the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars, which together with what we are individually willing to contribute will be a sufficient sum for to answer the above purposes.

Port Jervis, N. Y. (continued)

They were the wives of J. D. Brown, the old Erie conductor and J. E. (Jack) Everitt. All are now gone except the Doctor.

Schwartz's Restaurant was in Fowler's brick building on New Jersey avenue. He also had a dancing school.

Dr. T. Walsh was a physician. (See our previous Westbrook sketch.) His daughter was said to be the prettiest girl in Port Jervis, N. Y., in her day, married Harry Brown, grandson of Drville Brown, mentioned last week and the week previous.

At the Neversink Seminary, which was located on East Main street near the present St. Francis Hospital, was a private school where French, German, Drawing, Painting and Music were taught. (The Middletown Historical Society of Middletown, N. Y. has in their possession, a drawing made of the Neversink Seminary by a Miss Van Fleet, when she was a pupil there eighty years ago. The map of Port Jervis made in 1859 shows the Neversink Seminary standing in the center of a large plot next to Weise, the gunmaker, on East Main street and running back to the Neversink River. It was on the southerly edge of the Weise property. The Middletown Historical Society also has a picture which is either a cut or a photograph made of Port Jervis at that same time about, which is very interesting.)

Mr. Van Noy also says I remember the building very well, it was destroyed by fire in the late 70's and I was present at the fire. (Mr. Stephen St. John, of Port Jervis, tells me his sisters went there to school and he was also present at the burning of the building, and he was very careful to carry out a lot of dishes which somebody dropped and smashed some of, in the excitement. People do strange things sometimes when they are excited.)

Port Jervis was a rapidly growing village about that time.

Mr. S. B. Farnum, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, states he has a few desirable pews for sale or rent and he urges delinquents to pay pay, indicating that it was impossible to run the Church without money.

Mr. Peter P. Van May has also written two other papers in connection with Port Jervis which are very interesting, the first of the is entitled, "Some Sidelights of the Life and Activities of the Hon. John B. Jervis." It was for this illustrious man that Port Jervis was named, although it is a fact that you hardly hear mentioned any more.

The subject of this sketch (the Hon. John B. Jervis) was born of poor parents on Long Island, N. Y. in the year 1795. While he was yet a small child his parents removed to Fort Staunton, on the Erie of the

city of Ro
Young J
hood atten
as were m
Winter mo
was fifteen
his father's
the Summe

In 1817
axeman on
motions fol
long before
level or tra
dent engine
Erie Canal

He remain
when he re
Chief Engin
and Hudson
Pa. to King
(Cont

MAY

THE WEST EALOGY (C PIKI

By W. J. Co
(Continue

We are w
priety of g
for lotteries,
circumstances
cerely think
kind was ev
present insta
ourable body
to befriend
people of the
fully recom
brook, Esq., M
Mr. William J
the lottery,
able body sh
which you m
Relying with
honourable bo
will as in d
October 9th, 1

Johanni
Abraham
Joseph
Eld
tion

The follow
of the congre

Thos. Kyte
termaster, la
Chas. Longst
Severgne We
soldier, large
of the Peace
VanAken (b
eryne Westb
owner); Bea
page 87 of C
ried a grandd
Shimer, who
Joseph Van
dier-farmer,
etc); James
son, Abraham
Revolutionary
brick farm b
brook at Mil
Severgne We
Samuel later
Jacob, living
Edward Wood
Thomas Kyte
of Min. (see
tance); the
designer, W
Westbrook
the ancestor
of Port J
Compton, T
Kinney, Jame
McKeeby (th
writing of a
cause it is s
way across t
the common a
family of Mo
George Cera
George—the
Simon West

Westbrook (there are two Abraham Westbrooks on this sheet—one of them was the great grandfather of the Hon. Peter F. Van No., now Vice President of the Midland Valley Historical Society, Port Jervis, N. Y.). Marshall Swartz, Benja. Westfall, Elias Foster (millwright and father-in-law of James Britton Armstrong); Peter Cartright, John Dennis, Jacob Dennis, Jonathan Clark (he married a granddaughter of Judge Anthony Westbrook, see later sketch); John-
dis J. Westbrook (the blind captain and the man whom we are now discussing above); Martin Westbrook, the Revolutionary Captain as was also Johannes J. above, lived on Burton Hill farm); Daniel Westfall or Windfield, Abraham Westbrook, John Asher (see later sketch), Simon Cartright, Justice of the Peace for many years, large land owner at infansville and the father-in-law of Jacob Kye); Peter Robert, see burial records; Benj. Dague (see later sketch of the Dague family); Cornelius (P.?) Westbrook, see later sketch; Daniel Ennes (tavern keep-
er, son of William Ennes, the one-
named schoolmaster, father of a
large family who moved to the Finer
aka Region, see his will which we
have already published; he was a
revolutionary officer); William
Smith, Peter Van Neste, Simeon
ole, Cornelius V. Westbrook (see
our previous sketch also our later
one); the next name looks like Bing-
am, not sure about it; Thos. Ridg-
ay, James Brink.

We will now return to the discussion of our subject, Johannes J. Westbrook. Mr. William E. Westbrook, of the U. S. Army in the Canal zone, has secured a list of the Westbrook's serving in New Jersey during the Revolution. This list gives him as John I. Westbrook. It says he served as a Lieutenant and Captain, Essex County militia, 1775 to June 1781, when an accidental dis-

The residence of Capt. Johannes J. Westbrook was the first farm this side of the present Burton Bell farm in Sandvaston Township, Sussex County, N. J., and the writer has a picture of his stone house (which I had copied from a picture in the possession of Mr. Burton Bell. This was taken by a man from Andover

Capt. Westbrook is mentioned in the history of Deepark by the Hon. Peter E. Summer, also under Montague Township, in the Sussex and Warren County history. We want to call the attention of our readers to one notation in the Sussex & Warren County history on page 200 under Montague Township, which is an evident error. It reads: "Sofrein or Soferin Westbrook came from Kingston and located upon the place now occupied by Jacob Westbrook. His son, John, better known as the Blind Captain, served with credit in the War of the Revolution. The homestead has been for many years in possession of the family."

We will at a later date in this history discuss the Westbrook family of Wantage and our readers will then note the relationship existing between them and the Montague branch but you will find nothing in the Wantage branch that will have anything to do with the above quotation, which should have been in the Montague section and even at that it was not historically correct.

This brings us to the next child of Jacob Westbrook and Lydia Westfall, namely Saffrein or Severyne Westbrook as he was better known. He was the second oldest son and eventually had the Millville property owned by his father, Jacob Westbrook. We know little of his early life except that he must have signed the Revolutionary Pledge because all citizens in Montague did sign, and also according to the Adjutant General's office of the State of New Jersey at Trenton, Severyn Westbrook served as an Ensign in the Sussex County militia and State Troops in 1776, also page 70 of the Sussex and Warren County history says he served as an Ensign in Capt. Cortright's Company, Third Battalion of Sussex County troops.

He was a large land owner and

(continued)

His next position was that of Chief Engineer to build the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad now part of the New York Central R. R. from Albany, N. Y. to Schenectady, N. Y., the first railroad in this State. While he worked on the railroad his letters speak of the performance of the celebrated Dewitt Clinton locomotive.

In 1836 an unsolicited offer was given him as Chief Engineer to build the Croton Aqueduct and Dam. He accepted and carried it to a successful completion. About the time the Croton Aqueduct and Dam was finished, a writer from a London English, publication came over here and inspected the work and wrote an article for his publication, criticising and ridiculing the man who had been placed in charge of the work of so much importance and magnitude, who was without technical training at a University. Mr. Van Noy had the good fortune to read part of his answer to that criticism, which was couched in about these words: "The Dam, meaning Croton, actually holds, it actually fills with water, the water actually flows by gravity, crossing the Harlem River in its course, it actually supplies the needs of a Metropolitan City. (This Dam was supplying water to New York City when my grandparents came there in 1846 and 1848.) And, I might add that it did adequately supply the needs of New York City for forty years afterwards before it was rebuilt. That was his answer. He might have written pages involving abstruse technicalities, but what was the use, he told the story in language which anyone could understand. Along in the 40's he was made Chief Engineer of the building of the Hudson River Railroad between New York and Poughkeepsie which was completed along about 1850. He met and solved all the intricate engineering problems in connection with it and over this same railroad today bears the Twentieth Century Limited.

Along in the 60's, the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago R. R., now the western end of the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad found itself bankrupt and in a run down condition. Mr. Jerold was offered the

Mr. Jervis was also co-
 engineer in the building of
 Jervis Water Works Syst
 1869 and now owned by th
 the Cochituate Water
 Boston, Mass.

(Continued Next W)

MAY 11 1934

THE WESTBROOK FA
EALOGY OF ULSTER,
PIKE AND SUS
COUNTIES.

By W. J. Coulter, Middle

(Continued From Last)

Severyne and Blandenah
veyed to Martinus West
which he procured partly
from a cousin and part
brother, Johannes I. West

And so it goes all the deeds that Severyne comakes reference to this tract and as they are not pieces he must have owned through that piece of pro-

The will of Severayne W. on file at Newton, N. J. through the courtesy of Mrs. Woolverton, Trenton, N. J. copied and sent us the cc will which she has compared original at Trenton.

Will of Saterine Westbrook dated Aug. 28, 1830, proved 1832. In the name of God Saverine Westbrook, of Township, in the County and State of New Jersey sound mind, memory and understanding do make this my last testament in manner following it is my will and I do ordain my just debts and funeral expenses duly satisfied and paid after my death as conveyed. Item—I give and bequeath my beloved wife, Blondena, in her right of dower, the usual household good and furnish a black woman Deborah and her choice) during her life empowering her at any time after her widowhood to dispose of my estate or any part thereof to my children or grandchildren as they may think proper. Item—I bequeath to my two sons, Westbrook and Peter West

to my grandson, Saveryne L. Westbrook (son of my daughter, Lydia Westbrook, deceased) all the residue of my estate both real and personal to them, their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them and I desire they make their own division if they can agree, but if they cannot agree to make and complete a division, then I do advise them each to choose one man to make said division; and that I do order and direct that the part to be divided or set off to my son, Jacob S. Westbrook, shall be set off in one entire lot where he now lives, and the part to be divided or set off to my son, Peter Westbrook, shall include the house he now lives in and the north part of the flats or lowland lying next to and adjoining the ferry road (we will speak of this later. It was the ferry across to Milford and is now on the Armstrong place) and I do also direct that the line of division between my son, Peter Westbrook, and my grandson, Saveryne L. Westbrook, shall so run through the middle of the Spring north of my barn that each may have an equal right to the water or as nearly so as possible and my said grandson, Saveryne L. Westbrook, to have that part or share lying next and adjoining to Jacob Shimer's and Benjamin Hornbeck's mill lot, including the house in which I now live, and that each of them have an equal right to use the road now used by me going to and returning from the lowland and as there are but two barns (except an old one which is of small value) on the premises, I do order and direct that the three boys join and build a new barn of equal value to my new one for the one that gets none, or be at an equal share of the expense thereof within two years after my death or as soon after that time as the one for which it is to be built requires it to be done, and I do also direct that my son, Peter, and grandson, Saveryne L. Westbrook, have an equal use in the barns now used by me until a new one is built but if my said grandson, Saveryne L. Westbrook, should die under the age of twenty-one without leaving any lawful issue, then it is my will that the share bequeathed him be equally divided between my two sons, Jacob S. and Peter Westbrook, the devise to my two sons and grandson I make chargeable with the payment of debts and the following legacies in addition to the right of dower of my wife herein mentioned, to be by each of them paid in equal proportions at the same times, that is each one's share accountable for and bound to pay the one-third.

Item—I give and bequeath to my five daughters, Jane Westfall, wife of Samuel L. (D.) Westfall; Sally Shimer, wife of Jacob Shimer; Polly Hornbeck, wife of John Hornbeck; Hester VanEiten, wife of Cornelius VanEiten, and Catherine Carpenter, wife of Benjamin Carpenter, three hundred dollars each to be paid to them or their heirs as follows: Three Hundred dollars to my daughter, Polly Hornbeck, one year after my death; Three Hundred Dollars to Catherine Carpenter two years after my death; Three Hundred Dollars to Hester VanEiten three years after my death; Three Hundred Dollars to Sally Shimer four years after my death, and three hundred dollars to Jane Westfall five years after my death. Item—I give and bequeath to my grandson, Levi Westbrook, son of my daughter, Margaret Westbrook, deceased, Two Hundred Dollars to be paid to him on the day he arrives at the age of twenty-one but if he should not live to the age of twenty-one years, then it is my will and I do order the Two Hundred Dollars bequeathed to him to be equally divided among or between my children.

Lastly I appoint my sons, Jacob S. Westbrook, Peter Westbrook and my grandson, Saveryne L. Westbrook Executors of this my last will and testament and order them to pay all

debts and legacies as herein before directed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-eight day of Aug., in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty, 1830.

Signed—Saveryne Westbrook.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Saveryne Westbrook to be his last will and testament in the presence of us,

James B. Armstrong,
William Kelsey,
Benjamin Westbrook.

The baptisms of the children of Saveryne and Blandina Westbrook are found on pages 185 to 224 of the Minisink Church records as follows:

Page 185—Baptized Dec. 31, 1786, a daughter, Jenneca born Nov. 8, 1786.

Page 190—Baptized Aug. 24 1788, a son Jacob, born Aug. 3, 1788; witnesses, Lidea Westfall, the paternal grandmother—which proves she was still living at that date.

Page 201—Baptized May 24, 1789, a daughter, Lidia, born Dec. 5, 1790, which indicates the baptism date is wrong. It is probably May 24, 1791, because the next baptism is May, 1791. The witness was Lidia Westbrook, sponsor, the paternal grandmother. In the baptism above they have her maiden name.

Page 203—Baptized Dec. 9, 1792, a son, Peter, born Oct. 26, 1792; no witnesses.

Page 207—Baptized March 25, 1795, a son, Joseph, born Jan. 18, 1795. This child apparently died; no further record.

Page 216—Baptized Aug. 23, 1801, a daughter, Margaret, born March 28, 1801.

Page 224—Baptized Sept. 5, 1807, two daughters, Hester, born March 17, 1805, and Catherine, born July 31, 1807.

The above baptisms cover all their children except Sally, wife of Jacob Shimer, and Polly, wife of John Hornbeck.

The first child above Jenneca or Jane as she was later called, married Samuel D. Westfall as we have already proved and we have given their descendants so far as we have them. This was given under the Westfall branch of the family.

The next child was Jacob S. Westbrook. His middle name was probably Saveryne as that was the practice among the Westbrook family to give the father's first name as the middle name of the child.

Jacob S. Westbrook married Elizabeth Shlymer or Shimer, who was the daughter of Jacob Shimer and Phebe Wallen. The baptism of their children are found on pages 225 and 226 of the Minisink Church records.

Page 225—Baptized July 23, 1809, a daughter, Blandina, born Dec. 2, 1808, and on page 226, baptized Feb. 10, 1811, a daughter, Lidia, born Dec. 10, 1810.

Jacob and his wife sold the farm in Montague and moved to western New York along with his brother, Peter. Mother Martin tells me that she can remember one of the daughters or granddaughters coming on with her cousin, who was one of the Swartwout's from Union, Broome Co., to visit them in Montague, and she thinks they lived out around the Finger Lake region, however, so far as we know none of them have been on here in years.

Port Jervis, N. Y.

(continued)

You will find his name (John B. Jervis) in the Encyclopedia of today, and anyone knows that if his name appears in an encyclopedia, he must have considerable in the way of achievements to his credit.

He was given the Degree of Doctor of Laws L. L. D., by Hamilton College.

He was a Christian and was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Rome for seventy years. He was

a Republican of the type of Fremont and Lincoln. He supported Fremont in 1856 for President.

I have read scores of his letters written in longhand by himself covering a period of thirty years, and have had an excellent opportunity to look into his inner self.

Mr. Jervis's name was the first one mentioned in the Act of the Legislature of 1845 appointing three engineers as commissioners to select the most feasible route for the New York and Erie R.R. to pass from the top of Shawangunk Hill westward. The writer might say that the Middletown Historical Society has a very large Atlas published in 1840 showing the contemplated route of the Erie from Otisville towards Monticello and so on to the Delaware River instead of by way of what is now Port Jervis. We will discuss this later. That commission was increased to seven members by the next session of the Legislature in 1846. These commissioners made investigation through the Summer of 1846 and rendered a report, a photographic copy of which I have in my possession in which four of the commissioners voted for the Delaware Valley Route and three for the Route through the interior of Sullivan County. Mr. Jervis's name is the first one affixed to that report indicating he cast the deciding vote in that controversy.

To some who might think of Mr. Jervis as a rough, uncouth man, I wish to quote a letter of sympathy to a friend over the loss of his wife written by him in long hand, and let you be the judge as to whether an unlettered man could write such a letter: "I shall not attempt to offer anything by way of consolation, too well aware it is one of those events that time alone, aided by the consolation of Christianity can console. You will, especially with your little flock of children, feel with more or less severity as the pressing calls of business allow your thoughts to occur to the scenes and wounds so recently made in your circle of domestic affections. But, my friend, this is the way we all must go. We witness the departure of near and affectionate friends, and soon in time shall ourselves be the subjects for others to mourn."

In 1885, an old man died in the City of Rome, it was found after his death that he had bequeathed to the City his personal library which comprised the best in the Arts, Sciences, Literature, Philosophy and in Religion, together with one-third of his estate, with which to build and endow the Library which now bears his name. I have been privileged to visit that Library two or three times and inspect some of the works which he left.

That endowment and that building show there the man, who as a boy, left school at the age of fifteen years. It stands as a monument more enduring than a shaft of the finest marble or granite. So ends Mr. Van Ness's sketch.

To the writer, it seems that the life of the John B. Jervis offers one of the greatest examples of what could be done and still be done today, by any of our boys who have the ambition to serve their fellow man. Here is an example of a man who never had a college education, yet was a student to the end of his days.

(Continued Next Week)

MAY 16 1934

By W. J. Coulter, Middletown, N. Y.

(Continued From Last Week)

Lydia Westbrook, the next child of Saveryne and Blandina, must have died about 1819, because her only

child and so on, was born in 1819. He was born Jan. 12, 1819, was born Jan. 12, 1819, has always been an authority than Aunt and U. Shimer, Jr. and Brook. Our is given his grandfather's was a very justment, in more than he with the other formation is Bible:

Saveryne I. 30, 1810, (cl 3rd) died M. Jan. 16, 1830. ing (please n ing records (Eveline) Ar 1813, died No that page 220 records says Dec. 13, 1831 1816. She w B. Armstrong, whose ances treated in on 1831, on the family. The A., born No 12, 1910; Eli 1835, buried Jervis N. Y.; 1837, died Pe Buron, born the Brick H gue, N. J.; 1843, died J born April 1900, in the York City; May 22, or Brick House.

Britton A. these children ried Dec. 2 Elizabeth C. jamin Cole s who have sh our article branch. The ton A. West torian the W. In this secti only wish th now. He wa that the w around and at a gatheri ceed to try history from that it is to individual) w whom he pro the exasperat finger at Mr and said: "I centory are; going to lea was not exa but neverthe However, be particularly A. Westbrook which he are though his in to get maly which there h

erty than otherwise; were at all times with avidity and if of ken when the fur was addition, commanded a to six dollars.
(d Next Week.)

1934

BOOK FAMILY GEN- ULSTER, ORANGE, AND SUSSEX COUNTIES.

er. Middletown, N. Y.

(From Last Week.)

t, wife of Sampson descended from Ralph migrant, as follows: Newtown, L. I., was men chosen to conduct s in 1662. in 1663 he with others for resis- authority. In 1664 he freeman of Connecti- commissioned lieuten- tary in Newtown. In eeholder of Newtown. nstable. In 1668 his rn, etc., was destroy- first church edifice was given by him. Upon f the territory by the sworn in as schepen His will was dated His son, Samuel, re- vrenceville, formerly ead, N. J., and there s farm by will dated to his son, Samuel. umuel resided on the him by his father and estate owner in other ate. He died in Sus- le there improving his 15, 1752, and was farm later owned by ore F. Hunt, in Green ex County. Among s Martha Hunt, who n Dildine and receiv- ds and a negro girl. mother was Abigail, own to us.

refer to Moses C. next child of Solomon n Feb. 4, 1827, mar- es, born about Aug. vned a 350 acre farm, wild land, for over nducted a hotel at Emily Jones was a es Jones and Mar- nd a Westbrook de- own right there- discuss her branch Westbrook and Emily children: William B. married Ella Wall lden: Blanche West- ried Newton Fedder, dge, Mass., and has oy and a girl; Ethel married Robert S. es at Lord's Valley, ner; has one child, a

stbrook died single. estbrook was County y County in 1900 and Surveyor in 1934, so as had the job most e is single and lives in the Summer time. Westbrook, Jr. mar- op and lived in Lib- ere he conducted a urs ago and we be- hardware business some people in that e recently tried to him, which we hope ver. He had a son, and has a son, Don- I am told.

5—Fred L. Westbrook, the last child was Supervisor of Blooming Grove Township, Pike County, Pa., in 1900. He is single and lives on the home farm at Blooming Grove, Pa.

Susan, the last child of Capt. Solomon Westbrook, Sr., and Hannah Coolbaugh, married about December, 1876, Theodore Grandin, of Newark, N. J. and I am told they did live at Burlington, N. J. Do not know whether they had any descendants.

We will now refer back to Margaret Westbrook, daughter of Solomon Westbrook, the first and his wife, Margaret Dewitt. Margaret Westbrook married Judge William H. Nyce, who is a Westbrook descendant and we will therefore defer an extended discussion of their descendants until his branch of the family is reached.

Soveryn Westbrook, the last child of Solomon and Margaret, was bap. about Feb. 25, 1804, and married Susanna Van Campen. The writer has been much interested in solving the ancestry of Susanna Van Campen. The Pike County history says she was a daughter of Abraham Van Campen and Sarah Dewitt, a granddaughter of John Van Campen and Sarah Depui and a great granddaughter of Abram Van Campen and Miss Jennings. We are going to take exception to this last statement and show how little fact is behind it. Abram Van Campen's wife was not Miss Jennings or Jennins. Abram Van Campen's wife was Susanna Depue, the church records prove this in the list of baptisms, also she was still living in 1752 when she and her husband were witnesses to the baptism of a grandchild at Smithfield, near what is now Stroudsburg, in 1752. The Pike County History goes on to say that John Van Campen above was a son of Colonel Abram Van Campen, of Pahaquarry. It also says that Colonel Abram Van Campen, father of the above mentioned John Van Campen, came to the Minisink about the same time as Nicholas Depui did, and purchased a large body of land in what is now Pahaquarry (Pahaqualine) on the opposite side of the Delaware, five miles above Nicholas Depui. He was prominent in defending the frontier, which was then along the Delaware, in 1755 during the French and Indian War, and was one of the first Judges of Sussex County (as I have shown by previously publishing the Court minutes from 1753 to 1768. I will, with Mr. Stickney's permission, give the rest a little later) New Jersey which embraced a portion of the Minisink and was organized Nov. 20, 1753. See our previous minute. He and his associates were appointed by order of His Majesty, King George II and commissioned Judges of the Pleas, with power likewise to act as Justices of the Peace. The Van Campens were tall, noble looking men and were always an influential and highly respectable family.

Now let us turn to what the good Deacon William Henry Nearpass had to say in his article of March, 1897, in Church Life, about the Van Campen's—quote: Colonel Abraham Van Campen and Susanna Depue, who removed from Ulster County, N. Y. with their family and settled on a large tract of land at Pahaquarry, Warren County, N. J. Col. Van Campen was a son of Jan Van Campen and Tietje Decker (daughter of Jan Decker) of Ulster County, and was baptized at Kingston Oct. 9, 1698. He was prominent during the Indian troubles of 1755 and was elder in the Dutch Church of Walpeck. In another article in May, 1901, the good Deacon says: The parents of Jan Van Campen, who married Tietje Decker were Gerrit Jansen Van Campen and Machtelt Stoffels, of Kingston, N. Y.

Now, I want to say this in summing up, that nowhere in the Church records can I find any mention of a

Miss Jennings as being the wife of Colonel Abraham Van Campen at the time of his son, John Van Campen's birth, but instead his wife at that time was Susanna Depue, a relative of Nicholas Depui. That was one reason why he came there, because her brother or relative was there, near neighbors you might say. Another reason why Colonel Abram Van Campen was there was because his nephew, Isaac Van Campen, was at Shapanack where his house still stands. In other words Colonel Abram was below the Flatbrookville mountain and his nephew, Isaac, who was Collector, Freeholder, Justice, Judge of the County Court, and member of the Legislature from 1782 to 1785, was above Flatbrookville at Shapanack, both along the Delaware and a comparatively few miles away from each other.

Another reason why Colonel Abram Van Campen was there was that they were Decker descendants.

Colonel Abram's mother was a Decker and she was Judge Isaac Van Campen's grandmother. I have already shown our readers how Harmarius Decker lived first at Montague and then moved to Walpack, why would he go to Walpack because his relatives, the Van Campen's, were already there. Then over at Deckertown we had Peter Decker, who was a power in the County, as the Court minutes have already shown. Now my readers I have not told you this to call attention to the influence of the Deckers but to show you how clannish the families were and how as relatives they clung together for protection and help. You find this same under current running all through our early settlement along the Delaware, families of similar relationship would band together in their various little spheres along the Delaware. Then these various little spheres would intermarry and finally in two or three generations, the relationship existing were simply amazing.

Soveryn or Sofferin as he was sometimes called, did not live long but left by his wife, Susanna Van Campen, a daughter, Margaret Westbrook, who is buried in Delaware Cemetery at Dingman's Ferry, along with her father. Her mother Susanna Van Campen Westbrook, married for her second husband, William Dusenberry. Margaret Westbrook's will is on file at Newton, N. J., which will verify what I have said.

This brings to a close our discussion of the descendants of Solomon Westbrook and Margaret Dewitt or the Pike County branch of the family as we like to designate them.

This also completes the sketch of the descendants of Jacob Westbrook and Lydia Westfall, who lived at Millville, Montague, N. J., so far as we want to trace them at this time, for reasons already noted.

We will now refer back to the family of Justice Anthony Westbrook and Aeltje Van Eiten, who was the oldest of the four brothers to settle along the Delaware.

The next child of Judge Anthony and Aeltje was Lena Westbrook, who was baptized at Kingston, Oct. 15, 1727, as we have already shown. Also as we stated in our article of May, 1931, she married Captain Abram Shimer, whose ancestry has been given in detail. Also we discussed the descendants of Lena and Capt. Abram Shimer so far as we knew them.

However, there are a few details we can add to what has already been published and this we will do next week.

Montague, N. J.

Johannes, bap. at New Amsterdam Oct. 12, 1671, married Joanna De La Montagne, Sept. 2, 1696, at New Amsterdam.

Annatie, bap. at New Amsterdam, Dec. 8, 1673, married Hendrick Rosenkrans, Jan. 3, 1697, at Kingston.

Ariantje, bap. at New Amsterdam Dec. 8, 1675.

Willem, bap. at New Amsterdam Dec. 22, 1677, married Heyltje Van Eiten Nov. 12, 1699, at Kingston.

Abraham, bap. at Kingston, Jan. 27, 1682, married Isabella Paarsel, Jan. 17, 1706, at New Amsterdam. There is a possibility of a child between 1677 and 1682.

Fametje, bap. at Kingston, Apr. 6, 1684, married Albert Van Garder June 11, 1704, at Kingston.

Rachel, bap., at Kingston, Nov. 6, 1687.

Willem Vredenberg, born at New Amsterdam, Dec. 22, 1677 or 1678, son of Willem Isaaczen Van Vredenberg and Appolonia Barents (Cool or Cole) was married at Kingston, Nov. 12, 1699, to Heyltje Van Eiten, daughter of Jacob Jansen Van Eiten, the emigrant, and Annetje Adriaensen. The baptism of their children are recorded with the exception of Ary and Appolonia at Kingston, and are as follows:

Willem, bap. June 30, 1700, married Catalyntje Kip.

Annatie, bap. Dec. 21, 1701, married Willem Van Garder. They were residents of Upper Smithfield, Pa., in 1735 and afterwards removed to Shippekonk, now Montague, Sussex County, N. J.

Jacobus, bap. Oct. 31, 1703, married Clara Van Wagenen at Kingston June 18, 1726.

Appolonia, bap. at Albany Jan. 15, 1706, married Hendricksen Kip.

Ariantje, bap. Jan. 12, 1707, married Abram Osterhout Sept. 26, 1731, at Rhinebeck.

Ary, born 1709, married Sara Rosenkrans. See later sketch.

Petronella, bap. June 10, 1711, married David De Duytscher June 1, 1735, at Rhinebeck.

Isaac, bap. Jan., 1713, married Geesjen Pier Feb. 23, 1734, at Rhinebeck.

Abraham, bap. Sept. 23, 1716, married Catharina Pier, April 16, 1735, at Rhinebeck.

Petrus, bap. May 11, 1718, married Lydia De Duytscher May 8, 1755, at Rhinebeck.

Benjamin, bap. Mar. . ., 1720, married Catharine De Graff, at Kingston, May 3, 1740.

Matthew, bap. April 22, 1722, married Margaret Westvael June 17, 1749, at Rhinebeck.

A sketch of Ary or Aaron Vredenberg, son of Willem Vredenberg and Heyltje Van Eiten, who married Sara Rosenkrans as given in August, 1895, Church, including the baptism of his children born in Minisink will now be given. His son, Wilhelmus, who resided near the smooth rocks in Montague, N. J., and who married Elizabeth Van Garder, bap. at Rhinebeck, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1733.

The sketch of Aaron Van Vredenberg is as follows: Arie (Aaron) Vredenberg was a grandson of the emigrant, Willem Isaaczen Van Vredenberg, who came to America from the Hague, Holland in the Ship Gilded Beaver May, 1658, and married in New York City, Appolonia Barents (daughter of Jacob Barents Cool) Oct. 19, 1681. Willem Vredenberg, a son of Willem Isaaczen Vredenberg and Appolonia Barents was baptized in New Amsterdam (New York) Dec. 22, 1678, and married Heyltje Van Eiten Nov. 12, 1699, at Kingston, N. Y.

Lumberland and the D. & H. Canal.
By J. W. Johnston, Dec'd.

He, like the deer, when seen or his proximity indicated was production of very great excitement. (Deer are becoming numerous again near Phillipsport, Sullivan Co., N. Y., and were seen in the field Sunday, Aug. 26, 1934. Deer are also becoming so thick there that people are allowed to shoot them out of season and take the carcass to the Fair Farm.) If his track was discovered in a new fallen snow of three to six inches in depth, called a "tracking snow," the news rapidly spread that the neighborhood and a company of

of course, only have such data as we have at that time (1931). Since then we have secured the will of Abraham Shimer, son of Jacob Shimer and Mary Wallen and grand-son of Capt. Abram and Lena (above) which reads: Will Book "C" of Wills, 1843 to 1868, page 50 on file at Milford, Pike County, Pa.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Abraham Shimer, of the Township of Lackawaxen in the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, being in good health, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding (blessed be God for the same) and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Principally and first of all I commend my immortal soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executrix herein-after named and as to such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner (to wit) to my daughter, Lovena, one hundred dollars to become due and payable one year after my decease. To my daughter, Maria, one hundred dollars payable the second year; to my daughter, Phebe, one hundred dollars payable the third year; to my daughter, Perthena, one hundred dollars payable the fourth year; to my daughter, Ursella, one hundred dollars payable the fifth year; to my daughter, Eliza, one hundred dollars payable the sixth year, and to my daughter, Sally Jane, one hundred dollars the seventh year; and to my son, Commodore Shimer, ten dollars payable the eighth year, and I give to my beloved wife, Catherine, the control and direction of my personal and real estate as long as she lives, providing she shall continue single and unmarried after my decease and at her death or marriage, I give to my two remaining sons, George W. Shimer and Abraham H. Shimer, the whole of my estate real or personal and effects whatsoever, which shall remain after payment of my debts, funeral expenses and the aforesaid legacies to my daughters and my son, Commodore Shimer, and I give and bequeath the same to my said two sons, George W. Shimer and Abraham H. Shimer, their heirs, executors and administrators, and I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife, Catherine, to be executrix of this, my last will and Testament—but in case of the death or marriage before my two sons, George W. and Abraham H. Shimer, shall become of age, then I nominate and appoint Commodore Shimer and John H. Wallace as guardians for my said two sons George and Abraham and executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four.

Abraham Shimer.

Signed and sealed in presence of us—J. H. Wallace, A. D. Freese (Abraham D. Freese.)

On Nov. 21, 1843, Abraham Shimer, above, and Catherine, his wife, deeded to Commodore Shimer (his son) in the Town of Lackawaxen, Pike Co., Pa., for \$500.00, forty-seven acres, being parcel No. 82 originally deeded to James Van Auker.

On page 71, book 34 of deeds at Milford, Pike County, Pa., William Westfall, Guardian of minor children (appointed May 15, 1871) of George W. Shimer, said children being Abraham B. Shimer (now of Warwick, N. Y., 1934) George Shimer, and Fanny Shimer (Newton, N. J., 1934) late of the Township of Lackawaxen, to Abraham H. Shimer, of Wilkes Barre Luzerne County, Pa. The deed further states that Abraham Shimer,

father of George W. Shimer, died on or about the 16th day of March, 1859, possessed of land, 187 acres which the executors of Edward Tilghman on Oct. 18, 1838, deeded to Thomas Cadwallader and Mary, his wife, of Philadelphia, Pa., and by said last two to Abraham Shimer on July 9, 1839, deed book 9, page 506 and Abraham Shimer and wife to Commodore Shimer by deed dated Nov. 21, 1843, book of deeds 18, page 489, 151 acres see also book 17 page 294. George W. Shimer, the other devise, died intestate about or on Oct. 31, 1870, leaving a widow and three children, the above mentioned minds all of whom are still living, sold to Abraham H. Shimer for \$1,000. Catherine C. Shimer, widow and relict of George W. Shimer, L. E. Bevans, executor of Est. of George W. Shimer.

We give the above thinking that it may be of interest to some of the descendants.

This is all the additional data we have about the family of Lena Westbrook and Capt. Abraham Shimer. See our article of May to August, 1931.

The next child of Justice Anthony Westbrook and Aeltje Van Etten, so far as we can find, was Solomon Westbrook, who although he is not mentioned in the baptisms nevertheless occupies a very important place in our history, because through his daughter who married a cousin, also a Westbrook, his descendants in this region are very numerous, as our readers will note.

Solomon Westbrook is mentioned in his father's will wherein he devises to him all that tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Mathshepeconk (Mathshepconk) which was conveyed unto me by one Cornelius Brink (this was apparently Cornelius Brink, son of Pieter Lambertse Brink and his wife, Geertruy Matthyssen Teunis (Newdick) who was living in Minisink at the time of his marriage to Maria Cool or Cole daughter of Harmanus Cole and Cornelia Van Leuven, who are the ancestors of the Walpack Cole family, on Dec. 14, 1724, see Kingston Dutch Reformed Church records) together with two grist mills, one saw mill and all improvements.

Solomon Westbrook married for his wife, Esther Bevier, the Bevier family history says on May 4, 1748. This record can probably be found in the New Paltz church records of the Dutch Reformed Church. She was baptized Sept. 23, 1723, being Kingston baptism No. 3045 on page 143 of the Kingston church records, the witnesses being Hendrik Van Garden and Eleanora Decker. Esther Bevier was the daughter of Jean Bevier and Catherine Montanye, who were married April 14, 1712, at Kingston, being Kingston marriage No. 278 on page 526, both residing under the jurisdiction of the Rochester Church. Jean Bevier was the son of Louis Bevier and Marie Le Blanc, who was one of the patentees of New Paltz. Catherine Montanye was bap. July 28, 1688, the daughter of William de La Montagne, or Montanye and his wife, Eleanora De Hooges, the latter the daughter of Anthony De Hooges and Eva Bratt, who was a prominent man in the New Netherlands Colony, being one of the officers.

William Montanye was a son of Dr. Johannes Montanye, of Fort Orange, now Albany, N. Y.

Catherine Montanye's baptism is No. 582, the witnesses to same being Roulof Swaertwouth and Grietje Hendrix.

For further information about Esther Bevier and her family, see Bevier family history or the History of New Paltz, the revised edition.

Solomon Westbrook and Esther Bevier had the following children baptized:

Page 117, Minisink church records, baptized Feb. 26, 1749, a son, Louis.

the witness Anthony Westbrook and Aeltje Van Etten, his wife, being the paternal grandparents of the child.

Page 120, baptized Nov. 4, 1750, a son, Moses, witnesses, Daniel Westfael and Maria Westbroeck, the paternal aunt and uncle of the child.

Page 124, baptized Dec. 29, 1751, a daughter, Aeltje, bap. Dec. 29, 1751, witnesses Jesse Bevier and Marytje Bevier. They had evidently made the long journey from New Paltz to be present at the baptism of this child.

Page 132, baptized Feb. 15, 1756, a son, William, witnesses Aert Midag and Arentje Van Etten.

We will discuss these children later.

The will of Solomon Westbrook is on file at Trenton, N. J., and we are indebted to Mrs. Dr. John Woolverton, of Trenton, for a copy of the same which reads as follows:

This will is dated Jan. 4, 1755, and proved Feb. 24, 1759. Inventory 509 pounds, three shillings and seven pence.

In the name of God, Amen, I, Solomon Westbrook, of Mathshepconk, in the County of Sussex, in the Province of East New Jersey, Miller, being very sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory and understanding (thanks be given to Almighty God therefore) and calling unto remembrance the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being before minded to settle my affairs before I depart this life, I do hereby make and ordain this, my last will and testament (to wit) First I give and resign up my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, Trusting to have an absolute pardon of all my sins through the mercy of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, my body I commend to the earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executors hereafter named and as touching the Disposition of all such temporal estate as the Lord in his mercy hath been pleased to intrust me with, all I do hereby give, devise, and bequeath and dispose thereof in manner and form following (that is to say) Imprimis I will and devise that my just debts and funeral charges be in the first place fully satisfied and paid.

Item, I give, devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Esther Westbrook, to be master and ruler of all my real and personal estate during the time she remains my widow and if she should see cause to sell my negro man she has hereby the power to sell the same so that she may apply the money to the benefit of my children and of herself during the time she remains my widow as aforesaid and if she comes to Mary (marry) she is to quit all claims of my real and personal estate.

Montague, N. J.

Their son, Arie Vredenberg, the subject of this sketch, was born 1709 and married Sara Rosenkrans, daughter of Dirk Rosenkrans and Wyntje Kiersted, and were the first of the family to settle in the Minisink region. They resided for a time presumably in Westfall Township (Pike Co., Pa.) and later removed to Shippeconk in Montague, Sussex County, N. J., near the smooth rocks. Arie Vredenberg was an elder in the Machackemeck Church (Port Jervis) 1741-1764.

Wilhelmus Vredenberg was a son of Arie Vredenberg and Sara Rosenkrans and was born at Kipsburg, Town of Rhinebeck, Columbia County, N. Y. His parents came to the Minisink country on or before 1737 and settled first in Westfall Township and then in Montague. Wilhelmus Vredenberg married Elizabeth VanGorden, daughter of Harmanus VanGorden and Elsje Cudebeck, Sept. 16, 1758. Each were residents of Shippeconk and lived in the old stone house near the smooth rocks, about two miles south of Port Jervis.

Y. The building is supposed to have been erected during the French and Indian War and was probably used as a fort.

The children of Wilhelmus Vredenberg and Elisabeth VanGarden and date of baptisms were:

Elsje, Jan., 1759; Arie (Aaron) April 20, 1760; Catrina, April 13, 1764; Benjamin, April 13, 1767; Daniel; Joshua, Oct. 17, 1773; Hezekiah.

Aaron Vredenberg married Sarah VanAken and was a local historian (Gumaer credits him with being the best early historian in the valley and I have sometimes wondered if Gumaer did not base his history of Deerpark on Aaron Vredenberg's work.)

Benjamin married Mary Case, Oct. 6, 1796. They lived on the homestead farm (where Middleton now lives and has the fortune teller) where they raised a family of children one of whom was Aaron Vredenberg, married Marie Dewitt, of the Wantage family whose ancestry the writer has and continued on the homestead for a time, and after their children were born they moved to Sparrowbush, N. Y. They were the parents of James A., Henry A., Moses D. and George W. Vredenberg or VanFredenberg as now spelled also Mrs. Katherine Fullerton, mother of the late Judge Benjamin Fullerton, of Orange County, and his sister, Mrs. Brainerd, of Texas.

It seems that Willem Isaaczen Vredenberg was living under the walls of Fort William Hendrick and the new fortification of New Orange and it becoming necessary to remove the house, Van Vredenberg was given the lot which is now No. 1 on the west side of Broadway (at what I think is State street) New York City, which he sold in 1678 to David Ackerman, having removed to Esopus the year previous. I think this will give our readers a fairly good idea of the Van Vredenberg family although there were some daughters of Aaron Vredenberg and Sara Rosenkrans, who married two Westbrook brothers, Major Samuel and Captain Peter, but they will be mentioned later in our Westbrook article, so that it is not necessary to mention them there.

The Van Vredenbergs like the VanNoy's and the VanGarden's were a numerous family in Montague in the early days, but like most families, I think you can hardly find one by that name in Montague at the present time, although of course there are plenty of descendants through daughters.

Lumberland and the D. & H. Canal. (Continued)

By J. W. Johnston, Deceased.
He (the panther) was rarely, if ever, affected by a sense of hunger, for the entire wilderness tribe were the objects of his easy prey and his means of subsistence was therefore ample. He would light from a tree or limb upon the back of a passing deer regardless of the speed and once in contact, the life of the unsuspecting deer was of short duration.

Very rarely if ever, hungry he had not for such reason, any desire to attack the human kind, and from the natural fear that man exerts over the animal tribe, he would flee from the presence, actively as the deer or others. So too, he would run from a dog that he could kill in a minute of time, until escape became easy by ascending a tree or a ledge of rock.

The panther excelled all other animals of this country in the length of his leap, frequently known to measure twenty to twenty-six feet, and yet as a runner he was not the most fleet. If his leaps were long they were comparatively slow and a fox in four times a deer and a catamount would outrun him, even a good running dog would worry the panther and drive him to the first accessible tree. My friend, Calvin Crane, hereafter especially mentioned

related to me and others an account of a panther and his leap as follows: Mr. Crane was on a certain occasion travelling the woods with his rifle and dog of large size and severe in his propensities towards animals, an extra hard runner besides. The dog started an animal unknown to Mr. Crane but he soon conceived by the barking of his dog that he had something of importance before him. Mr. Crane made all possible speed in the direction of the race and soon reached a height of ground where he saw a very large panther in full speed and the dog about 100 yards in the rear. The canine enemy being so near in the pursuit, doubtless the fugitive became desperate and in the race, coming to the top of a small ledge of rock, he sprang from the ledge into the crotch of an oak tree standing below and from the ledge.

The dog from after the habits of his kind, was barking at the foot of the tree, but the panther instinct taught him that the dog could not climb the tree. Mr. Crane approached within short range, fired at the panther, wounded him and he immediately fell from his chosen place of safety, but before reaching the ground caught in a smaller limb and there hung for a short time. Upon observing that the animal was not dead and alarmed for the fate of his dog if the creature fell to the earth, as was probable, Mr. Crane proceeded to reload his rifle with all possible speed, but before he could send a second bullet, the panther fell to the ground, and mangled the dog so that he died upon the spot. Mr. Crane then treated him with a second dose of lead which ended his ferocious life. The remarkable length of the ascending leap, induced Mr. Crane to carefully measure the distances which he found as follows:

Ledge four feet high, tree from ledge sixteen feet, height of crotch from ground, twenty-four feet, ground level from ledge to tree. Here then we have a right angled triangle, with the line of the panther's leap forming the hypotenuse, and the legs respectively sixteen and twenty feet and the hypotenuse or lead a trifle more than twenty-five and one-half feet. It seems incredible but with Mr. Crane as the author, dispute from those who knew him well, is forbidden.

(Continued Next Week.)

SEP 21 1934

THE WESTBROOK FAMILY GENEALOGY OF ULSTER, ORANGE, PIKE AND SUSSEX COUNTIES.

By W. J. Coulter, Middletown, N. Y.

(Continued From Last Week.)

Item—I give, devise and bequeath to my well beloved son, Lewis Westbrook and his heirs and assigns, all them eight acres of wood land, which were convey unto me by one Cornelius Brink by a certain indenture bearing the date the second day of January which may appear by the same because he is my eldest son for birth. Item—I give, devise and bequeath unto my said well beloved son, Lewis Westbrook and his heirs and assigns, all the just and equal moiety or half part of all my personal estate.

Item—I give, devise and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter, Altia Westbrook, her heirs and assigns all the other just and equal moiety or half part of all my said personal estate to be equally divided among my said son and daughter when my

daughter comes to the age of twenty-one years.

Lastly I do hereby make, nominate and constitute and appoint my worthy father, Anthony Westbrook and my loving brother, Gideon Westbrook both of the same County, my executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke, frustrate, disannul and make void all former and other wills and testaments, legacies, bequests and executors by me heretofore formerly made Rattifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have here unto sett my hand and seal this fourth day of January annog domi 1755.

Solomon Westbrook.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the Testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at his request subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.

his
Cornelis (X) Brinck, Jun.
mark
Jacob Westbrook
William Ennes.
1755

As was his usual custom, the last witness always placed the year below his signature. (The writer has copied this custom on legal papers.)

The writer's attention was called about a year ago, to a rude field stone on the farm of Halsey Westbrook, Huguenot Road, near Port Jervis, N. Y. This farm belonged to Capt. Johannes Westbrook, who was a brother to Solomon Westbrook above. It would appear from the place where this tombstone was found that Wilhelmus Westbrook must have died while on a visit to his brother, for how else can we account for his tombstone being found on his brother's farm at least seven miles from where Solomon Westbrook lived? There were plenty of places where they buried much nearer his residence.

What became of his wife, Esther Bevier or when she died, the writer has no record, although we presume there is a record somewhere in existence.

There used to be a very ancient cemetery at Millville, Montague, N. J., but it has disappeared many years ago and we presume many of our early Westbrooks were buried there.

We are able to account for all of the family of Solomon Westbrook and Esther Bevier except Moses Westbrook and we presume he died because there is no mention made of him in any further records. However, you must understand we cannot be absolutely certain about that.

Louis Westbrook, the first son and oldest child, did not live to marry and have children. The Adjutant General's office shows him as serving as a private, Sussex County militia and being killed by the Indians in 1781. See our previous article on the attack made by the Indians on Capt. Abram Shiner on April 22, 1781, as quoted from the New Jersey Journal of May 19, 1781. The Westbrooks are mentioned as being killed.

The second son of Solomon Westbrook and Esther Bevier was Gideon Westbrook, who was killed in the French and Indian War, which Mr. Brink's indenture has been kind enough to tell us as follows: "Gideon Westbrook, son of Solomon Westbrook, was killed in the French and Indian War."

Inventory of the Estate of Lewis Westbrook, a son of Solomon Westbrook, deceased, taken by the writer, on the 10th day of June, 1881. A true and correct copy of the inventory of the estate of Lewis Westbrook, a son of Solomon Westbrook, deceased, taken by the writer, on the 10th day of June, 1881, is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of the original inventory of the estate of Lewis Westbrook, a son of Solomon Westbrook, deceased, taken by the writer, on the 10th day of June, 1881.

Approved, Solomon Westbrook, one of the appraisers of the estate of Lewis Westbrook, deceased, being duly sworn and qualified as a justice of the peace, and acting as such, on the 10th day of June, 1881.

set down and appraised according to the best of his standing and brook the other ent at the same in all things at that they appraised were brought to praisment.

Letters of estate of Lewis 1781.

Altia Jobs within named the Holy Evangelist, did deposit brook, died with she knows and and that she w minister all and chattels and c which have or hands or possession of any other for her use and and exhibit u office, a true a of the sd goods and credits and true account of

Alt

Sworn at N June, 1781, before William Westbrook of Solomon and brook, we believe the Indians at brother, Lewis, General's office tation. William a private in the tia, and was killed.

This leaves of brook, who as married Joseph Job the Minisink married by S. P., 1776, Sept. Aeltie Westbrook Journal says th on their raid of that they made about thirteen later abandoned little girl, etc. could not have l old because the until 1777 and t 1781, unless the another child th living there.

After the death Aeltie Westbrook second husband brook, who was also a Revolutionary him she had a l dren, all of who able to identify.

On Feb. 19, 17 brook, her second guardian of her jobs, wherein W Mountagu, Coun of New Jersey, y Chambers (Shir place yeoman-b William Livinga orner and Comr New Jersey Cour

Orphans Cour Feb. 19, 1730, Westbrook, gus Jobs, an infant fourteen years t would be of this We will trust Westbrook Job's band, Wilhelmus his branch of th

This concludes a son of Westbr who so far as a of this time, as Somewhere in the baptism of t family Westbr Aeltie, Vanlute Westbrook, who Faltz, Ulster C

JUN 21 1935

THE WESTBROOK FAMILY GENEALOGY OF ULSTER, ORANGE, PIKE AND SUSSEX COUNTIES.

By W. J. Coulter, Middletown, N. Y.

(Continued From Last Week)

Further quotations from Brooklyn, Pa. history: John Thompson Perry, a wagon maker came to Brooklyn, Pa. about 1847, from Sussex County, N. J., wife, Nancy Lewis; children: David C., Harriett (Mrs. Rufin) Wm. L., Sarah J. (Mrs. J. W. Adams) J. Ann, (Mrs. McVicar, and Eliza B. (Mrs. O. M. Dalloway).

Alfred Titworth above, married Ann E., a daughter of Amos J. and Julia (Davison) Smith. He was at one time in the mercantile business with his brother Dewitt.

Benjamin W. VanAuker came with his father, Isaac, from New Jersey in 1829. In 1834 married Susan Safford, daughter of Elisha Safford; children, J. Tracy, of Scranton, Pa.; Sidney, a soldier of Oswego, N. Y.; Courtlandt, a soldier, of Oswego, N. Y.; Willis G. VanAuker, of Saginaw, Mich., and Levi D. VanAuker. Rubie E., a daughter of Tracy, lives with her grandmother and Uncle Levi. Isaac VanAuker married Elizabeth Courtwright, in 1795, bought 115 acres of Z. Sulliff in 1829, children, Jacob, Phebe, Saleche (Mrs. Samuel Williams) Abraham, Amos, Benjamin W., above. Isaac VanAuker, son of Amos VanAuker, married Mary A., daughter of Lyman Ely. Lyman Ely came with his father, Zelop in 1814. Lyman Ely married Bathsheba, daughter of Thomas Giles and childrer were, Mary A., wife of Isaac VanAuker.

Eliza E. Westbrook, daughter of George Westbrook and Eleanor M. Courtwright, was born June 27, 1817, at probably Sandyston, N. J., died Jan. 26, 1904, married April 2, 1837, at Brooklyn, Pa., we believe, to John S. Williams, born June 11, 1817, at Brooklyn, Susquehanna County, Pa., died Jan. 4, 1874, at Springville, Pa. John S. Williams and Eliza E. Westbrook had the following children:

George L. Williams, born July 7, 1838.

William M. Williams, died young.

Lacy E. Williams, died young.

Thankful A. Williams, died young.

Henry B. Williams, born Feb. 23, 1845.

Daniel G. Williams, born March 5, 1848.

Erastus P. Williams, born May 13, 1850.

Luke A. Williams, born March 8, 1853, died April 16, 1904.

Warren K. Williams, died young.

John C. Williams, born Aug. 23, 1857.

1: George L. Williams, born July 7, 1838, lived at Chillicothe, Missouri, married Dec. 25, 1860, Mary, daughter of Brink and Polly Whited Canfield, born March 23, 1844. Their children were: (a) Everett B. Williams, died; (b) Myrtle U. Williams, born Dec. 17, 1866, married Edward Seise, Nov. 24, 1886, son of Otis Seise. They had Mosell Williams Seise, born Jan. 10, 1887; Claud, born Aug. 15, 1890; Eugene, died young; Pearl Seise, died young; Viola Seise, born March 12, 1901. (c) Ernest F. Williams, died young; (d) Gertrude A. Williams, born May 23, 1872, married May 6, 1894, Charles A. Cheyney, son of Daniel and Sadie Shorthorse Cheyney, born Aug. 11, 1864. Their children were: Loveta, born May 13, 1895; Helen, born 1900. (e) George Eugene Williams, born Nov. 10, 1874, married Sept. 12, 1898, Elizabeth Silk. (f) Augusta D. Williams, born Sept. 10, 1877, married June 8, 1902.

2: Henry B. Williams, of Hopbottom, Penn., married Jan. 3, 1871, Rachel P., daughter of Isaac S. and Catherine Reed Kinney, of Dimock, Pa., born Jan. 18, 1851, in Warren County, N. Y., no children.

3: Daniel G. Williams, born March 5, 1848, married in 1876, Etta, daughter of Lewis and Mary Randall Heck, born June 1, 1857. They had children: Jesse Williams Heck, born Nov. 27, 1876, married first, Nov. 27, 1898, Maud, daughter of Albert C. and Mariah Meilen Bailey. She died and he married second, July 16, 1903, Lixie, daughter of John and Elizabeth Adams Lunville, died Jan. 17, 1909, by his first wife he had Chester Lee, born Jan. 31, 1900, and by second wife, Etta, born Aug. 16, 1904.

(b) Fred Williams, born Feb. 9, 1879, died young. (c) Maud E. Williams, born March 5, 1884, married Feb. 27, 1904, William Riley Moore, son of William R. and Nancy Jones Moore. They had children: Eugene, born April 27, 1905, and Harris, born Dec. 4, 1907. (d) Frank Williams, born died young. (e) Henry Williams, born March 22, 1900. (f) Gordon Williams, died young.

4: Erastus P. Williams, of Meadville, Mo., born May 13, 1850, at Springville, Pa., married March 8, 1876, Eliza J., daughter of Lewis and Barbara Nofsinger Heck had a son, Earl, born May 12, 1886.

5: Luke A. Williams, of Madyville, Mo., died at that place on April 16, 1904, married Sept. 23, 1877, Pauline J., daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Haley Lake, of Palmyra, Mo., born May 31, 1853, at Palmyra, Mo. Children: Idalie, born May 9, 1879, married Robert F. Alexander, born May 29, 1884. (b) Roy E., died young. (d) Edyth E., born May 18, 1882, married July 3, 1907, George Washington Boley, of Chillicothe, Mo., son of Samuel F. and Charlotte M. Langley Boley, born Jan. 6, 1881, at Bedford, Mo., had one child, Anita Louise born July 24, 1908, died young; Guy E., born July 23, 1885.

6: John C. Williams, of Chillicothe, Mo., born Aug. 23, 1857, married first Ella McMullen, died 1887, married second in 1890, Nellie Eldridge. Children: Claud, born Sept. 1, 1883; Goldie, born 1891; Ethylene, born 1895, and Hazel, born 1898. This completes the list of descendants of Eliza Westbrook and John S. Williams.

We hope to have some further data on other branches of this family later.

This brings us to the last child of Benjamin Westbrook and his wife, Catherine Westbrook, namely, Abram Westbrook, baptized April 9, 1762. His tombstone in the Milford Pa. cemetery reads: In memory of Abraham Westbrook, who died Feb. 15, 1844, aged 81 years, 11 months, 8 days. This you will note, would make his birth date as March 7, 1762, or just a month and two days old when he was baptized. Of the early life of Abram Westbrook we do not know much about, except that when he was fourteen years of age, the Revolutionary War began and we presume he like all others in the Minisink Valley, had to bear arms from that time on. In fact when his uncle, Capt. Peter Westbrook was killed at the Battle of Conasaugh as is mentioned in the Pike County, Pa. history, he was with his uncle right up to the time of retreat. He went one way and the uncle the other. Abram got away and the uncle was scalped and his remains found on the battle field later. Abram as a young man of 27 years, was married by Deminie VanBunschoten on July 26, 1789, to Janette VanAken. I am not prepared to state at this time, of which branch of the VanAken family she was a member of. She could be of the Montague, the Pike County or the Town of Deepark, because Abram Westbrook was probably well acquainted with all of these several branches.

The baptisms of their children are found in the Minisink Church records as follows:

Page 197—Baptized April 25, 1790, a daughter, Maria, born Feb. 13, 1790.

Page 206—Baptized Nov. 16, 1794, a daughter, Catrina, born Oct. 18, 1794.

Page 212—Baptized June 24, 1798, a daughter, Sarah, born June 14, 1798; witnesses Aaron VanVredenberg and Sarah VanAken, which would lead us to believe that Janette VanAken was probably a descendant of Isaac VanAken and his wife, Miss Dewitt, of Montague.

Page 215—Baptized March 29, 1801, a son, Solomon, born Dec. 28, 1800; witnesses: Wilhelmus Westbrook Aalejt Westbrook, the uncle and aunt of the child.

Page 223—Baptized Aug. 8, 1807, a son, Wilhelmus, born Dec. 18, 1804.

In addition they had a son, Benjamin, who was born Aug. 1, 1792, but so far as we can find, is not mentioned in the Church baptisms.

This makes a total of six children and possibly more, that this couple had. During the period when these children were little tots Abraham Westbrook lived on the old Westbrook farm located on what is now the Clove road, being the northerly one of the two Walnwright farms in Montague, and we understand that they traded this farm for the farm which he later owned and is still owned by his great-granddaughters in Westfall Township, Pike Co., Pa., located on the main line of the new State road which is now being built and which runs directly through the center of the farm.

Unfortunately the old family Bible, we are told, was destroyed by fire many years ago, when the homestead burned up, so that unless one of the children had a copy of this Bible, the perfect record of the family has been lost, which is unfortunate to say the least.

I have not found a will of Abraham Westbrook, so I presume the Pike County farm passed to his son, Benjamin, known always as Long Benny Westbrook by reason of his tall stature, either by gift or purchase.

Marie or Mary Westbrook, the first child of Abram, Jane, as she was always known, married Peter VanNoy, of Montague, son of Joseph VanNoy, the Revolutionary Soldier, who is buried in Machackemack Cemetery at Port Jervis, N. Y. The descendants of Mary Westbrook and Peter VanNoy have been discussed at some length in our articles of Dec. 4, 1931, to Jan. 8, 1932, so we will not attempt to repeat the same here.

We might say that Russell VanNoy, descendant of Peter and Mary, of Matamoras and Albany, N. Y., married a Miss Newbury and they have a daughter, Laura Roxie VanNoy, about nine months old. Mrs. VanNoy comes of a very old family and we hope to have something to say about her people a little later.

Mr. VanNoy is associated with the North American Cement Co., 285 Madison Ave., New York City. His wife, I believe, is the proprietor of the Ivy Gift Shop in Albany, N. Y.

Benjamin A. Westbrook, the next child in order of age, of Abram Westbrook and Jane VanAken, married as per page 279 of the Minisink Church records, on July 8, 1820, Mary Nearpass, who was the daughter of John Nearpass and Mary Squirrel (although the Nearpass family have usually called her Mary Inkhorn) and the granddaughter of Jacob Nearpass from Germany and his wife, Ann Maria Rakien. As we have stated in our article of November, 1933, Jacob lived to the good old age of 90 years and is buried in Machackemack Cemetery, Port Jervis, N. Y. Doctor W. L. Cuddeback on page 221 of the Cuddeback history, has stated that John Nearpass was the first of the family to come to America. However, it was Jacob, and that he was a Major in the Revolutionary War and was at one time a prisoner at Beaver Brook. If Jacob Nearpass received a pension

about making but-
ted. She says I
to the factory.
No. 1 said she put
for the men. I
shering back from
through the house,
rent part, the fam-
art. This seems to
data we want to
letters, the rest
private matters.
ee dated April 22,
ews Bros. Middle-
carpass Bros. Port
and it says: Carpet
manufacturers of La-
in's Travelling bags
wholesale and re-
kinds of carpets, oil
etc.

story of the Village
Y., printed in 1857
uck, the newspaper
downtown, N. Y., we
article in regard to
factory.
and pioneers in the
adles' Satchels were
nt, who first com-
ss at Windham Cen-
y, N. Y., in 1843.
t that year amounted
.000.00 but increased
in 1851 they reached
1853 they removed
Middletown and pur-
brick building corner
t Streets, adjacent to
ks.

(Next Week)

31 1936

BOOK FAMILY GENE- ULSTER, ORANGE, AND SUSSEX COUNTIES.

ter, Middletown, N. Y.

From Last Week)

e following letter from
Utter McKellips, 2447
y, Berkeley, California.
Mr. Coulter—You may
writing to you in 1934
getting a copy of my
John Utter's birth cer-
referred me to Mr. Mar-
Bevans, N. J., and I
ut never received any
ed it was impossible to
edicate as there were no
records at that date. I
ng on the family history
xious to get a copy of
record of my great-
John Utter, Sr. and
I am quite sure they
in Orange County, N.
first two children were
My grandfather, the sec-
born in January, 1811,
father and mother were
at 1697 or 1808. When
ther was an infant, the
d to New Jersey, where
children were born in Sus-
When a young man my
went to Indiana where
wed and died. I shall be
pay for a copy of this
Sr. marriage record. I
chart showing the de-
William Utter, a Revolu-
tionary. He and all his
went to New Jersey. I
be able to help me. Then
William Utter married Jane
1771 at Salem, N. Y. This
the Connecticut line in
County; there is also a
Washington and Chautauque
they had children, Joseph,
John Sr., Simeon, Re-
bueh. John Sr. married
an. Their son, John Jr.,
became Glasgow in Indiana
the name Russell D., mar-

ried Charity Bolster in Indiana in
1870 and their daughter is Mrs. Mc-
Kellips. She says I have found the
names of most of Wm. Utter's grand-
children and whom they married, also
names of some of their children.

Some one wrote that they thought
John Utter, Sr. lived near Newburgh,
N. Y., when a young man. All the
Utter's I have come across in New
York State during the Revolution
served in the 3rd Dutchess County
Regiment which of course was just
above Westchester County. Can any
of our readers be of any help to this
lady? Certainly some one ought to
have a clue to this question. If so
Mrs. McKellips will be most happy
to hear from you.

William E. Westbrook says that the
History of Boone County, Missouri,
published in 1882, has a sketch of Ed-
win Ruthven Westbrook born 1835, a
son of Cornelius Westbrook and Betsy
Goodrich, of New York, who em-
igrated to Ohio in 1833. He came to
Missouri in 1852, first settling in
Clay County and later moving to
Boone County. We would like very
much to have a copy of that sketch.
We know who Edwin Ruthven West-
brook was but we would like to con-
tact his descendants and also the
brothers and sisters of Edwin and
also his aunts and uncles, the family
originally lived in Sussex County
along the Delaware River, in what is
now Sandyston Township.

Mr. Westbrook also says that a
sketch of Dr. George Wesley West-
brook, of St. Louis, born 1861, a son
of Lewis Westbrook and Elizabeth
Baldwin, who were natives of Illinois
appears in Stevens Centennial His-
tory of Missouri, Volume V, page 499
and 500. We would like to know
more about him.

Under date of Dec. 8, 1935, William
E. Westbrook, who has been a won-
derful help to us in the compilation
of this Westbrook history, writes: In
line with your suggestion in the
Wantage Recorder of December 6th,
I have examined the papers I have on
the Kittle Branch. I do find page 86,
History of Randolph County (Va.,
1916. The following pensioners of
the Revolutionary War were living in
Randolph County in 1840, Jacob Kittle
aged 84. On the pension list in 1835,
Jacob Kittle, New Jersey militia, aged
77, page 51. The records of the De-
cember term 1795, indicate there was
an Indian scare in the Valley in that
year. At that term of Court an al-
lowance for patrolling Leading Creek
was made to Jacob Kittle. I am un-
able to show who his parents were.
He must be the same Jacob Kittle
shown in the Pension List for West-
ern District of Virginia living 1840.

Some of the Kittle matter you have
published from your own source, some
has been sent to me by William
Kittle living in Washington, D. C.,
which you have also given in your ar-
ticles. Mr. Kittle has sent me some
more material on this branch. I have
been intending to arrange this ma-
terial in some sort of order. Since you
have not given any data on Simeon
Kittle, the brother to Blandina Kittle,
who married Nehemiah Westbrook, I
do not know whether you desire all
the Kittle material we have or not.
If you want me to set it up as best I
can, kindly let me know. (We cer-
tainly do by all means.) There has
been published privately, I believe, a
different branch of the Kittle History
which shows very little Westbrook
data. The writer has never seen this.

On October 2, 1919, Judge Warren
B. Kittle, of the 19th Judicial District
of West Virginia, wrote William
Kittle as follows: My father's name
was George M. Kittle, who was the
son of Cyrus Kittle, who was the son
of Elijah Kittle, who was the son of
Abraham Kittle, Jr., who was the son
of Abraham Kittle, Sr., the first in
Randolph County, West Virginia. This
Abraham, Sr., was according to your
data, born in New Jersey 1731 or
1732. Married Christina (Westfall)

December 30, 1754, and came to Ran-
dolph County, Virginia, about 1781.
because I have seen a deed recorded
in that County by which he acquired
real estate in that year. He died in
1815. Thus it is plain that all the
Kittles are Hollanders, who came to
the Dutch settlement in New York
and New Jersey some time in the six-
teenth century (this should be the
eighteenth century). I will if you
desire it, look up the descendants of
Abraham Kittle, Sr. and send them
to you (we would be pleased to have
these; see our remarks which follow).
There is still living a great many of
his descendants throughout West Vir-
ginia. They intermarried with most
of the early settlers of Randolph
County and were Indian fighters, sol-
diers in all wars, and officers of every
description, my grandfather, Cry-
Kittle, having alone held fourteen
offices in Randolph County. I have
observed that some of the Kittles who
live in the West are members of the
American Bar Association as well as
myself.

Mr. Kittle of today asks: Was the
Abraham Kittle, who was born in
1732 in Sussex County, N. J., and who
married Christina Westfall there in
1754, the ancestor of the West Vir-
ginia branch? Abraham Kittle went
from New Jersey to West Virginia
and to Randolph County. He died in
1816, aged 85 years, history of Ran-
dolph County, West Virginia, pages
191, 231, 224. This record is confirm-
ed by Waldo genealogy, volume No.
1, pages 423-27. This concludes the
quotation.

This communication presents a very
interesting problem which we will
now proceed to enlarge upon. In our
article of Aug. 3, 1934, we said the
first Kittle of our record was Jerom-
ias Kittle, who married Catharina
Gudens. His son, Jeremia Kittle,
married Elizabeth Claessen. Their
son, Ritsert Kittle, married Rachel
VanDuten and their son, Abraham
Kittle, married Aug. 30, 1754, Chris-
tina Westfall, daughter of Johannes
Westfall and Appolonia Kortrecht
(Courtright) see article in Church
Life, Port Jervis, N. Y., February,
1894, by Deacon W. H. Nearpass. Now
let us see who Johannes Westfall and
his wife, Appolonia Kortrecht, were.
We will discuss Appolonia Kortrecht
first. On page 34 of the Courtright
history by Abbott, she is listed as the
daughter of Jan Kortright and Ma-
r. VanVredenberg. She had three broth-
ers, Willem, who married Margaret
Jansen; Hendrick Courtright, who
married Gerritjen VanBunschoten
(see VanBunschoten Family History)
and Arien or Aaron Courtright, who
married Elizabeth Cool or Cole as we
now call it.

Jan Kortright, father of Appolonia,
was the son of Hendrick Jansen Kort-
right and Catharine Hansen. Hen-
drick Jansen came from Holland with
his father, Jan, in the Spicard Gow
in 1663.

On the Westfall side let us see
what Deacon Nearpass says in the
April, 1891, issue of Church Life, re-
ceived on confession of faith in the
presence of elders of Menistink June
19, 1745, No. 28—Johannes Westfall;
No. 29, Appolonia Kortrecht, his wife.
The Johannes Westfall above referred
to was the eldest son of Jurian West-
fall or Westphalen and Syng-
a (Christina) VanKuykendall and was
born at Menistink (Menistink) and
baptized June 21, 1711, as given in
the Kingston Church records, from
which books most of the data for this
article was gathered. In Church af-
fairs Johannes Westfall occupied an
influential position. In 1746 the year
following that in which he united
with the Church, he was elected a
deacon of the Menistink Church and
afterwards Elder, which latter posi-
tion he is recorded as filling as late
as 1771. The children of Johannes
Westfall and Appolonia Kortrecht
were nine in number.

Following are the dates of their
baptism (we have not checked these
dates but can do so if any of our

readers wish it): Daniel, May 28,
1733; Christina, May 19, 1736; Jurian,
May 29, 1739; Johannes, June 28,
1741; Lisabeth, April 23, 1744; Jo-
hannes, 2nd, July 5, 1747; Hendrick,
March 24, 1749; Samuel, March 24,
1749; Joseph, Oct. 6, 1751.

In the early settlement of the ter-
ritory covered by the ancient church
organizations of Menistink and Mac-
hackamech, there were no families
more numerous than those bearing
the name of Westfall which was vari-
ously spelled (in no less than twelve
different ways). On the books of the
two Churches alone between the years
1737 and 1800, over seventy heads of
families are recorded and most of
these families were good-sized ones.
Their descendants are widely scatter-
ed throughout the United States, and
there is hardly an old family in this
section today whose ancestral tree has
not numerous branches bearing the
name of Westfall.

The progenitors of the Westfalls
in America was Jurian Westphal or
Van Westphalen. His name indicates
that he emigrated to this country
from Westphalen of Westphalia. His
wife was Meritje Hansen. He was
one of the first settlers of Ulster
County, locating there prior to 1687,
as in the description of certain lands
purchased of the Indians in 1684 and
patented in 1687, one of its bounds
was described as a little hill which
separated it from the land where
Jurian Van Westphalen now lives.

Johannes Westphal, son of Jurian
Westphal and Meritje Hansen, was
born at Fox Hall, the manor of Thomas
as Chambers in Kingston, and mar-
ried Maritje Jacobs Cool or Cole. The
children of Johannes Westphal and
Maritje Cool were Jurian bap. April
27, 1684, married first Christina Van-
Kuykendall and second Maritjen
(Maria) Koddebek, daughter of the
emigrant, Jacob Koddebek, of Menis-
ting (Deerpark).

The James Clark Family of Union- ville, N. Y.

James Clark served as a Lieutenant
(New Jersey) Captain El- Margel
Company, Colonel Joseph Cook's re-
giment, State of Connecticut. Prisoner
of War on Long Island from as early
as Sept. 13, 1777, to as late as Octo-
ber 30, 1778.

James Clark, Somerset County,
served as a private, Captain John Sa-
bring's Company, first Regiment,
Somerset County militia; in active
service from the 8th to the 14th of
June, 1780; received certificate No.
178, dated May 10, 1784, signed by
William Verbruyck, for \$20.52, de-
preciation of his continental pay in
the Somerset County militia.

James Clark served as a private
first Regiment, Essex County militia,
under Captains Benjamin Laing, John
Scudder, Joseph Horton and Mar-
tinius Potter; served monthly tour
from 1777 to 1780; on rolls Captain
Laing's Company Sept. 26, 1777; and
Captain Scudder's Company, Oct. 1,
1777, with at battle of Connecticut
Farm, New Jersey, June 7, 1780, and
Springfield, N. J., June 23, 1780, re-
ceived certificates signed by Thomas
Clark for the depreciation of his con-
tinental pay in the Essex County
militia, as follows: No. 848, dated
Aug. 2, 1784, for \$133.4 and No. 851
dated Aug. 3, 1784, for \$32.54. Re-
ceived Essex County, New Jersey
born Newark Township, Essex Coun-
ty, N. J., Feb. 22, 1762, resided in
Newark Township, Essex County,
1832.

James Clark received from David
Marsh, Quartermaster, Railway, Cer-
tificate No. 328, dated March 15, 1780,
for \$429.00 (Continued).

James Clark, Cumberland County,
served as private, Captain Abel Wy-
man's Company, second Regiment,
New Jersey Continental Line; re-
listed April 4, 1780. Transferred to
Captain Cyrus DeHart's Company
(DeHart). Detached from Capt.
DeHart's Company to Capt. Jonathan
Holmes' Company, light infantry
second regiment private Capt. Cy-
DeHart's Company, second Regiment

wagon load of dead pigeons pass through our village enroute to Poughkeepsie, where they usually sold for ten shilling a dozen. One of the principal shippers was Muna Decker, who lived and caught his birds in the Trapps neighborhood.

Most of the pigeons that came our way were hatched in the beechwoods of Sullivan County. The first to appear in the morning crossing here eastward toward the Hudson River, would be the males with their reddish breast. After their return home they would hover the nest while the females hatched and had their flight. A very interesting feature about their nesting, was the instinct of sanitation shown in building their nests. Some trees might have fifty or more nests but never one built directly under another.

In concluding my story I might add that the most remarkable thing of all, is how rapidly those millions of pigeons disappeared, which, so far, after intense investigation by our Government, has never been very satisfactorily explained.

The Government now has a very liberal reward to offer to anyone producing a pair of genuine old fashioned wild pigeons.

To us this was a very interesting explanation, because we have often pondered on the reason for their disappearance, after hearing our parents tell about them.

The fact that they nested in the beechwoods was a new one to us, why in the beechwoods. Of course, most of the beech were cut down in Sullivan County by the middle 80's. Was there something about beech which was necessary to their existence. Have any of our readers anything to add to this sketch?

Judge Anthony Westbrook Line—Canadian Branch.

Through the courtesy of Mr. William E. Westbrooke, of Jefferson-Barracks, Missouri, we have a very nice set up of the descendants of Andrew Westbrook, a great-grandson of Judge Anthony Westbrook, and inasmuch as it is very complete, we will give it in full, although in some measure it is ground we have already covered. Quote:

Anthony Jansen Westbrook, first found at Albany, colony of New York, 1659, his wife, Ornelie Dirck. Of their children a son, Johannes Westbrook.

Johannes Westbrook, born in Albany, married Magdalena Janse Dekker. Banns recorded 12 May, 1687. Page 509, Kingston Church, marriage No. 84. Of their children, a son, Antoni Westbrook, baptized April 17, 1692. Baptism No. 702.

Will of Johannes Westbrook, of Knightsfield (Warwarsing) Liber 10, page 422, Ulster County wills in dated Jan. 25, 1725/6, names "my eldest son, Anthony, will proved April 10, 1727, (the same in collections of New York Historical Society, 1893, page 382. The same Vol. 2, N. Y. B. & G. R., page 202. The same in Ulster County Probate records, Vol. 2, 1906, by Gustave Anjou, page 112.)

Antoni Westbrook, baptized April 17, 1692, married Aeltjen Van Etten, of Hurley, April 30, 1704. Page 529, Kingston marriage No. 313. Of their children, a son, Johannes Westbrook, born at Nytsfield, baptized Feb. 24, 1717. Page 118, Kingston baptism No. 2477.

Will of Anthony Westbrook (305) at Trenton, N. J., dated June 25, 1755, proved Feb. 24, 1759, names son, Johannes Westbrook.

Johannes Westbrook, Junior, married Magdalena Westbrook, March 31, 1756, page 265, Minisink Church. Of their children a son, Antonie Westbrook, born Sept. 2, 1738, bapt. 31, 1738. Page 99 Minisink Church.

Antonie Westbrook married Sara Decker. Of their children a son, Andrew Westbrook, born or bapt. June 17, 1773, Aendera.

American Archives Fourth Series

Vol. 2, 1840, page 530; Signers in Goshen, Orange County, New York Associations, June 8, 1775, Samuel Westbrook, Anthony Westbrook (brothers).

On page 258, New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Vol. 11, 1904, under Estates Confiscated, is shown Anthony Westbrook.

The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada, by the United Empire Loyalists, 1885, gives on page 272, Appendix B, Copy of the old U. E. List. Anthony Westbrook, Residence H. District. A wife and four children. (Provision List Niagara) Stamped Book, Niagara. Page 330, shows Andrew Westbrook, son of Anthony.

American Loyalists. Audit office Papers. Vol. 4, page 109, Claims Received too late. Anthony Westbrook (New York) gives memorial statement of losses of effects with affidavit sworn 28, April, 1786. Inventory of effects belonging to Sarah Westbrook sold by commissioners of State of New York and certified as sold as confiscated effects of claimant who was with the British at the time of the sale. Samuel Westbrook and Mary Westbrook, 18 June, 1786. (Anthony Westbrook had a brother Samuel, who married Maria Van Auker).

Eighteenth Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario, 1929, Grants of Crown Lands in Upper Canada, page 77, 28th June, 1794. Alexander and Sarah Westbrook, Petitioners are the son and widow of a loyalist who served during the War in the Indian Department under Captain Brant. Prays for four hundred acres of land in the Township of Ancaster. Ordered that the same be granted.

Nineteenth Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario, 1930. Grants of Crown Lands in Upper Canada, page 45, Petitions read on the 18th July, 1796, No. 121. Andrew Westbrook, Stating that he is son to Anthony Westbrook, who served with Captain Westbrook during the American War, and praying for 400 acres of land, having never received any. Recommended for 300 acres on producing a certificate for service.

History of the County of Brant, Ontario, 1920, Vol. 1, page 253. Another son of Anthony Westbrook was Andrew, who became quite celebrated for his exploits during the war of 1812. He deserted to the United States forces and in 1815 was attainted for high treason for aiding and assisting the enemy, making prisoners of his Majesty's liege subjects and compelling them to take an oath of neutrality. By this attaint he forfeited approximately 4,000 acres of land situated in what is now Western Ontario. Andrew Westbrook is said to have been the subject of a novel by Major John Richardson, the Canadian author, entitled "Westbrook," or the "Outlaw," which was published in New York.

If our readers wish to see what we have already published on this branch refer to August to October, 1933, February to April, Inc., 1934, and October, 1934, also one later article, which also goes along with our present sketch.

The narratives, as follows, are from the history of St. Clair County, Michigan. Its History and Its People, by William Lee Jenks, Vol. 1, 1912.

Page 160. The settlers on the border of Lake and River St. Clair were, at the breaking out of the War, compelled to remove all their stock of horses, cattle and hogs to Detroit (to protect such from the Indians) where all were consumed, and while many were deliberating how and where they were to be supplied, Captain Andrew Westbrook went to the State of Ohio and purchased cattle, selecting such as were most required to meet the immediate wants of the inhabitants. This he continued to do until they all were supplied. As Captain Westbrook was in his day a very prominent man in St. Clair County, I

(Aurora P. Stewart, born Canandaigua, N. Y., 29 May, 1804) will here mention a few incidents of his life. Before the War with England he was a wealthy farmer and business man, residing near the Moravian town on the River Thames. In his immediate neighborhood there lived one Major Tawaby, who was an aspirant for Government favors. At the breaking out of the War, the British Government took immediate steps to organize the militia of Canada, and at such organization Tawaby received a Major's commission, and Westbrook was offered a captain's commission under Tawaby, which he indignantly refused. Westbrook was born in the State of New York, and his sympathies were with the American cause, and he, on the appointment of his enemy, Tawaby, determined to leave Canada and join the Americans; he had counted the consequences of this act, and knowing that the confiscation of his valuable property would follow, he collected his goods together, and all that he could not remove, he burned with his house and barn.

On Westbrook's arrival in Detroit, he stated his case to Governor Hull and received a captain's commission, and was found to be a very useful man in the commissary department in collecting supplies for the troops. There were many reconnoitering parties sent up the River Thames during the War, or before the surrender of Detroit, and Captain Westbrook was a valuable guide to such parties. On one of these expeditions, Captain Westbrook, learning that Major Tawaby was at home, surrounded his house and took him prisoner. The hatred that Westbrook and Tawaby bore toward each other was mutual and violent. After this reconnoitering party had gone into camp for the night, and all the guns stacked, Tawaby seized a musket and made a lunge at Westbrook with intent to kill him, but in the act he stumbled and the bayonet entered Westbrook's boot. For this act Tawaby was put in irons until he reached Detroit. Captain Westbrook at the close of the War, purchased a farm of a Frenchman joining the Recor farm, and other lands adjoining, from which he made one of the best farms then in St. Clair County.

Our first representatives in Congress from the territory of Michigan made known to that body the loss of Captain Westbrook's property in Canada, and on such representation an act was passed granting him two sections of land, which he selected mostly in the Township of Clay, in St. Clair County, which lands passed through several purchases, and now comprises the valuable farms of Sara and Dana Richardson. (The same in M. P. & H. C. Vol. 1, page 433.)

Pioneers of St. Clair County. Through the influence of Major Tawaby, Captain Westbrook was imprisoned twice. The first charge was that Hull's proclamation was found in his house, which was not considered sufficient evidence to hold him. The second time, a false charge was framed to imprison him. He was released by friends to escape to Detroit. (Note: Captain Westbrook's property was not confiscated until 1781, and afterwards, and it was proposed to the heirs, that if they would renounce and become English subjects, the property would be restored. (Page 160.)

Page 160. First County Commissioners. Shortly after the organization of the County, George Case performed the duty of organizing the County Commissioners. He selected Andrew Westbrook, George Cottrell and John A. Smith. This was a trio of notable men. Andrew Westbrook was a native of Massachusetts, born 1738, and was a captain taken by the British in 1777. When the war came on, he came with his family to St. Clair County, where he lived on the farm.

as he grew to middle considerable wealth, acres of land, and including a distillery, have been in those common property. When broke out he was elected as Captain in militia, but refused and offered his services to Hull, which were performed many as Captain of Scouts.

The British office the time contain from the traitor "Westbrook" almost invariably to after leaving his American Army, his destroyed by the British of American to bring away such personal property. Westbrook accompanied as the enemy was on fire to his buildings prevent their use by landed property, paid over thirteen was confiscated by ernment. He had children, and after the St. Clair River chased two private and 303, in what is of East China, and largest and most in the district. (1) dollars was a lot of farmer to own in the

He became a colonel in the County other tracts a part Fort Gratiot Mill which he sold to the about 200 acres in the section 15 in Huron. In 1828 Congress granting him two in consideration of War of 1812, and the rest part of it from the Township of Clay.

While this Count Macomb County, the Governor Case, as ways,

his first wife had he married Nancy William Thorn and after Margaret Ann he divorced in 1818, and married a second time.

In June, 1826, T. ney, United States Indian affairs, on troit to the India headwaters of the schooner Ghent, was from the Westbrook family with Colonel Westbrook's old com called upon Westbrook as being a teacher tall, his father fox colored, of the reddish cast an interest in the features mode and pronounced, the resemblance to a quick mouth the form of good, and was that. He was well and

and as a expression to the fact of his being a son of the

and as a expression to the fact of his being a son of the

wagon load of dead pigeons pass thru our village enroute to Poughkeepsie, where they usually sold for ten shilling a dozen. One of the principal shippers was Muns Decker, who lived and caught his birds in the Trapps neighborhood.

Most of the pigeons that came our way were hatched in the beechwoods of Sullivan County. The first to appear in the morning crossing here eastward toward the Hudson River, would be the males with their reddish breast. After their return home they would hover the nest while the females docked and had their flight. A very interesting feature about their nesting, was the instinct of sanitation shown in building their nests. Some trees might have fifty or more nests but never one built directly under another.

In concluding my story I might add that the most remarkable thing of all, is how rapidly those millions of pigeons disappeared, which, so far, after intense investigation by our Government, has never been very satisfactorily explained.

The Government now has a very liberal reward to offer to anyone producing a pair of genuine old fashioned wild pigeons.

To us this was a very interesting explanation, because we have often pondered on the reason for their disappearance, after hearing our parents tell about them.

The fact that they nested in the beechwoods was a new one to us, why in the beechwoods. Of course, most of the beech were cut down in Sullivan County by the middle 80's. Was there something about beech which was necessary to their existence. Have any of our readers anything to add to this sketch?

Judge Anthony Westbrook Line—Canadian Branch.

Through the courtesy of Mr. William E. Westbrooke, of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, we have a very nice set up of the descendants of Andrew Westbrook, a great-grandson of Judge Anthony Westbrook, and inasmuch as it is very complete, we will give it in full, although in some measure it is ground we have already covered. Quote:

Anthony Jansen Westbroeck, first found at Albany, colony of New York, 1659, his wife, Orrseitie Dircks. Of their children a son, Johannes Westbroeck.

Johannes Westbroeck, born in Albany, married Magdalena Janse Dekker. Banns recorded 12 May, 1687. Page 509, Kingston Church, marriage No. 34. Of their children, a son, Antoni Westbroeck, baptized April 17, 1692. Baptism No. 702.

Will of Johannes Westbroeck, of Knightsfield (Warwarsing) Liber 10, page 422. Ulster County wills is dated Jan. 25; 1725/6, names "my eldest son, Anthony, will proved April 10, 1727, (the same in collections of New York Historical Society, 1893, page 382. The same Vol. 2, N. Y. B. & G. R., page 202. The same in Ulster County Probate records, Vol. 2, 1906, by Gustave Anjou, page 112.)

Antoni Westbroeck, baptized April 17, 1692, married Aeltjen Van Etten, of Hurley, April 30, 1704. Page 529, Kingston marriage No. 313. Of their children, a son, Johannes Westbroeck, born at Nytafield, baptized Feb. 24, 1717. Page 118, Kingston baptism No. 2477.

Will of Anthony Westbrock (30S) at Trenton, N. J., dated June 25, 1755 proved Feb. 24, 1759, names son, Johannes Westbroeck.

Johannes Westbroeck, Junior, married Magdalena Westbroeck, March 31, 1736, page 265, Minisink Church. Of their children a son, Anthony Westbroeck, born Sept. 2, 1738, bapt. 31, 1738. Page 99 Minisink Church.

Anthony Westbroeck married Sara Decker. Of their children a son, Andrew Westbroeck, born or bapt. June 17, 1773, Aenderis.

American Archives, Fourth Series,

Vol. 3, 1840, page 590; Signers in Goshen, Orange County, New York Associations, June 8, 1775, Samuel Westbrook, Anthony Westbrook (brothers).

On page 258, New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Vol. 11, 1904, under Estates Confiscated, is shown Anthony Westbrook.

The Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada, by the United Empire Loyalists, 1885, gives on page 272, Appendix B, Copy of the old U. E. List. Anthony Westbrock, Residence H. District. A wife and four children. (Provision List Niagara) Stamped Book, Niagara. Page 330, shows Andrew Westbrock, son of Anthony.

American Loyalists. Audit office Papers. Vol. 4, page 109, Claims Received too late. Anthony Westbrock (New York) gives memorial statement of losses of effects with affidavit sworn 28, April, 1786. Inventory of effects belonging to Sarah Westbrock sold by commissioners of State of New York and certified as sold as confiscated effects of claimant who was with the British at the time of the sale. Samuel Westbrock and Mary Westbrock, 18 June, 1786. (Anthony Westbrock had a brother Samuel, who married Maria Van Auker).

Eighteenth Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario, 1929, Grants of Crown Lands in Upper Canada, page 77, 28th June, 1794. Alexander and Sarah Westbrock, Petitioners are the son and widow of a loyalist who served during the War in the Indian Department under Captain Brant. Prays for four hundred acres of land in the Township of Ancaster. Ordered that the same be granted.

Nineteenth Report of the Department of Public Records and Archives of Ontario, 1930, Grants of Crown Lands in Upper Canada, page 45, Petitions read on the 13th July, 1796, No. 121. Andrew Westbrock. Stating that he is son to Anthony Westbrock, who served with Captain Westbrock during the American War, and praying for 400 acres of land, having never received any. Recommended for 300 acres on producing a certificate for service.

History of the County of Brant, Ontario, 1920, Vol. 1, page 253. Another son of Anthony Westbrock was Andrew, who became quite celebrated for his exploits during the war of 1812. He deserted to the United States forces and in 1815 was attainted for high treason for aiding and assisting the enemy, making prisoners of his Majesty's liege subjects and compelling them to take an oath of neutrality. By this attainder he forfeited approximately 4,000 acres of land situated in what is now Western Ontario. Andrew Westbrock is said to have been the subject of a novel by Major John Richardson, the Canadian author, entitled "Westbrock," or the "Outlaw" which was published in New York.

If our readers wish to see what we have already published on this branch refer to August to October, 1933, February to April, Inc., 1934, and October, 1934, also one later article, which also goes along with our present sketch.

The narratives, as follows, are from the history of St. Clair County, Michigan. Its History and Its People, by William Lee Jenks, Vol. 1, 1912.

Page 160. The settlers on the border of Lake and River St. Clair were, at the breaking out of the War, compelled to remove all their stock of horses, cattle and hogs to Detroit (to protect such from the Indians) where all were consumed, and while many were deliberating how and where they were to be supplied, Captain Andrew Westbrock went to the State of Ohio and purchased cattle, selecting such as were most required to meet the immediate wants of the inhabitants. This he continued to do until they all were supplied. As Captain Westbrock was in his day a very prominent man in St. Clair County, it

(Aura P. Stewart, born Canandaigua, N. Y., 20 May, 1804) will here mention a few incidents of his life. Before the War with England he was a wealthy farmer and business man, residing near the Moravian town on the River Thames. In his immediate neighborhood there lived one Major Tawsby, who was an aspirant for Government favors. At the breaking out of the War, the British Government took immediate steps to organize the militia of Canada, and at such organization Tawsby received a Major's commission, and Westbrock was offered a captain's commission under Tawsby, which he indignantly refused. Westbrock was born in the State of New York, and his sympathies were with the American cause, and he, on the appointment of his enemy, Tawsby, determined to leave Canada and join the Americans; he had counted the consequences of this act, and knowing that the confiscation of his valuable property would follow, he collected his goods together, and all that he could not remove, he burned with his house and barn.

On Westbrock's arrival in Detroit, he stated his case to Governor Hull and received a captain's commission, and was found to be a very useful man in the commissary department in collecting supplies for the troops. There were many reconnoitering parties sent up the River Thames during the War, or before the surrender of Detroit, and Captain Westbrock was a valuable guide to such parties. On one of these expeditions, Captain Westbrock, learning that Major Tawsby was at home, surrounded his house and took him prisoner. The hatred that Westbrock and Tawsby bore toward each other was mutual and violent. After this reconnoitering party had gone into camp for the night, and all the guns stacked, Tawsby seized a musket and made a lunge at Westbrock with intent to kill him, but in the act he stumbled and the bayonet entered Westbrock's boot. For this act Tawsby was put in irons until he reached Detroit. Captain Westbrock at the close of the War, purchased a farm of a Frenchman joining the Recor farm, and other lands adjoining, from which he made one of the best farms then in St. Clair County.

Our first representatives in Congress from the territory of Michigan made known to that body the loss of Captain Westbrock's property in Canada, and on such representation an act was passed granting him two sections of land, which he selected mostly in the Township of Clay, in St. Clair County, which lands passed through several purchasers, and now comprises the valuable farms of Seva and Dana Richardson. (The same in M. P. & H. C. Vol. 4, page 323).

Pioneers of St. Clair County adds: Through the influence of Major Tawsby, Captain Westbrock was imprisoned twice. The first charge was that Hull's proclamation was found in his house, which was not considered sufficient evidence to hold him. The second time, a false charge was framed to imprison him. He was assisted by friends to escape to Detroit. Note: (Captain Westbrock's property was not confiscated until 30 years afterwards, and it was promised to his heirs, that if they would return and become English subject, the property would be restored. (1842).

Page 106. First County Commissioners. Shortly after the proclamation organizing the County, Governor Cass performed the duty of appointing the County Commissioners, and he selected Andrew Westbrock, George Cottrell and John K. Smith. This was a trio of notable pioneers. Andrew Westbrock was a native of Massachusetts (no, of New York), born in 1771, and while a child, was taken by his father to Nova Scotia. When about twelve years of age he came with his parents to Delaware (apparently named after our River here in Minisink, where he was born) on the Thomas, Upper Canada, where

as he grew to maturity he acquired considerable wealth, acres of land, and including a distillery have been in those mon property. When he broke out he was slain as Captain in militia, but refused to be offered his sword, and offered his sword to Hull, which was performed many times as Captain Scouts.

The British at the time contain to the traitor "Westbrock" almost invariably after leaving his American Army, destroyed by the pany of America to bring away su personal property Westbrock accompanied as the enemy was fire to his building prevent their use landed property, paid over thirteen was confiscated by ernment. He had children, and after the St. Clair River chased two privs and 303, in what of East China, a largest and most in the district. dollars was a lo farmer to own in.

He became a co land in the Cou other tracts a p Fort Gratiot M which he sold to about 200 acres the section 15 i Huron. In 1828 act granting him in consideration of War of 1812, and est part of it the Township of While this Cou Macomb County, Governor Cass, ways.

His first wife he married Nanc William Thorn John Thorn, and died Margaret A he divorced in quently married.

In June, 1826, nay, United States Indian affairs, o troit to the In headwaters of t schooner Ghent, from the Westb pany with Cole brook's old co called upon Wescribed as being inches tall, his rather fox color of the reddish an intermixture the features m well proportione the countenance has a quick m his form is good ers and chest. yet talks well ar phic in his expre in his fifty-fifth second wife, a fourteen children children named solves upon the any object, he the means are judged of by his and these are g the impulses o from what gra consequences th 1835.

Michigan Pic Collection, Vol. McMillan, who after the lapse with us, had b Westbrock's at Captain Westb.

f n by 17 June 1923
d 27 July 1930

Andrew Westcott - Sallie Hull

1. Andrew Hull b 1881 m Euphemia Perry { Andrew Perry
mother
James
Aaron
2. John Hull b 1884 m Sarah Marshall
3. Ebenezer m Violetta Perry
4. Oliver m Eliza Craswell
5. Martha

- by her wife

6. William Thorne
7. Nancy
8. Horrell
9. Euphemia
10. Henrietta

OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA

Does Not Circulate

