

DRAKES OF ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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The Emily Nelson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C., has obtained from the Goshen Library and Historical Society, Inc., through donation to the Society, a copy of its material on the Drake Family. The material that follows is certified to be a true and correct copy of that on file in the Library in Goshen, New York, with certain supplemental material compiled by this Chapter on some members of the Drake and related families. See pages 1-5 and 32-34 for this supplemental material. To simplify research an index has been added.

Doreen Baker (Mrs. Charles) of 54 Kaymar Drive, Ottawa 9, Ontario, has done considerable research on one branch of the Drakes -- 1) John, 2) Benjamin, 3) William who married Margaret Dowdle, moved to Canada, and is buried there. Mrs. Baker's Aunt has the family Bible, and Mrs. Baker furnished a copy of the letter written July 23, 1898 (see page 37), when the Drakes were among those attempting to establish their ancestry to Anneke Jans in connection with the Trinity Church property. The names in the letter are not included in the index.

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SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

In the history of the Drake family of Orange County, New York, one is immediately confronted with the preponderance of evidence that indicates at least most of them were of Dutch origin. The following is quoted from page 120 of Berthoad Fernow Calendar of Wills, N. Y., Colonial Dames of N. Y. 1896:

517 (D 108)	"Drake, John of Goshen Prect., Orange Co.,
1779	Yeoman, Wife Martha, sons Benjamin, Joseph,
Febry, 6	Samuel, William and Zephaniah, heirs of son
1780	John, daughters Martha Jackson, Mary Holly
Jany, 28	and Esther Knap, granddaughters Martha and
	Mary, das., of Joseph Holly. Home farm, land
	in Queens and Kings counties, inherited from
	grandfather Adam Brewer; personal estate.
	Executors Captain Colvil Bradner and son
	Joseph, Witnesses Daniel Vail of Goshen,
	weaver, Isaac Smith and W. Thomson."

Thus this was the son of Joseas Jansen Drake and Aeltjie Adams Brouwer, and the grandson of ADAM BROUWER (Brewer) and Magdalena Jacobs Verdon as shown in the Family Genealogies, Nova Caesarea Chapter, D.A.R., N.J., Vol 3, pp.53, 54, which states in part:

"Joseas Jansen Dratz from Holland married Aeltjie Adams Brouwer, March 30, 1682. She was the daughter of Adam Brouwer (Berckhoven) and Magdalena Jacobs Verdon (daughter of Jacob and Mary Badie Verdon, "(Dutch Church Records).

* * * * *

"Joseas Jansen Dratz or Drake was, as his name implies, a son of John Draeck of Maestricht, in Holland, (the son perhaps of Martinue Draeck* * *

***** "

"Martinus Draeck was an eminent Churchman and member of a nobel family. He was born at Maestricht and died Nov. 10, 1667. Cootin Niew Nader Landsch Biographic Wordenbook Vol. 6, p. 45."

Records indicate that John Drake married Magdalena Brouwer (his cousin).

The date given by the Nova Caesarea Chapter, however, is 1718, and lists their children as follows with this additional information on Samuel Drake:

1. Benjamin
2. Josiah
3. John married Christina Kermer August 13, 1749, and had issue.
4. Samuel married Jan. 19, 1752 Sarah Handy of Amwell, N. J. and had issue.
5. William
6. Zepheniah

7. Martha (Jackson)
8. Mary (Holly) Jos.
9. Esther (Krap.)

"Samuel Drake listed above was a Captain in the Revolutionary war born in Long Island New York and all these children were. Samuel Drake and Sarah Handy had several children among them: Hannah Drake born Nov. 15, 1769 married Richard Brodhead born July 1, 1772 and lived in Stroudsburg, Penna. Hannah Drake died July 31, 1832."

This John Drake appears to be the same one who married Martha Oldfield before 1741. It was at this time that Martha's father, Joseph Oldfield, died, and Martha Drake was a heir to his estate. See page 290 of Berthoed Fernow Calendar of Wills, N. Y. Although the date of death of Magdalena Drake has not been ascertained, it would appear that she may have died and John Drake married Martha Oldfield before his daughter Martha was born in 1723. (according to bible records) or 1732 (according to cemetery records). It seems unlikely that a child would have been named Martha had she been the child of Magdalena and John Drake, for nowhere in the earlier genealogies of these families does the name of Martha appear.

As to the Oldfield family, the first one recorded is John Oldfield who died between October 4, 1689 and May 25, 1691. He lived at Southampton, Long Island, New York. His name is recorded March 10, 1640, as having settled there during the preceding 12 months. John Oldfield married probably before 1661 Sarah_____. One of their children was Joseph who was of age by 1696-97. He lived in Jamaica and was a wealthy farmer, but moved to Goshen, Orange County, New York, sometime prior to May 14, 1741. His will mentions six of seven known children, See the Oldfield Family in American Historical Co., Inc., Its Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America, 1959, Volume 20, pp. 61-62. Joseph Oldfield married Martha Grasset, and you will note the name of Grasset or Groset in the Drake Genealogy.

The various Drake lines in the Drake Family Notes are at times difficult to follow, and for this reason it is suggested that you use "DRAKE GENEALOGY in the Line of Samuel Drake of Lower Smithfield Township, Northampton (now Monroe) County, Pa. by Lillian Drake Avery. Pontiac, Mich., 1926 (privately printed), as a guide when research the Orange County Drakes.

Concerning Samuel Drake, son of John, under No. 9 on page 8, you will note he is said to have settled in Pennsylvania after 1789 and had 12 children. From the Nova Caesarea Chapter records quoted above, as well as the records found in the DRAKE GENEALOGY by Lillian Drake Avery, and this material set out below, it seems clear that 1789 is the date of death rather than the date he settled in Pennsylvania. Book 291, Genealogical Forms, Series 4, Vol. 27, DAR National Headquarters, Washington, D. C., give the following information on Samuel Drake: born 1732 Long Island, N. Y. Died 1789 Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Married 2-2-1752 Sarah Handy, b. ca 1734 died 1811. Their children were:

- Eleanor b. 1752 m. James Horner
- Samuel b. 4-23-1774 m. Margaret Hoagtelling
- Sarah b. 1753
- Susanna b. 8/1758

Ruth m. Capt. McDowell
 Robert m. Hannah M. Richard Brodhead, b. 1769 - d. 1831
 Phoebe
 Thomas
 Martha m. Edward Evans

Elijah b. 1759 or 1760 m. Abigail Stoddard; 2nd Sally Webster
 Joseph b. 10-8-1760 m. Mary Lakes; 2nd Susanna Hauser
 Levi b. 3-29-1771 m. Helen Van Campen

New York in the Revolution as Colony and State, Vol. I (1904), lists the Orange County Militia (Land Bounty Rights). On page 255 the following Drakes are listed under the Third Regiment: Groset, Joseph, William and William, Jr. Under the Forth Regiment on page 256 these additional Drake names appear: Benjamin, James, and Samuel. In the History of Orange County, 1846-47, by Samuel W. Eager, Esquire, the following Drakes signed the pledge in Orange County in 1775:

p. 499 - Joseph Drake
 p. 500 - Ensign Daniel Drake
 Zephaniah Drake
 Joshua Drake

Exempts (p. 502) were William Drake and James Drake, See page 530 for a list of those who, in 1775, signed the associatoon in Cornwall, embracing Cornwall, Bloomingrove and Monroe, wherein there appears the name of Richard Drake.

Early county land records on file in Goshen, New York, show the following Drakes involved in land transactions:

1741 John	1821 Benjamin	1827 Job J.
1747 "	1823 David G.	1827 David G.
1765 Joseph	1824 " "	1828 David
1765 Zephaniah	1825 " "	1829 David
1802 Rufus	1825 Davis	1829 Edward
1804 Francis	1826 Rhoda	1830 Edward
1808 Reuben	1826 Edward	1830 Job J.

With the apparent Dutch ancestry of the Orange County Drakes, there is little mention of the Drake in *The Tower of the Lord - In the Land of Goshen* by Mildred Parker Seese, which is a history of the Presbyterian Church in Goshen. On page 32 William Drake in 1784 is listed as making a payment toward the Minister's salary. In 1790 Samuel Drake married Eunice Carpenter according to the Church records. In 1796 Sarah, wife of Jeremiah Drake presented a certificate from the Church at Chester, N. J. "though whe has been many years from that place." (p. 12.) The early pew list (p. 102) included Joshua Drake.

Early Drake Wills and Letters of Administration on file in Goshe, Orange County, New York, include the following:

Francis Drake, Book B, p. 47, town of Cornwall, wife Rebekah, sons Ephraim, Curtis, Rufus and Richard. Among other items was pew in Blooming Grove meeting house to Richard and Rufus with one-half to daughter, Phebe Drake. Will was dated June 14, 1798, and probated July 31, 1798.

Joseph Drake, Book D, p. 27, daughters Caty Smith, Cozia Arnold, Betsey wife of Icabod Winans;

and grandchildren Joseph Drake Smith, John Drake Sloat, and Daniel Winings; also great granddaughter Amelia Elmore. Will dated February 12, 1807, and probated August 15, 1807.

David G. Drake of Chester, Book Q, p. 263: Sons, David H. and George Washington Drake; daughters Maria Banker and Hannah Drake. Will dated January 22, 1831.

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Hannah Drake, Adm. F, 288, Hamilton R. Drake a brother * * * of Hannah Drake late of the town of Blooming Grove in the County of Orange deceased. March 1, 1837.

David Drake, Will Book L., 418, April 9, 1842: Mary, Hannah, William Drake of Warwick, Jebedich Drake of town of Wallkill, and Hiram Drake, residence unknown. Next of kin, David G. Drake.

Richard Drake, Will Book S, 41, 1852 deceased. Mt. Hope: Widow Sarah. Phebe, Sarah Jane, Roderick, Nelson and Mary Abigail Drake. Margaret, George and David Drake, three heirs at law. Joshua Drake witness.

Joshua Drake, Will Book W, 369, Mt. Hope, 1857. Mary A. and Sarah J. Minors in town of New Windsor. Widow Mary Jane; Nelson Drake and George Drake of Mt. Hope; Margaret Drake, David H. Drake and Phebe Drake of Wallkill, Roderick Drake, executor.

Zephaniah Drake of town of Warwick, Adm. F, 236. March 31, 1835

Timothy Drake, Adm. G. 59. Nancy Drake inherited. 1838.

A number of the Drakes moved westward by the early 1800's. The following information regarding Drake families in Ontario County, New York, at least some of whom were from Orange County, was furnished by Mr. Clyde Moffin, Ontario County Historian of the Ontario County Historical Society, Canandaigua, New York, in a letter dated March 1, 1969:

"We have newspapers from 1803 * * *. The dates given are the publishing dates of the papers, which were weeklies:

1-19-1819	Asa Drake married Phebe Potter at Benton
1-7-1823	Ezra Lambright married Fanny Drake in Lyons
1-7-1823	William Drake married Betsey Worth at Lyons
1-7-1823	John Drake (of Lyons) married Mrs. Rebecca Farwell at Canandaigua.
4-7-1833	Theodore Drake married Caroline Dunning at Canandaigua
2-11-1835	Noble Simmons married Ruba Drake at Bristol
8-30-1826	Samuel Drake, Jr. died at Cincinnati aged 32
8-11-1811	Eunice Drake (dau. of Samuel) died at Canandaigua (no age give)
7-9-1814	Mrs. Samuel D. Drake (Eunice) died at Canandaigua age 41

In further research on Samuel D. Drake, born 1746, who was the son of Joseph, and who married Eunice Carpenter on June 17, 1790 (Goshen Presbyterian Church Records, p. 80), the records show that Samuel and Eunice, both born in Orange County, were in New Elmira, Chemung County, New York, when their daughter Abigail was born in 1794 (Death certificate of Abigail Thompson who died at Seneca Castle, New York, May 11, 1893, aged 99 years, 2 months 11 days.) By 1809 Samuel and Eunice were living in Canandaigua, New York, where their daughter Hanna C. was born July 13, 1809 (Death Certificate of Hannah Drake Hawks who died in New York City, June 14, 1897, and Resthaven Cemetery, Phelps, New York record which shows that she was born in Canandaigua.)

At least two other children of this family were Samuel Drake, Jr. and Eunice. The 1810 Ontario County Census records (town of Canandaigua, p. 48) lists one male 10-16 years, one 16-26, and three females under 10, presumably all children of Samuel and Eunice Drake. Whether any of the other Drake marriages listed above are children of this family is not known. Mrs. Samuel D. Drake died at Canandaigua on July 14, 1814. On her tumbstone in the Old Burying Ground, south side of

West Avenue (New York Cemetery, Church and Town Records, Vol. 24, p. 149), is the following inscription: "Eunice Drake, wife Lieut. Samuell, died July 14, 1814, age 41," The date of death of Samuel D. Drake or his place of burial has not been located.

Hannah C. Drake prior to 1830 married Benjamin Franklin Hawks who was born in Phelps, New York, on December 28, 1799. The Hawks family genealogy will be found on pages 32-34.

DRAKE FAMILY NOTES*

Data regarding ANNEKE JANS-Bogardus famous one time owner of Trinity Church property in New York City who is claimed as an Ancestor by many Orange Co., N. Y. residents.

I. According to the tradition ANNEKE JANS, was born in Holland 1605-8 and was said to be the granddaughter of WILLIAM, Prince of Orange by a morganatic marriage. By this union, he is said to have had 2 children whom he gave the name of "WEBBER". His son Wolfert Webber b. abt. 1582 died before 1640 supposedly married Anneke Coch (or Cock) and thier daughter was the above mentioned ANNEKE JANS who md. 1st about 1620 Roeloffe Jansen of Master Land (Holland) who came to New Amsterdam about 1631. In 1636 he obtained a grant from Gov. Van Twiller for a farm or Bowerie of about 62 acres which has long been a bone of contention between the heirs of Anneke Jans and Trinity Church in N. Y. City. Roelof Jansen died about 1637 and his widow married again (1638) Rev. Everardus Bogardus, and lived with him at what is now 23 White Hall St., N. Y. C. He was lost at Sea by the wreck of the "Princess" in which he was returning to Holland 1647. His widow then went to Beverwyck to live and died there before June 21, 1663 when her house was sold to Dirck Wessells. She made a will Jan. 29, 1663 written in the Dutch language in which she mentioned her children; Sarah Kierstede; Catrina Van Brugh; Fytje Hartgers and John Roeloffson by 1st husband; and Corelius; Jonas; Peter and WILLIAM Bogardus by her 2nd husband. (It is through the son William Bogardus that the Drake family is descened from Anneke Jans.) She is buried in the yard of the Old Dutch Church in Albany.

II. William BOGARDUS, born Nov, 1638 d. 1711 md. 1659 Wyntje Sybrant, their daughter

III. Anna Bogardus bapt. Oct 3, 1663 md. Jan 29, 1682 Jacobus Brouwer b. 1655, d. April 2, 1732/3 (son of Adam and Magdalena Jacobs Vardon Brower). Their daughter

IV. Magdeline Brower bapt. March 8, 1704 died before Dec. 4, 1750 md. Feb 24, 1720 Jan Dratts (or Drake) bapt. Dec 11, 1687 Flatlands (Brooklyn) (son of Sosias Jansen Dratts and Aeltje Brower, sister of Jacob Brower above who md. Anna Bogardus). So they were 1st cousins. There was a JOHN DRAKE who came to the Town of Goshen and died there before Jan. 28, 1780 when his Will was probated; made Feb. 6, 1779, but whether he is the husband of Magdalena Brower could not be definitely determined, as he mentioned a wife "Martha" in his Will and 9 children. Some of the descendants of a John Drake who married Martha Oldfield before May 14, 1741 (daughter of Joseph Oldfield and Martha Grassett) claim that he (John Drake) was twice married and that Martha Oldfield was his 2nd wife; and judging from the dates of birth of his children that were found in old Bible in Detroit, it would seem as if the John Drake who md. Magdaline Brower was also the one who md. Martha Oldfield, since the names of their children agree with those he mentioned in his will, which is on file in Albany, N. Y. The children of John and Martha Drake, are as follows:

v. 1. Joseph b. Jan. 8, 1721. Is probably the one who died in the Town of Goshen Aug. 12, 1807, age 87 years. His Will on file in Goshen, Liber D. p. 27 made Feb. 12, 1807, proved Aug. 15, 1807, in which he mentioned his dau's - Caty Smith; Cozia Arnold; Betsey Winings; and grandchildren; Joseph Drake Smith; John Drake Sloat; and Daniel Drake Winings; and great grand-dau. Amelia Elmore. (See page 15 of these notes, 1st part, for further data about him.)

2. John Drake Jr. b. Sept. 14, 1722, Deceased before when his father made his will mentioning the heirs of his deceased son John without giving their names. Whether he is the John who married Ruhamah Ayres is not definitely known. (See page 25).

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3. Martha b. July 15, 1723 (from a Bible) but her tombstone in the Florida Cemetery said, died Aug. 10, 1819 ae 87-3-25. Married Alexander Jackson b. May 18, 1728 d. March 2, 1818 ae 89-9-14, Buried Florida, N. Y. His will on file in Goshen, N. Y. in (Liber F pg. 209) mentioned his wife Martha and chn:- Abel; James; Esther; Julia Davis; Mary widow of James Higbee. He is said to have had these additional chn. not mentioned in his will:- Martha wife of Samuel Conkling; Eleanor wife of Robert humphrey; and 1 dau. md. a Popino and another md. a Totten. N.B. Martha's birthdate according to her tombstone would be 1732 instead of 1723 as given in the Bible; but her descendants claim to be descended from John Drake.

4. Phoebe Drake b. Dec. 29, 1725. Not mentioned in John Drake's Will. She is said to have married uriah Fuller.

5. Esther Drake b. Aug. 1727 d. 1831; according to descendants who claim she was born 1741. She Md. Nov. 29, 1759 James Knapp b. May 15, 1736 Goshen and was Killed July 22, 1779 in the Battle of Minisink. (Son of William and Margaret Knapp of Goshen). He left 9 chn; Mary who md. Stephen Crane; Nelly; John; Daniel; Aaron; Sally; Nathaniel; James Jr; and Stephen who settled in Homer, N. Y.

6. Eleanor b. Nov. 1729. Not mentioned in father's will 1779.

7. William b. Nov. 9, 1730. Was said to have lived near Rural School #17 in Warwick, N. Y. and to have md. Catherine Biers. And yet in the Daines Family of Chester, there is an old Bible record giving these dates for a WILLIAM DRAKE who may have been the son of the John Drake of Goshen, William was born Nov. 22, 1727, d. April 15, 1808, and wife Abigail b. Dec. 2, 1732 d. Sept. 12, 1785. The Bible stated he was the son of John Drake, but his birthdate 1727 does not agree with that of the Detroit Bible, 1730. The William Drake of Chester, left 8 chn. given later. (below)#

8. Jacob Drake b. Sept 5, 1732. Not mentioned in father's Will.

9. Samuel Drake b. Dec. 1733, said to have settled in Penna. after 1789 and had 12 chn.

10. Benjamin Drake b. Nov. 3, 1734 md. 1st April 11, 1754 Sarah Smith; and had chn.; Joseph, Patty (or Martha); Abigail; Polly; Benj. Jr.; and Zephaniah. He md. 2nd abt. 1775 Abigail Knapp and had chn.: William; Samuel; John; Hannah; Daniel; Jonathan; Peggy; Sarah; Theresa; Annus and James Drake.

v. #7. WILLIAM DRAKE 1727-1808 md. Abigail -----1732-1785, Had the following children from a Daines Family Bible in Chester, N. Y. (The Bible printed 1791 and purchased May 15, 1793, stated William was a son of John).

Children:

vi. 1. Hannah b. Feb. 28, 1754 (may have been the one who md. Caleb Smith in Goshen, N. Y.

July 17, 1783)

2. James b. Oct. 1, 1755 (may have been the one who md. May 31, 1779 Mary Holly in Goshen).

3. Esther b. April 13, 1758

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4. David Grasset Drake born Dec. 2, 1759 died June 3, 1850 ae 90-5-12. Is buried in the East-Chester, N. Y. Cemetery. Was a Revolutionary soldier. He md. 1st before 1788 Mary Smith who died June 24, 1824 ag 56-2-9. He md. 2nd Nov 1, 1826 Hannah Knapp widow of Abner Wood and she died March 30, 1829 ae in 45th yr. (She was the dau. of Jabez and Hannah Holly Knapp.) Both his wives are buried with him in the Chester Cemetery. His Will is on file in Goshen, Liber Q, p. 250. Made Jan. 22, 1831. Codicil Sept. 12, 1840, probated June 14 and Aug. 5, 1850. He had 12 chn. by his 1st wife and 1 by his 2nd wife; who he mentioned in his Will with the exception of his deceased son Archibald S. Drake These chn. given later.

5. William Drake b. June 9, 1763

6. Burges Drake b. Aug. 8, 1769

7. Phoebe Drake b. Jan 15, 1772

8. Jesse Drake b. July 19, 1775

vi. ## 4 Children of David Grossett Drake and 2 wives Mary Smith and Hannah K. Wood were as follows:

vii. 1. Frances b. May 9, 1788 d. May 21, 1861 md. before 1807 Samuel Holbert b. Jan. 22, 1782, d. Nov. 11, 1833. Buried Union Cemetery near Slate Hill, N. Y. had 5 chn.: Hezekiah; Samuel Floyd; Almeda died young; James; Lewis; and David Coe Holbert.

2. Sarah b. Dec.3, 1789 d.____1856, md. James Rhodes, who d. Feb. 19, 1833, Chester, N. Y. Left 6 chn; James L; Clarissa; Esther; Henry A.; Edmond S.; and Samuel H. Rhodes.

3. Susan b. Dec. 22, 1791 d. May 2, 1854 md. July 6, 1811 James Holbert b. Feb. 7, 1788 d. Sept. 30, 1871 Chester, N. Y. Had chn; Thomas; Almira wife of Rober W. Colfax; Susan Theresa; Emily wife of Theodore Finch; (N. B. The dau, Susan T. md. Wm. A. Lawrence of Chester, N. Y.) 2 chn, d. inf. Jessica and William B.

4. Phoebe b. July 14, 1793 d.____1854 md. John Dains who d. Sept. 12, 1843 of Chester, N. Y. Had chn; John Archibald; Chas. D; Phoebe Maria; Wm. H.: Sarah E., wife of Edmund S. Rhodes; and Hannah Dains, (N. B. The son Charles D. Dains, md. Oct . 6, 1852 Rachel C. Cole.)

5. Hannah Drake b. April 10, 1797 md. 1st Stephen Cooper who d. 1831. They had 5

chn.; Caroline; Mary md. Samuel K. Vail; David D.; Anthony D.; and Stephen H. Cooper; Hannah Drake Cooper md. again either Luther Meachamof, Binghamton, N. Y. before 1831, but according to a Family Bible she md. Mr. McAllister; so she may have been 3 times married.

6. Clarissa b. Aug. 5, 1795 md. Dec. 24, 1817 Jabez Knapp. In 1850 they were living in Centerville, St. Joseph ' s Cq.Mich.

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7. Maria b. Jan. 23, 1799 md. March 16, 1820 John Banker. According to her father ' s Will, she kept house for him and he left her \$14 yearly.

8. Abigail b. April 15, 1801 md. Nov. 8, 1821 John Egbert. Their descendants are the family of S. C. Moon of St. Paul, Minn. 1938 who have the David G. Drake Bible Record.

9. Joseph Drake b. Aug. 5, 1803 d. Aug. 16, 1871. Buried in East Chester, N.Y. Cemetery with his wife Fanny Minturn who d. Sept. 4, 1854 ae 49-8-14, He was a farmer in Warwick, N. Y. His chn. were; David G.; Catherine Mariea wife of John W. Tice; Floyd S.; Hester A.; Fannie E. Moss; and Sarah H. Drake.

10. Archibald S., b. March 29, 1805, d. June 9, 1825 unmd. Buried Chester with parents.

11. Emily Drake b. Feb 7, 1807 md. Jan 4, 1827 Jonah Cooper. They were living in Keene, Ohio in 1843. In 1850 they were living in Canal Louisville, Coshooton C., Ohio.

12, David Haines Drake b. Sept 11, 1810 d. Sept. 3, 1852 md Elizabeth Palmer. He is buried in East Chester Cemetery. Had 1 dau. Mary Elizabeth Drake. He was Executor of his father ' s Will which stated that he kept his

books.

By his 2nd wife Hannah Knapp Wood,

13. George Washington Drake, born July 28, 1827. The Bible record stated that he md. Susan Cooley but the Chester Pres. Church records gave the marriage of George W. Drake to Susan J. Gale who died in N. Y. C. May 11, 1865 (md. Nov. 22, 1848). Have no further data about them.

DRAKE FAMILY DATA

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The Orange County Drakes

Memoranda by V. M. Drake

Madam Dubois, an aged Lady living on Water Street, Elmira, Chemung Co., N.Y. has an ancient record of the Drake Family. So informed by Isaac C. Willson, Chemung, whose wife was a Drake. Judge Lowe of Middleton formerly from Sullivan Co., N.Y. informs me that his mother was a Drake. Six brothers originally from Orange County formerly lived along Mongaup River, one of whose names was Joseph, Zephaniah and others not remembered. Three aged Drakes (William, Nathan and Azariah living until within a few years at Newton, N.J. were sons of Col. John Drake of Hunterdon Co., N.J. They also had an aged sister Mrs. Margaret Hinchman, who recently died at Newark, N.J. All four of these people lived to be about 80 years of age, Mrs. Hinchman dying during the past year. Col. John Drake ' s daughter married William Phillips of Ithaca, N.Y. and she may possibly have the Family Bible. She was the daughter of Col. John Drake ' s last wife. His Commission in the Revolutionary Army probably would be found at Amboy, N.J. Col. John Drake of Hunterdon Co., had named Capt. John Drake also of Hunterdon, father of Gen. McKains wife (also a Drake) of Lockwood, Sussex Co., N.J. Capt. Amos Drake of Hope, N.J. is also from this same stock of N.J. Drake ' s but in conversation with Col. John Drake of Revolutionary memory but believed himself to be descended from him never the less. Mrs. Abigail Johnson (Sister of Nathan, William and Azariah Drake) before referred to, had the Family bible which supplied the date of the birth and age of Col. John Drake of Hunterdon and furnished his widow with the record placed on the tombstone of her deceased husband.

Recorded ORANGE COUNTY Drakes

1751 Joseph Drake settled at Chester, owns all the Farm where Joseph C. Drake now lives.

1798 Francis Drake, Will recorded at Goshen, N.Y.

1807 Joseph Drake, Will recorded at Goshen, N.Y.

1736 First Court House erected at Goshen.

1779 John Drake, 1st. died at Goshen, N.Y.

1741 John Drake 1st was married to Magdalena Brower and had 10 children - as follows: Martha; Polly; Joseph; William; John; Samuel; Benjamin #; Zephaniah; Phebe and Hester Drake.

1775 Col. Drake was an officer at the Capture of Fort Montgomery.

1775 Francis Drake, one of Town Officers of Blooming Grove.
" " , Overseer of Highways.
1775 Richard Drake, signs pledge of Association; also Joseph Drake.
1776 Francis Drake, " " " " , and Ensign Daniel Drake.
1777 Francis Drake captured Fort Montgomery, of Co. Dubois ' 5th Reg ' t.
made prisoner Oct 6, 1777 (Riker ' s Recollections)

BENJAMIN DRAKE, son of John Drake 1st.; had 18 children by 2 wives - 1st. Miss Smith; 2nd. Abigail Knapp; as follows: Joseph; Martha; Abigail; Polly; Benjamin; Zephaniah; William; Samuel; John; Hannah; Sarah; Daniel; Margaret; Theresa; Jonathan; James K.; Phebee; Miss Drake.

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1777 Francis Drake, captured, of Col. Drake ' s Regt.
1777 Muster, Francis Drake reported missing, Col. Dubois ' s 5th Reg ' t (See pg. 223 Fernow ' s record of Rev.)
Francis Drake, Pvt, 5th Reg ' t. Line. Col. Lewis Dubois. (See N.Y. in the Revolution, 1896, pg. 41.)
1775 Zephaniah, Joshua, William and James Drake Signed Rev. pledge of Association
1771 Crompond Drake paid Taxes in Goshen.
1775 Richard and Francis Drake paid taxes in Blooming Grove
1809 Joseph Drake paid taxes in Goshen.

John Drake one of the above named sons of Benjamin Drake, married Magdalena Brower, youngest daughter? of Aneke Jans and had the following children:-Josiah; Everhardus; William; Jacob; and John Drake. Magdalena Brower (wife of John Drake) died at Goshen, N.Y. in the year.....and was granddaughter? of Anneke Jans of 1666. (N.B. These are conflicting statements, E. H.)

Letter written to Mr. L. N. Allen Nove. 19, 1881 by V. M. Drake of Goshen, N.Y.

"In reply to your note of inquiry respecting the names and dates of birth and death of the early Drake families in this vicinity, I would say that my father ' s name was RUFUS J. DRAKE and he was the son of JOSEPH DRAKE the latter having settled at Goshen somewhere about the year 1720. My grandfather FRANCIS DRAKE had children by 3 wives; my father R. J. Drake being the only surviving son by his last wife REBECCA CLARK. The Orange County records of deeds and mortgages show that the Drakes were among the earliest and largest holders of real estate in the vicinity of Goshen, Chester and Blooming Grove. My grandfather FRANCIS DRAKE was taken prisoner by the British at the Capture of Fort Montgomery and my Father served 2 years as a Volunteer in the War of 1812. My ancestors were taxpayers in 1775 and were probably from the 1st organization of the county as the public records abundantly show. I have no family record of my grandfather ' s family only as given me by my mother orally, as she lived in the adjoining neighborhood to my grandfather at the time of her marriage with my father. The marriage and baptism of the original Francis Drake ' s sons and daughter however are duly

recorded in the old Church records in Goshen and also the date of death of Joseph Drake at the age of 87 yrs. on Aug. 5, 1807 Goshen. One of Francis Drake ' s (the 1st) wives was known at the time of her marriage with the elder Drake as the "Widow Orr." She had 2 sons at the time of her marriage. # . What became of them, I do not know but have thought that the Orr families somewhat distinguished in the South originally came from Orange Co. It will be seen from the sujoined record that the Drake name covers about 160 years of the History of Orange Co. Where the 1st Drake ' s landed on coming to this Country I am not informed but probably New Jersey. The family record as I have it reads as follows;

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N.B. "The Will of Francis Drake of the Town of Cornwall is recorded in Liber B. page 47 in Goshen, N.Y. made June 14, 1798. Probated July 31, 1798, mentioned his wife"Rebecca; and children: Phebe; Ephraim; Curtis; Rufus and Richard, Executors were Rebecca and Rufus Drake and Anselme Hlme; Whitneses were: Paul and Nathaniel Howell Jr. and James Mitchell." (E.H. 1959)

(#) N. B. Another record stated that Francis Drake ' s 3rd and last wife Rebecca Clark was the "Widow Ora" with 2 chn, John: and Mary who married a Ketcham and lived in Sugar Loaf, N.Y.

N.B. Francis Drake of Blooming Grove born 1740 (or ' 46), died 1798. Had 3 wives; name of 1st. was Betsey Coleman (according to Miss G. E. Drake Jan. 6 1870, who said there were 2 chn. by Betsey; viz. Richard and Betsey who md. a man name Whitaker and lived at Mt. Hope.) Other records stated that Betsey md. Wm. Corwin and lived in Ohio. 2nd. wife ' s name not known but she left 4 chn.: John; Frank; Curtis; and Abigail?; By 3rd wife Rebecca Clark had 5 chn.; Rufus; Rebecca; Ephriam; Phoebe and Abigail? (Thought one wife ' s name was Helmes)

Cont. "Letter of V. M. Drake to L. N. Allen concerning family record."

Joseph Drake born 1720 died 1807 aged 87 yrs.

William Drake born 1727 died 1808

Francis Drake (my grandfather) born 1746 died 1790 (8).

Chn. of Francis Drake and 3 wives:

1. Francis (Frank or Franklin). He was said to live at Seneca Lake, NY
2. Abigail Drake died at Livingston, Green Co., NY May 12, 1859 aged 80 yrs. md. 1813 Wm. Faulkner.
3. Curtis Drake md. May 2, 1790 Jeminma Payne.
4. Betsey Drake md. William Corwin in Ohio. Had no children. Died before 1840.

#5. Richard Drake md. 1811 Mary Wood. He was an own brother to Frank Drake who lived at Seneca Lake, N.Y.

6. Rebecca Drake; 7. Phebe 8. Ephraim Drake were all chn. of

3rd wife Rebecca Clars as was also 2. Abigail and 9. Rufus J. Drake b. 1777 d. Feb 26 1828 age 51 yrs 6 mos md. at Blooming Grove Church by Rev. Bradner, 1810 (or 1811 also given) Rhoda Pierson b. 1784 died Feb 19, 1866 age 83 yrs. (Dau. of Silas Pierson and Rachel Bull; and granddau. of Isaac Bull and Sarah Mulliner; and of Silas Pierson, Jr. and Mary Coolman; and great granddau. of William Bull and Sarah Wells.) Rhoda Pierson had only 1 bro. Jubal Pierson and no sisters.

N. B. Rebecca Clark had a right to property at CosCob Landing, not far from N.Y. but her right was wrongfully disposed of by her brother James Clark.

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N. B. # Richard Drake (5) lived and died near Bloomingburgh, Sullivan Co., N. Y. died 1836. Was the father of 5 sons by wife Mary Wood.

One of his sons Thomas Drake married Medora Corbett (or Cabett) of Watkins Glen, Schuyler Co., N. Y. Richard Drake was a one-half brother to Rufus J. Drake of Goshen, N.Y. and his family known as the Bloomingburgh and Mt. Hope, "Drake ' s".

Cont. Family Record as recorded by V. M. Drake,
(N.B. These marriages also found recorded in Goshen Presbyterian Church Records.)

1. Samuel Drake md. June 17, 1790 Eunice Carpenter (N. B. He was b. 1746)
2. Mary Drake md. Nov. 18, 1779 James Foster (N.B. She was b. 1748)
3. William Drake (N.B. He was b. 1752)
4. David Drake (N. B. He was b. 1754)
5. Joseph Drake Jr. (N. B. He was b. 1756)
6. Francis d. 1798 md. 3 times (1st; Betsey; 3rd, Rebecca Clark)
7. Daniel
8. Catherine Drake md.Smith
9. Ruth Drake md. March 17, 1778 John Sloat
10. Cozia (Keziah) md.Arnold
11. Elizabeth md. March 13, 1784 Ichabod Winans

N.B. The above 11 children are said to be the children of Joseph Drake b. 1720 d. 1807 and his 2 wives; md. 1st. name unknown; md. 2nd. Jan 11, 1753 Amy Carmen. (See N.Y. Marriages in Albany before 1784.) The will of said Joseph Drake is on file in Goshen Liber D. pg. 27 made Feb. 12, 1807 probated Aug 15, 1807 in which he mentioned his dau ' s; Caty Smith; Cozia Arnold; Betsey wife of Ishabod Winans; and his grand chn. Joseph Drake Smith; John Drake Sloat; and Daniel Winings; and great Granddau Amelia Elmore.

Cont. Family record was recorded by V. M. Drake (Goshen Marriages)

James Drake md. May 31, 1779 Mary Holly

Hannah Drake md. July 17, 1783 Caleb Smith
Benjamin Drake md. Oct. 25, 1784 Elizabeth Roe
Jonathan Drake md. Dec. 13, 1794 Mary Sparks (Schonch)
Francis Drake md. July 13, 1799 Hannah Dekay

There were other Drakes at Goshen - one Capt. Crompond Drake 1776 and John Drake 1776, but in what way related to the above is unknown.

"V.M.D"

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N.B. One Elizabeth Bradner (dau of Capt. Colville) md. aDrake before 1795.

N. B. There was a record of the marriage of one Francis Drake to Anna Curwin at New Windsor July 26, 1780 both of Blooming Grove, by Rev. John Close.

Francis Drake was said to have had a brother Joshua and an Aunt Abigail Parshall, and to be the son of Joseph Drake who settled in Chester in 1751.

In a statement made in 1840 by Rhoda Pierson Drake (wife of Rufus Drake) to her son V. M. Drake were learned these facts about Francis Drake.

Mrs. Drake said that "Francis Drake" was formerly a resident of Long Island and several years since removed to Orange Co., N.Y. He had, I believe 2 wives, 4 children whose names were - Franklin; John; Richard; and Betsey who were the chn. of his two 1st wives. After the decease of 2nd wife he md. Miss Rebecca Clark by whom he had 5 chn. whose names were; Rufus; Rebecca; Abby; Phoebe and Ephraim. One of the 1st class is dead (Betsey); and 2 of the last viz - Phoebe and Ephraim. The rest are residing in different places, some in this county and state, and the others scattered over different parts of the world. I have not the names of all the chn. that his 1st wife had. Silas Pierson Jr. (my grandfather) was the son of Silas Pierson, Sr. of L. I. whose family consisted of 8 chn; - viz.; Silas, Josiah md. Frances Moffit; William was unmd.; Mary; Sarah; Rachel; Martha and Rhoda (wife of Rufus Drake). (Silas Pierson Sr. said to have md. Mary Coolman of Hamptonburgh, N.Y.) Silas Pierson Jr. md. Rachel Bull (dau. of Isaac and Sarah Mullener bull whos other chn. were Peter; John; Catherine and Nancy Bull who were all dead 1840 except Peter and Nancy.) Capt. Silas Pierson Jr. was md. in 1783 Blooming Grove Church.

Francis Drake died in Blooming Grove where all his children were born. His place of interment was supposed to be the Blooming Grove Church. His father Joseph Drake was of Goshen and later of Chester, N.Y. where he died. According to a letter written June 6, 1870 by miss G. E. Drake, the said FRANCIS DRAKE was a Weaver; and chorister at Blooming Grove Church. he lived in the town of Bl. Grove on a grant of land located on the farm of George Thompson. He followed his occupation of weaving at his home and by which with the selling of fruit earned his

daily bread. It is thought he was buried on the Dr. Horton farm in the burying ground. He had 2 wives - the 1st was named Colemand and had 2 children Betty and Richard; Betty md. a man by the name of Whittaker and lived at Mt. Hope, Richard learned the Blacksmith ' s trade with George Duryea who lived in the Holler. The 2nd wife had 4 chn - 2 girls one named Abigail, the other ' s name I could not ascertain; - they moved West with a man named Joseph King. Rufus Drake learned of his father to weave and also put his great musical talent into practice by teaching singing school in different Olaces, Denton, East Division; Ppverty Hollow etc. also day school in or near Goshen, the old Academy in blooming Grove, etc. Ephriam Drake the youngest child had the misfortune to get his hand burnt and was lamed;

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he learned the trade of a wheelwright with Felix Graham. The building stood just beyond the house formerly occupied by Gen. H. Duryea.

"G. E. D."

One wife of Francis Drake said to have been a Helms (mother of Rufus A. Clark).

Children of Rufus and Rhoda Pierson Drake were;-

1. Victor M. Drake born March 20, 1813 in upper Smithfield, Wayne Co., Pa. Died in Goshen, N.Y. June 11, 1894 age 82 yrs. Was a Printer; Editor and Farmer. Was twice md. 1st 1837 Nancy Maria Terry by whom he had 2 chn; - Henry d. infancy; and Irving C. born at Goshen 1840 md. in Chicago, Ill. 1868 to Kate Townsend, and had 8 chn.; Jennie; George Nelson; Ida May; Clemmie; Victor M.; Frank; Rufus b. 1876; and Katie b. 1880. Victor M. Drake md. 2nd. 1846 Mary Jane Terry (sister of 1st wife by whom he had 1 son, Frank, born at Newton, N.J. 1855 where his father edited a newspaper for some years. Mr. Frank Drake resided in Goshen from 1871 till his death where he was Editor of the Independent Republican - the oldest newspaper in Orange Co. owned and edited by his father for many years.

2. Rufus J. Drake Jr. b. Nov 13, 1814(15) Goshen, d. there Aug. 18, 1875 age 59-4 unmarried. (or born in Blooming Grove, N.Y. also given)

3. Ann Eliza Drake born Oct 4, 1819 (or 20) Goshen, md. Hector Vail who died 1860. They had 2 sons; Irving died 1850; and Rufus J. Vail died 1881.

4. Sarah Ethelinds Drake b. March 28, 1823 Goshen, unmd.

5. Clementire A. Drake b. Aug 28, 1825 Goshen, unmd. (d. Jan 8, 1911)

N.B. Victor M. Drake md. 1st Nancy Maria Terry, who died June 5, 1841 in 26th yr. of consumption (dau of Thomas Payne and Charolette Terry.) She is buried with her parents in a Family burying ground near the Maples, near Middletown, N.Y.

Henry Drake, infant son of Victor M. and Nancy M. Drake buried there also; died Sept. 5, 1838 age 5 weeks.

Their other son irving C. Drake b. 1840 Goshen; died in Kansas.

Note: Rufus Drake injured his ankle while putting a back log in the fireplace making him permanently though slightly lame. He studied law in Judge Tompkins Office in N.Y. Left the U. S. Army at Sackett ' s Harbor and tramped to Kingston where he obtained a situation as school teacher; made a home and came to Goshen for his family but his wife refused to leave Goshen.

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Affadavit of Rhodney Drake for a Government pension for her husband ' s Service in the War of 1812, to the Commissioner of Pensions, Pension Office, Washington, D. C.

State of New York)
Orange County,) SS

Rhody Drake of the Town of Goshen in said County and State aforesaid being duly sworn deposes and says, that she is now 82, eighty-two years of age and is the widow of Rufus J. Drake, dec ' d who enlisted in Capt. Smith ' s Comp. 2nd Infantry, of United Service on the 4th day of August 1814 for 5 years and was honorably discharged on the 22nd July 1816 on furnishing a Substitute to fill the unexpired term for which said Rufus J. Drake enlisted as will also appear frm the official records of the War Dep ' t. of the U. S. as deponent is informed and believes. And deponent further says that Rufus J. Drake departed this life at Goshen aforesaid on 14th day of February 1828 leaving deponent his widow and 5 five children. That the said deponent was legally married to the said Rufus J. Drake in the year 1811 by the Rev. John (?) Bradner, Pastor of the Pres. Church of Blooming Grove aforesaid; That the deponent and the said Rufus J. Drake resided together always as man and wife up to the time of the said Rufus J. Drake ' s decease. And deponent further says that no land warrant, pension, bounty, back-pay or clothing was ever issued or received by or in the right of the said Rufus J. Drake for him or his widow or to any one else in his behalf to the knowledge of deponent as will appear from said official record. And deponent further says that the said substitute to finish in the place and stead of the said Rufus J. Drake was furnished at great expense and trouble and greatly to the detriment of said deponent and her family. And deponent further says that she has become old, infirm and almost helpless - that she is wholly dependent upon the liberality and bounty of her children who can but illy afford the additional expense of maintaining her and desires that what belongs of right and justice may be paid to her or her legal representatives. And deponent furthers says that the certificate of the honorable discharge of the said Rufus J. Drake from the service of the U. S. was lost or destroyed by fire by accident. And further deponent Saith not.

her
Rhody X Drake
mark

Whitessed by
James F. Hoffman, Deputy Clerk, Orange Co.

To Victor M. Drake, Esq. Transcript, from Pension Office, Nov. 21, 1855
Newton, N.J.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22d Sept last

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In reply thereto I have to state that no warrant appeared to have issued in right of your father or Rufus J. Drake dec ' d who was a Private in Capt. Smith ' s Company 2nd Infantry. He enlisted Aug 4, 1814 for 5 years. and was discharged on the 22d July 1816 on furnishing a substitute. As no evidence appears of his having received an honorable discharge or 3 months extra pay, you as his heir at law cannot obtain land in his right.

If his widow survives she should maker her claim under the Act of 1850.

She will obtain a warrant much sooner under that act than under the Act of March 3d, 1855.

Respectfully,
Your Ob ' t servant, R. M. Roe.
For Commissioner of Pensions.

Transcript- Power of Attorney:

Know all men by these presents the I Rhody Drake of the Town of Goshen in the County of Orange, State of N.Y., widow of Rufus J. Drake deceased who was a soldier of the Wark of 1812 and 14 having entered in the U. S. 2nd Infantry Aug 4, 1814 for 5 years. and was discharged 22 July 1816 on furnishing a substitute and appoint my son VICTOR M. DRAKE my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to receive, claim, demand and take sue for and collect from the Government of the U. S., its agents or officers or from the Agents or officers of the State of N. Y. or from any person or persons whomsoever any and all pension or pensions, lands, moneys or things whatsoever, which I as widow of the said Rufus J. Drake deceased am, have been, or can be entitled to claim, have, receive hold or take by reason of the premises aforesaid, hereby ratifying and confirming all my said Attorney shall leagally do in the premises,

Witness my hand and seal this eleventh day of December 1865, one thoughand eight hundred and sixty-five.

her
Rhody X Drake
mark

In presence of Jas. F. Hoffman,

State of New York)
Orange County) SS

On this 11th day of December 1865 personally appeared before me Rhoda Drake to me personally known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing and within power of attorney and she acknowledges that she executed the same.

Orange County SS.

On the 14th day of December 1865 before me personally came James F. Hoffman subscribing witness to the within instrument, to me known who being by me duly

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sworn did depose and say that he resided in the Town of Goshen in said County. That he knew Rhody Drake the individual described in and who executed the said power of attorney within, that he was present and saw the said Rhody Drake sign by making her mark and seal and deliver the same as for her act and deed and that the said Rhody Drake acknowledges and execution thereof, Whereupon the said James F. Hollman became the subscribing witness there to.

B. R. Chapion
Justice of the Peace,

State of New York)
County of Orange) SS

(Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th
(day of July 1856. M. D. Stivers, Clerk.)

Be it known that before me Moses D. Stivers, Clerk of Orange County duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Jas. W. Carpenter and Frederick A. Hoyt, both of the town of Goshen, in said County and being by me severally and duly sworn did depose and say and each for himself did say, that he was well acquainted with Thody Drake, late of the town of Goshen deceased; that she is the identical person named in the affadavit hereunto annexed and to which her name is subscribed; That they have read the affadavit by her subscribers and that the material facts stated therein they know of their own knowledge to be true; to wit; as being the wife of the said Rufus J. Drake, his and said Drake 's enlistment, his subsequent decease, her being his widow and in need of any mean which she may lawfully claim; and as to the other matters stated in her affadavit, they believe it to be true.

Jas. W. Carpenter F. A. Hoyt

Excerpts from letters written to Victor M. Drake, Esq., Goshen, N.Y. by William R. Drake, (Manager) Girard Iron Co., Manufacturers of Bessemer Foundry & Forge Pig Iron, GIRARD, Trumbull Co., Ohion from Jan. 13, 1881 to June 9, 1881

Jan ' y 13, 1881

Victor M. Drake Esq.
Goshen, Orange Co., N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from C. G. Elliott, Esq. Dep. County Clerk of your County saying that you could likely give me some information about my great grandfather FRANCIS DRAKE who lived and owned property in the Town of Blooming Grove, your County sometime during the years, say 1771 to 1776 or later. My grandfather, I think, was born in the town of Chester, your County. His name was Francis Drake. My great grandmother ' s Christian name, I think was Betsey. She married

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her 2nd husband after her 1st husband Francis Drake died. What I wish to know is when my great grandmfather settled in Orange Co., N.Y. and what year he died. Also the year my grandfather was born. The records were taken to Indiana by my grandmother some 40 years ago and I do not know whether they have been preserved or not. Any information in regard to my Ancestors from you will be thankfully rec ' d. Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you by return mail, I am, Sir.

Yours very truly,
William R. Drake

Jan ' y 26, 1881

Victor M. Drake, Esq. Goshen, NY

Dear Sir: I wrote you on the 13th inst. asking if you could give me any information about my great grandfather who lived and died either in the town of Chester or Blooming Grove about the year 1780 or 1790. Possibly later than that. Mr. C. G. Elliott, Dep. County Clerk informed me that you would be more likely to know something of the old settlers in your County than any one he could think of. I presume my letters miscarried as I have not heard from you. My great grandfather ' s name was FRANCIS DRAKE. My grandfather was given the same name. He (the later) was born I think in Chester. I think my great grandmother ' s name was before marriage Betsey Swartwout. If you are not acquainted with my branch of the Drake family and can give me no information in regard to them, perhaps you can inform me whether there is any of the Swartwout family living in your vicinity. Please pardon me if I have put you to any touble and let me assure you that I would willingly reciprocate should an opportunity be presented. I am Sir

Yours very respectfully,
W. R. Drake

Feb ' y 4, 1881

Victor M. Drake, Esq. Goshen, N.Y.

Dear Sir: Your valued letter of the 1st inst. is at hand. Please accept my thanks

for your kindness and trouble. The FRANCIS DRAKE that you give me a History of does not seem to belong to my family. My grandfather married a Betsey Elizabeth Seely of Romulus, N.Y. He was born as I believe in the Town of Chester, N.Y. (Orange Co.) and left there when not older than 16 or 18 years. His father, my great grandfather must have died before passing middle life as his wife, my great-grandmother, married her 2nd husband and I believe continued to live in Chester or thereabouts. The children of my great grandfather were; Francis Drake (my grandfather); Peter, Joshua, and Sara Drake. My father ' s grandmother on his mother ' s side was of the Galliway family of Orange Co. I shal be pleased to hear

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from you at any time and agin please accept my thanks for your kindness and trouble, I am,

Yours very truly,
W. R. Drake

Feb ' y 19, 18881

V. M. Drake Esq, Goshen, N.Y.

Dear Sir; Your interesting lettter of the 17th inst., is before me. It is possible that your branch of the Drake family may be a part of mine but from what I have been told by my father I cannot make the connection. My father says he may be mistaken in his grandfather ' s name but he thinks it was Francis. His father ' s name was Francis and he had 2 brothers and one sister, Peter, Joshua, and Sarah. My great grandfather must have died when comparatively young as my grandfather had a step-father and he (my grandfather) could not have been more than 18 years old when he left Chester. My great grandmother married a very small man. (She was very large and strong) for her 2nd husband and he, the last husband kept Hotel in Chester. My father says he remembers hearing his Uncles talk about this grandmother ' s quelling the disturbance when the husband could not. I wrote some time ago to the Postmaster at Chester asking him to give me the name of some of the oldest inhabitants of Chester and at the same time telling him what I wished to find out. In reply he said he had handed my letter to Charles D. Daines who as he said claimed to be a relative and that he also knew where the old Family Bible was, and would make some inquiries and write me. I wrote Mr. Daines what I wanted but he has as yet not answered my letter. If this old family Bible could be found it might throw some light on the subject. I hope you will not think I am asking more of you then I ought but allow me to thank you for your trouble and kindness already shown, and should you wish to answer this I shall be happy to hear from you at you convenience. I am Sir

Yours very truly W. R. Drake

Feb ' y 23rd 1881

Victor M. Drake, Esq, Goshen N.Y.

Dear Sir: I received a letter today from Mr. Charles D. Dains of Chester that I wrote you about. He gives me the record from a Bible owned by William Drake, son of John Drake as follows:

William Drake was born Nov. 22nd 1727; departed this life April 15th in the year of our Lord 1808.

Abigail Drake (wife) was born Dec. 2nd, 1732; departed this life Sept. 12th, 1785. Married July 12th 1753.

Children of the above (I suppose)

Hannah Drake was born Feby 28th, 1754

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James Drake was born Oct 1st, 1755

Esther Drake was born April 13th, 1758

David Groset Drake was born Dec. 2nd, 1759

William Drake was born June 9th, 1763

Burges Drake was born Aug. 8, 1769

Phoebe Drake was born Jan ' y 15th, 1772

Jesse Drake was born July 19th, 1775.

This is a copy of William Drake ' s Bible purchased May 15, 1793, Printed 1791

I have given you this thinking it possibly might be interesting to you. I am still in the dark as to which (if either) of the sons was my father ' s grandfather. My grandmother Drake was a daughter of James Seely. He had a brother by the name of Jonas. My grandmother ' s mother was a Gallaway. She (the former) had an Uncle by the name of Thomas. My grandfather had an Uncle by the name of Aaron Swartwout. This bing the case my father ' s grand mother must have been a Swartwout. I think the Seely ' s and Galloway ' s were from Goshen. I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time. The task is more than I thought it would be when I first wrote you but the more I learn about the family the more interested I get. Do you think this origial William Drake a brother of Francis you formerly wrote me about.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you again, I am Sir

Very respectfully yours,

W. R. Drake

June 4th, 1881

Victor M. Drake, Esq. Goshen, N.Y.

Dear Sir: I am now in correspondence with a Francis Drake of England in relation to our family history and from the information he gives me I am inclined to think that we may yet be able to connect on the line that leads back to the Great Sir Francis Drake who died in 1596. He tells me the last known male heir Sir. Francis Henry Drake died in 1794 without male issue and that the immense Estate of Sir. F. Drake is now in the hand of a trustee appointed by the Chancery Court and that the male heirs of the family are entitled to this estate and that there are Drakes in

American than can connect. The estate pays an annual rent of more than \$100,000. In all it is worth some 77 millions. Will you make an effort to find out where our line of the family originally came from. Some of the old stock of Devonshire Drake ' s came to American with Denus Rollis and settled in Florida. I believe they must have come north and settled in Goshen Orange Co., rather for they have the same names that the English Drakes had. If it not too much trouble will you send me a copy of the Church record you spoke of concerning our family and any information you may have. I will write you again when I get an answer to my last letter to England. I am

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Yours, W. R. Drake

June 9th 1881

Victor M. Drake Esq. Goshen, N.Y.

Dear Sir; yours of the 7th inst. is at hand. It is to me quite interesting to read over the old family names that lived more than a century ago. I begin to think that your grandfather was my great grandfather. In your letter written in Feb ' y you said Francis Drake son of Joseph Drake was born 1720. I took it that your grandfather was born 1720. I have alsway supposed my great grandmother was Betsey Swartwout. The only thing that I am not reconciled to is that his children by her as you report does not correspond with my grandfather ' s relatives. I have a letter before me from a great-Aunt who married my grandfather ' s brother Peter. She says the family was as follows:

Francis; Joshua; Samuel; Julia; Sally; Betsey; Catherine and Jemima.

My great Uncle Peter was the youngest child and his father died when he was only 4 years old. So this Francis Drake could not have been your grandfather. I have a letter from Francis Drake of England who says he has spent 11 years in searching the Drake record of England who uses the following language-- "For a singular thing truned up to my notice this morning having my note of some chancery proceedings on my table, I noticed one of MATTHEW DRAKE of 1700 and Sarah his wife and the estate in Jamaica. Now you send names of Jonathan, that is a family name of some consequence and there I can connect to a proper line and Samuel, Daniel, William, James, John and Abraham are all family names. Now, Matthew Drake having estate in Jamaica no doubt enticed his own line of family out of that part of America, let alone the enticement of Denny Rollins who was about that time in possession of vast tracts of land in Florida. Here was the Commencement of the old stock of the Devonshire Drakes to America and there are circumstances that must be our guide. Find out if your family or ancestors did not come from Devonshire or Cornwall or Sommerset or Dorset. Something tells me even our own line is among some of them," -- This FRANCIS DRAKE writes me that the estate now amounting to something like 77 millions for the Drake heirs in general. The last male heir (direct) as you will, having died 1794. The female branch of the family cannot claim the estate as it is willed in trust from one male heir

to another one when that line became extinct it was to go back to another. Can ' t you find the old record thru the female branch of the family? I think if we can work together we may be able to connect the line. I shall be glad to hear from you again. I am.

Yourd, W. R. Drake

Material from letters sent to Mr. Frank Drake, Editor, Goshen, N.Y.

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709 East Ave., Stevens Point, Wis.
April 15, 1901

Dear Sir; I made an attempt a few years ago to get possession of some Drake genealogy and abandoned it. At that time your name was given me as one who might be able to give me some points. Will you kindly let me know if you, or any one you know of, has any records bearing upon the matter which would help me.

Francis Drake appear in some old records of which I have a copy. My people sprung from N. J. stock. My father being born at Newburgh, N.Y. and I think his mother Sarah Drake was married at Washingtonville, Orange Co., N.Y. I wonder if you have any information or can get any to help me.

I have also been told that my great grandfather John Drake who married Rahamah Ayres died at Goshen, I would like to learn if it is true; if such a person is buried anywhere in your locality. I hope to hear from you soon, I am,

Very truly yours

Mrs. Lizzie Beach Moore.

P.S. I think one of your ancestors once lived at Blooming Grove which includes Washingtonville, N.Y. My father, Charles Beach was quite sure his father Samuel Beach and Sarah Drake were married at Washingtonville, and I should be grateful to get records.

Her family data:

John Drake married Martha Grosset (He supposedly died at Goshen 1779. He was a property holder and tax payer in Goshen 1779). Their chn were: Joseph; William; Samuel (was the father of Mrs. McDolles); #John married Rahamah Ayers and had 9 chn. (below); Benjamin was twice md. st to Sarah Smith and 2nd to Abigail Knapp; Zephaniah; Phoebe md. Uriah Fuller; Hester md. James Knapp; Martha md. Alex Jackson; and Polly md. Joseph Holly.

#John Drake md. Rahamah Ayres of Sussex Co., N.J. (I think) and had chn;

1. Peter Drake md. Ruhama Russle (Russell)
2. Jacob " md. Hannah
3. Julia " md. Joseph McCain

4. Sarah " md. Samuel Beach and had 6 chn;
 1. Elizabeth Beach md.Smith
 2. Charles Beach d. March 18, 1901 md. Susal Walker, of Bath, Steuben Co., N.Y. Only Child is Mary Elizabeth or Lizzie who md. Fred L. Moore who died Nov 17, 1879 at Stevens Point, Wis.
 3. Ayres Beach
 4. Theodore Beach

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5. Samuel Beach (who md. Bell and lives at Cortland N.Y.)
6. Sylvester Beach
5. Catherine md. Martin Helmes
6. John md. Fanny Haxton (whose granddaughter is Mrs. Duane Studley of 500 S. Washington St., Crowfordsville, Ind.
7. Asa Drake md. Phoebe Potter
8. Benjamin Drake
9. Isaac Drake

Letter from a cousin of the above Mrs. Lizzie Beach Moore follows:
 from Mrs. Duane Studley, Crawfordsville, Ind. April 22, 1901
 Mr. Frank Drake; Goshen, N.Y.

Dear Sir: I am looking into the History of the Drake family and for a long time now have been trying to fill a break between two records which have come to me. I had all but abandoned the hope of ever being able to accomplish this, until this last week, a copy of a letter written in 1898 came to me. In this letter which was written in answer to questions about the Drake relationship occurred your name, also that of your father Victor M. Drake, and that of your grandfather Francis Drake. One thing which is noticeable in the Drake family is that certain names reappear from generation to generation. In the older record which I have, there are two persons mentioned by the name of Francis Drake and so I have come to hope that you may be able to help me. Have you any record of the Drake family and would you be so kind as to send me a copy? According to my second record my great great grandfather died in Goshen, N.Y. Jan 14, 1779. His name was JOHN DRAKE and as nearly as I can make out he married Mary Grosset. Can you tell me whether that name is correct and can you give me any dates? Now what I want to find out is, how was this John Drake related to your grandfather Francis Drake? To make the matter as clear as possible I will write out the record as I have it and if it is possible for you to add to any information I beg that you will favor me. If you can fill out any of these lists or tell me how to reach the descendants of any of the children of John Drake and Mary Grosset I shall be greatly obliged to you. Can you tell me anything about Benjamin and Isaac, sons of John Drake and Rahamah Ayers? Or of Asa Drake who Md. Phoebe Potter? John Drake who md. Fanny Haxton was my grandfather. I have the records of the families of Peter; Julia; Sarah; Catherine; and John. I know nothing of the others. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, Very

Truly,

Mrs. Duane Studley,

(She enclosed the same material as sent by Mrs. Moore.)

Letter from Louis L. Drake of 240 Mt. Prospect Ave., Newark, N.J. Nov. 2, 1906 to Mr. Frank Drake of Goshen, N.Y.

Dear Sir: I am trying to trace up the Drake family for genealogical and historical purposes. Victor M. Drake is reputed to have had a vast acquaintance and I am in

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hopes he may have left some documentary information in which even it would possess considerable value. Can you give me any information as to this? Meanwhile I am sending you record blanks and beg to ask if you will fill them out. (one in the name of victor M. Drake Esq. and the other in your own). I would also appreciate any information you can give me of the earliest progenitor of families of your line. I would like if possible to get beyond Rufus J. Drake of Milford, Pa. (1813) the father of Victor M. Drake. I would also appreciate the address of Mrs. Irving Drake. In 1806 Francis Drake wrote from Goshen to his brother Paul. Do you know anything about any Drake family living in Goshen at that time? or since? Any information at all will be gratefully appreciated by, Very sincerely yours; Louis L. Drake.

Letter from E. W. Burt, R.F.D. #2 haddam, Washington Co., Kansas
July 17, 110 to Mr. Frank Drake, Editor, Goshen Democrat, Goshen , N.Y.

Dear Sir: Myself and cousins are heirs to the TRINITY CHURCH PROPERTY and are trying to trace our relationship through the Drake family to ANNEKE JANS-BOGARDUS. Note the questions attached, I desire you to answer if you can. Since you are a "Drake" and a resident of Orange Co. you are undoubtedly related to me although quite a distant relation. I first forwarded these questions to Miss Elizabeth Burt of Warwick, N.Y. who is a relative and she has kindly given me your address but at the same time kindly advises that TRINITY CHURCH CORPORATION are mailing a circular to heirs of ANNEKE JANS in which they advise to pay no money to lawyers as their title is absolutely good. In answer to this query I would state that we intend to employ a lawyer to work on commission and will not pay out one single dollar for attorney ' s fees. I have some doubts about being able to recover from TRINITY at the present time but I think conditions will be better later and likely something recovered for the heirs. If you are able to answer all or a part of the questions asked I shall appreciate it very much, I am enclosing selfaddressed stamped envelope for reply. Your truly, E. W. Burt.

From E. W. Burt...."RECORD OF LYONS FAMILY; MATERIAL."

In the History of the Drake Family in England and American 1360-1895, Privately printed in Boston 1896, Mr. J. C. Holland visited the NEWBERRY LIBRARY at Chicago, says: "I find on page #79 a Benjamin David Drake born Dec. 25, 1762 d.

Jan. 13, 1850, married July 16, 1769 Polly Selee b. 1777 d. Dec. 26, 1860. Their children were; John Wheaton; Zebiah; Abigail; Benj. Russell; Thomas J. W.; Abraham Hyden; Comfort David; Hannah; and Abigail S.

My great-great-grandmother Martha Drake, direct descendant of Captain John Drake and sister of Benjamin Drake born 1752, married Henry Lyons great-great-grandfather, Revolutionary War Soldier, Sept. 25, 1770. Henry Lyons (Henri Leon, french) died July 1789. His widow Martha Drake Lyons md. 2nd John Manhart who was also a Revolutionary soldier. It is claimed that Benjamin Drake is

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a cousin of ANNEKE JANS-BOGARDUS and when properly traced, record dates back to the year 1605. I think the year 1605 is probably the year of the birth of ANNEKE JANS-Bogardus; and that Benjamin Drake would have to be a 2nd or 3rd cousin of hers. I believe the Benjamin Drake traced by Mr. Holland is the correct party but I do not know for certain. If you have the right Lineage book probably we would trace from Benjamin Drake's mother; grandmother or great grandmother on the Maternal side by one who had married into the Drake family as the Drakes are English, and Anneke Jans was from Holland.

Here are my questions:

1. In what year did Henry Lyons settle in Orange Co., NY?
2. Was Martha Drake who md. Henry Lyons born in Orange Co., NY?
3. Did Martha Drake Lyons remove from Orange Co., N.Y. after she md. John Manhart and what is the date of her death?
4. If you have a History of the Drake family like Mr. Holland saw at the Newberry Library can you show that Benjamin David Drake is a brother of Martha Drake who md. Henry Lyons?
5. Can you show relation of Benj. David Drake or the Benjamin who is a brother of Martha Drake to ANNEKE JANS-Bogardus and what cousin is he? You might find something to aid you in "An account of ANNKE JANSE and her family" - which was published by Joel Munsell of Albany, N.Y. 1870. (I have never seen this book.)

Yours truly, E. W. Burt.

In a newspaper article by Eleanor Lexington was given "The ancient origin of the Drake family". It stated that the original meaning of the name Drake is - "a leader of men". Derived from the latin - Drago or Draco and Roman standard bearers were always called Draconarii. The Romans got the name from the Greeks among whom it was found as early as 600 B.B. when Draco the celebrated Athenian legislator drew up the code of laws for the Gov't of the people which bore his name. LeDrak was old Gaelic form of this name. Soon after the conquest of Wessex by the Saxons a family or clan called Drago took possession of an old Roman encampment in Devon County which became known as Mt. Drake. From this family all of the name are probably descended. Six estates are mentioned in Domes-day book as owned by the family. One of the principal homes was Musbury Castle on Mt. Drake with its church and mortuary chapel which was finally lengthened in to an aisle called Drake Aisle which the family with their retainers and servants always occupied. (in the reign of Chas. I.) In Ireland the Drake's stronghold was Drakerath

- "Drake ' s Fort".

A John Drake was Mayor of Dublin in 1402. Besides statesmen, men of letters and knights there was also a martyr in the family, Robert Drake who was burned at the stake during Queen Mary ' s reign.

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It must also be noted that the great John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough was the son of Elizabeth Drake and Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Walter Raleigh Claimed connection, if not relationship with the family, his step-mother being Alice Drake.

Richard Drake was equerry to Queen Elizabeth and it was she who made the great Sir Francis Drake a knight. She further honored him by dining aboard his ship when he returned to England after his triumph in Cadiz Harbor where he destroyed the 100 ships which had been destined for the overthrow of England. One of the Spanish ships captured by Drake in South American waters was laden with gold, silver and precious stones to the value of 3 million dollars. Numerous attempts have been made at different times by heirs of the great navigator to recover some of his vast fortune. As he had 11 brothers, the heirs to his estate are numerous. The Drake ' s have always shown a love of the sea. Nearly all of Sir Francis ' brothers were sailors and the 1st Englishman to sail up the St. Lawrence was Capt. George Drake.

Robert Drake was one of the emigrant ancestors and John Drake was a member of the Council of Plymouth. One of the original companies established in 1606 for settling New England. He came over in 1630.

Thomas Drake born in Devonshire England in 1635 came to the New World about the middle of the century and settled in Massachusetts. The frequency with which the name Drake appears in Colonial land deeds and war records shows that the family took active part in the affairs of their respective towns.

From the Mass. muster rolls of Co ' s raised for service in the Revolution it appears that many members of this family took part. It was represented at the Lexington Alarm by 18 Minute Men April 19, 1775; and 17 men are on the "Coat Rolls" at Bunker Hill, and 4 Drakes on the Ticonderoga rolls.

Abraham Drake, a Capt. of Horse in the French War and was at the Battle of Lexington attended several councils called by Washington.

The Drake ARMS are all alike altho the crests vary, This similarity proves the common origin of the family and the extreme simplicity of the arms show great antiquity. The arms are a Wivern (or dragon) displayed; gules; shield; argent; Crest

a dexter arm erect coupled at the elbow, bearing a battle-axe, sable, Motto - "Aquila non captat muscas" - An Eagle does not attempt to catch flies, This has been the motto of every branch of the family. Other crests are a reindeer ' s head coupled and a 2 headed eagle.

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Newspaper article by William Bull, grandson of Wm. Bull and Sarah Wells, published Aug. 28, 1889 regarding his ancestor, William Bull ' s place and date of birth.

"The bicentennial of the birthday of William Bull will be celebrated at the picnic of his descendants today in Mrs. Gouge ' s Grove, Campbell Hall, N.Y. It will be remembered that William Bull was born in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England February 1689. Wolverhampton is described by the late Hugh Miller in 1855 as "a large but rather uninteresting assemblage of red brick houses, capped with red tile roof, slippered with red tiled floors, and neither in its component parts nor in its grouping differing much from several scores of other assemblages of red brick houses that form the busier market towns of England." In boyhood WILLIAM bade Good-bye to the red tile houses and in company with his father went over to Dublin, Ireland. Here, having learned the stone mason ' s trade in partnership with a young friend, he contracted to build the arch of a stone bridge. The structure was hardly completed when on a Sabbath morning, it tumbled down. This misfortune turned his thought on emigration to this country. Suppose the bridge had not fallen, and he had remained in Ireland, and had there reared his hardy brood! Years after his children and grandchildren might have emigrated to this prosperous land, the males to be the wealthy contractors in our large cities, and the females to be the cooks, chambermaids, and nurses in the households of the 1st families; or perhaps the offspring of these same wealthy contractors might be the leaders of fashion, whereof the ladies might w\swell in bustles and gi\listen with diamonds. If this had been the decree of fate, the picnic today would never have been. But a kinder fate was his. From his happy wedlock with SARAH WELLS, the once obscure servant of Madam DENN, the respectable accomplished company celebrating his birthday today have been reared. Advance Americans all, proud of their humble ancestry, loyal to their common country."

William Bull died 1755. His wife Sarah Wells b. 1694 died 1796 age 102 yrs. 9 mos.

Their oldest son John Bull b. 1721 md. Miss Holly (Hannah) of Goshen.

Their great grandson, James Bull lived in Charleston. S. C. and had a daughter and 2 sons, Edmond and Benjamin living 6 Judith St., Charleston, S.C.

Isaac Bull (another son of Wm. and Sarah Wells Bull) b. 27 Nov. 1729 d. Aug 11,

1794 md. Sarah Mulliner b. Aug 11, 1724 d. Sept 4, 1806 (dau. of Peter and Anna Mulliner).

1. Rachel Bull 1751-1829 md. #Silas Pierson, Jr. b. April 10, 1748 d. Feb 25, 1804. Had 2 chn; Rhoda 1788-1866 md. Rufus J. Drake and Jubal Bull 1785-1856 md. Mary Duryea.
2. Peter Bull b. 1753 d. 1843 md. Experience Reeves 1765-1830 Had 7 chn.
3. John bull 1756-1792 md. Joanna Watkins 1762-1794 Had 7 chn.
4. Catherine Bull 1759-1813 md. Gideon Coleman 1752-1813

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5. Anne Bull b. 1761 md. 1799 Daniel Fullerton 1767-1828

6. Thmas Mulliner Bull 1765-1767

Rachel Bull and Capt. Silas Pierson Jr. md. 1783 in Blooming Grove Church

OAKLEY - HOLLY FAMILY NOTES

Record of John Oakley who md. July 26, 1784 (Goshen Pres. Church Records) Mary Holly b. Aug 4, 1758 died 1786 supposedly (dau. of Wm. Holly and Martha Oldfield). His will is on file in Goshen (Liber D, p. 206) made Feb. 22, 1809 probated March 1809 in which he mentioned his wife Catherine (Jones, perhaps) and 9 children as shown below. He was of Minisink, Orange Co., N.Y. He was born 1762 and died Feb. 23, 1809.

By his 1st wife Mary Holly had only one child, Hannah; the other chn. were by 2nd wife Catherine born Oct 28, 1769 died Dec. 23, 1844.

Children:

1. Hannah Oakley born March 13, 1785 died May 23, 1870
2. Matilda Oakley born March 8, 1790 d. Aug 3. 1880
3. Israel Oakley born Feb 27, 1792 d. May 7, 1839
4. Thomas Oakley born Dec. 25, 1793
5. Elizabeth Oakley born Sept. 6, 1795 d. Sept. 1818
6. Lavinia Oakley born Aug. 13, 1797
7. Augustus Oakley born March 11, 1799
8. Catherine Oakley born May 7, 1802
9. Sarah Oakley born Nov. 6, 1804

Record of William Holly Family. He was of Warwick, N.Y. Letters of Adm. for him on file in Goshen, N.Y. (Liber B, pg. 115) issued Jan 27, 1797 to his son Noah Holly.

William Holly born Dec. 25, 1729 died Jan. 8, 1796. Married Dec. 12, 1754 Martha Oldfield b. June 1733 d. ___

Their children were; -

1. Ebenezer Holly b. Oct 1755 d. Nov 12, 1755

2. William Holly b. Sept 14, 1756 d. Oct 5, 1799
3. Mary Holly b. Aug 4, 1758 (md. 1784 John Oakley, above)
4. Hannah Holly b. March 24, 1760 d. June 1780
5. Samuel Holly b. Sept 28, 1761
6. Ebenezer Holly 2nd b. Aug. 6, 1763
7. Noah Holly b. July 4, 1765

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8. James Telverton Holly b. Nov. 4, 1769 d. May 21, 1795
9. Daniel Oldfield Holly and
10. Joseph Oldfield Holly twins b. Jan 17, 1770. Daniel Oldfield Died Oct. 1770.
11. Timothy Holly b. Jan 7, 1773
12. Martha Holly b. Jan 11, 1776

In the Goshen Pres. Church Records were found the following marriages --
Wm. Holly md. Nov 18, 1779 Hannah Dun.
Joseph Holly md. May 6, 1802 Huldah Benjamin.

Obituary (1892)

Stephen Smith, one of the oldest residents of Orange County died on Thursday evening from the effects of injuries received by a fall. He was in his 93rd year having been born June 16, 1799. He resides in the town of Goshen on the farm of his father Stephen Smith and on which his great grandfather #Caleb Smith first settled in 1743. His wife was Matilda, dau. of Timothy Wood and Dolly Carpenter.

Caleb Smith married in Goshen, N.Y. July 17, 1783.

Major John Wood died at Goshen Aug. 4, 1898 aged 69 yrs. of apoplexy.
Buried in Pres. Cemetery.

Supplemental Material

Hawks family Genealogy

1) Benjamin Franklin Hawks, born 12-28-1799 at Phelps, New York, was the son of Eleazer Hawks and the grandson of Paul Hawks. Eleazer Hawks with his brothers Cephas and Joseph had migrated from Deerfield, Massachusetts to western New York State in the 1790 's. Eleazer settled in Phelps, Ontario County, while Cephas subsequently moved to Michigan and then to Waterford, Indiana. Joseph moved to the Buffalo, New York area. (History of Deerfield, Massachusetts by George Sheldon, 1896, Vol. II, genealogies, pp. 191, 194, Phelps and Gorham Purchase by C. (possibly O.) Turner, 1852 (N.Y.) 229.) Benjamin F. Hawks married Hannah C. Drake before 1830. According to the 1850 census record (Ontario County, Town of Phelps, State of New York, p. 805). children of Benjamin F. Hawks and Hannah, his wife, were: Lucinda 20 , Robert S. 18, Frances A. 15; Wesley 12, Charles S. 9; Angeline 2/12 months. Benjamin died April 7, 1878 and his wife Hanna C. Drake died June 14, 1897 in New York City. both are buried in the Resthaven Cemetery, Phelps, New York. Eleazer Hawks died 2-26-1829 in his 63rd year, while his wife Anna Stebbins died 6-17-1817 in her 51st year. Both are buried in the "Old Cemetery" in Phelps, New York.

Second Generation

Wesley Hawks apparently died while a young man, unmarried. Robert and Charles were both in the Civil War and have pension records. Charles Seymour Hawks, born April 18, 1841, married first on June 11, 1867, Annie E. Parker at Hopewell, New York. She died at Phelps, New York, August 24, 1883. He married again at Leesburg, Va. on April 12, 1888, Mary Hempstone. He died on June 17, 1921. In his pension record (No. 604717) he stated on February 16, 1912, that he had no living children. Whether he had any grandchildren is not known.

2. Robert S. Hawks, born 3-13-1832 At Phelps, New York (Pension file L.C. 2.692.254) because of ill health caused by war injuries decided to seek a climate more beneficial to his health and went west to Nebraska. He lived in several town, the first being Lincoln, Nebraska, where on November 24, 1867, he married Hannah

E. Wilson. They had two children who lived to adulthood, Franklin T. Hawks (3), born Sept 26, 1868, and Arthur Charles Hawks born at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, July 8, 1875. Hannah E. Hawks died at Blue Springs, Gage County, Nebraska, on May 6, 1882, age 33 years and 2 months. Robert S. Hawks married second Sarah E. McCaulley, born 9-7-1854 near Philippi, West Virginia, on March 19, 1883 in Gosper County, near Arapahoe, Nebraska, and had these children: Edward Clinton born 5-21-1884, Roy F. born 4-27-1887, and Ernest Manderson (7) and Earl Paul Morton (8) (twins) born 12-14-1888. The latter two children were

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born at Benkelman, Nebraska. Robert S. Hawks died at Leavenworth Kansas, on 7-24-1915, and Sarah died 1-7-1944 at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Hannah C. Drake b. July 13, 1809 at Canandaigua, N.Y. Child of samuel Drake and Eunice Carpenter. See page 15.

Third Generation

3) Franklin Thomas Hawks, born 9-26-1868 at Lincoln, Nebraska, died at Wray, Colorado on 5-11-1928. He married Lilian A. Harkness, born 12-29-1869 in Illinois. She died at Wray, Colorado, 10-1-1959.

Chn. Vernon Hawks, died in infancy

Robert Verle Hawks, born 7-16-1895 at Orleans, Nebraska (9)

Alwyn Burr Hawks, born 9-28-1897 at Orleans, Nebraska, married Harriet Short at Brighton, Colorado, on June 14, 1923. No children.

Bernice Laura Hawks born 7-31-1902, married Norman Dean Henry at Yuma, Colorado, No Children

Raleigh (Rollie) Waldo Hawks born 6-23-1900 at Orleans, Nebraska (11)

4) Arthur C. Hawks. No Record

5) Edward Clinton Hawks died at Weston, West Va. in 1969. Unmarried.

6) Roy F. Hawks died 1918-19. No record of family.

7) Ernest Manderson Hawks, b. 12-14-1888 at Benkelman, Nebraska. Died 6-16-1913. He married DeLena Osborn 4-17-1912, She was born 5-13-1889 at Kit Carson County, Colorado, daughter of George Osborn and Joanna Massersmith. She married second, Levi Miller who died and she resides in Salem Oregon.

Chn: Manford Hawks, born 9-27-1913 at Benkelman, Nebraska (12)

8) Earl Paul Morton Hawks, born 12-14-1888 at Benkelman, Nebraska. Lives in Arlington, VA. He married Lolo A. Osborn 4-17-1912. She was born

2-21-1891 at Kit Carson County, Colorado, daughter of George Osborn and Joanna Messersmith.

Chn.; Imogene Thetis Hawks born 1-27-1913 at Benkelman, Nebraska
Married Harry H. Lane 12-31-1941 No children. Lives in
Arlington VA

Manley D. Hawks, born 11-17-1917 at Benkelman, Nebraska
(13)

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Fourth Generation

9) Robert V. Hawks, born 1895, married first Gladys Schroyer at Wray, Colorado; married second Orpha Frizel (no children by this marriage). Lives at Everett, Washington.

Chn: by 1st marriage:

Robert Chamberlin Hawks, born 3-17-1917 at Akron, Colorado
Unmarried. Lives in Salt Lake City, Utah

Wilbur K. Hawks, born 5-27-1919, at Wray, Colorado. Killed in action over Italy in World War II, Buried in a mass grave in Arlington National cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Jacquelyn Gail Hawks, born 9-9--1921, at Moorcroft, Wyoming.
Married John Hicks. Lives in Miami, Florida. (14)

10) Alwyn Burr Hawks, born 9-28-1897 at Orleans, Nebraska. Married Harriet E. Short, born at Raigler, Nebraska 5-8-1898. No children. Live at Wray, Colorado.

11) Raleigh (Rollie) W. Hawks married Marguerite Kilman who was born in Indiana.

Chn: Bernice L. Hawks, born 5-15-1922 at Wray, Colorado; married Joseph Holberg. No children.

Barbara L. Hawks, born 3-17-1933 at Wray, Colorado; married Norman Clegg (15)

12) Manford Hawks, born 9-27-1913 at Benkelman, Nebraska; married Elsie Peterson on 6-26-1937 at St. Paul, Minnesota. Lives in Pendleton, Oregon.

Chn: Ernest M. Hawks, born 11-13-1947 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Lives at Pasco, Washington.

Delena Ann Hawks, born 9=1=1944 at Baker, Montana, married 8-26-1967 at Pendleton, Oregon, to Delbert Danielson. Lives at Beaverton, Oregon.

Robert E. Hawks, born 3-7-1951 at Pendleton, Oregon.

13) Manley D. Hawks, born 11-1-1917 at Benkleman, Nebraska; married Lettie

Emken on 11-10-1940 at Benedict, Nebraska. Lives in Springfield, Illinois.

Chn: Wayne Hawks, born 3-7-1945 at Kansas City, Missouri, married 11-2-1969 to Carolyn Moore at Kirkwood, Missouri.

Dean Hawks, born 7-5-1947 at Muncie, Indiana.

Jane Ann Hawks, born 2-14-1954 at Cntralia, Illinois

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Fifth Generation

14) Jacquelyn Gail Hawks, born 9-9-1921 at Morecroft, Wyoming. Married John Hicks. Lives in Miami, Florida

Chn: William D. Hicks

Jonell Hicks

15) Barbara L. Hawks, born 3-17-1933 at Wray, Colorado; married Norman Clegg.

Chn: Sandra Clegg

Terra Clegg

James Clegg

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(Family Bible in possession of Jacquelyn Gail Hawks Hicks.)

DRAKE-STANTON-WILKIN-EAGER-DAISH-STEWART-HOUSE

Richard Drake and Mary Wood

1. Richard Drake b. June 13, 1759 died Feb. 1836. Married Nov. 6, 1783 Mary Wood who was born May 16, 1761 and died May 21, 1830.

Chn: Lawrence b. Nov 2, 1784 m. Jane Shiver

Richard, Jr. b. Jan 24, 1786 m. Sarah Harris

Timothy b. Jan 24, 1788 m. Deborah Helms: 2nd Nancy Vail

Francis b. March 24, 1790

(2) Petronella V. b. April 4, 1792 m. Jonathan Stanton

Thomas W. b. Oct. 26, 1794 m. Mary Ann Sweezy

John b. Dec. 22, 1796 m. Julia Leed

Mary Nora b. March 20, 1799 m. David Bodine

Phoebe b. May 31, 1801 m. Hiram Norris

2. Petronella V. Drake b. April 4, 1792, m. 1st Jonathan Stanton and 2nd Jos. Wilkin. Had six living children

Chn: by 1st marriage
 Mehetable Stanton
 Frank Stanton

Chn: by 2nd marriage
 Mary Wilkin

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(3) Phoebe Ann Wilkin
 Jonathan Stanton Wilkin
 Peter Wilkin

3. Phoebe Ann Wilkin m. Peter Eager
Chn: (4) Mary Eliza Eager b. Jan 15, 1879
 Harriet Eager
 John Eager

4. Mary Eager b. Jan 15, 1879 d. April 17, 1942. Married William Marion Daish March 1887.

Chn: Nellie Grace Daish
 (5) Walter Eager Daish b. Sept. 29, 1893
 Phoebe Daish

5. Walter Eager Daish b. Sept 19, 1893 m. Annetta McGregor June 28, 1916.

Chn: Walter Daish
 Lawrence Eager Daish
 (6) Lois Annetta Daish
 Beverly Grace Daish

6. Lois Annetta Daish b. June 12, 1920 m. June 21, 1943, Ronald Stacy Steward who died April 22, 1960; married 2nd Nova Wesley House who adopted her four children.

Chn: Ronna Lee (Steward) House m. John Fly
 Robert Brian (Steward) House
 Susan Elaine (Steward) House
 Sally Anne (Steward) House

(Information furnished by Mrs. Lois House. See also Genealogical records, Series II, Vol. 21.)

ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS
OF JAMES DRAKE
OF DEVONSHIRE, ENGLAND, AND NASH COUNTY,
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PREFACE

For many decades the Drake descendants in the South and in Kentucky have preserved family letter, Bible Records, affidavits, and family manuscripts bearing the authenticity of our descent from Thomas, the brother and heir to Admiral Sir Francis Drake.

I have been most fortunate in corresponding with descendants of Albrightain 's brothers -- Silas Drake of Mississippi, Dr. John Hedges Drake, and Benjamin Drake -- and of Albrightain 's children -- John of North Carolina, Sophia Valentine of Tennessee, Silas Drake of Kentucky, Rev. (Dr.) Benjamin Michael Drake of Mississippi, and William Drake of Kentucky. These families had preserved family records and were most generous in sharing their family information. All had information giving the same line of Drake ancestors -- Mrs. Enloe of Georgia; Miss Claribel Drake, Mrs. Frank Drake, and Mrs. Harrell of Mississippi; Mrs. Sherrod of Alabama; Mrs. White, Mrs. Hailey, Mrs. Brooks of Tennessee; Mrs. McKellar of California; and Miss Isabelle Drake and Mrs. Elta Gray of Kentucky.

Bible Records have been placed in the Library of Daughters of American Revolution by Mr. Harrison, who wrote a manuscript about family history. I have included letters written by Mr. Harrison.

In addition to these records there are land grants and accounts published in books and magazines giving same line of ancestry.

Some member of James Drake line have from time to time gone to England to search records there.

Mrs. Enloe has compiled a Drake family chart -- 20 by 60 inches -- that includes generations for 400 years with many notes. This chart is in state historical libraries of the South and Kentucky and in the D.A.R. Library.

It is most interesting that our research on the Drake family began over 60 years before The Family and Heirs of Sir Francis Drake, 2 volumes, by Lady Elliott Drake was published in England. Also, she states that Rev. Bamphlyde Drake, Vicar of Farway, Devon, had a son Francis -- and ends with, "Little is known about this branch of the family; their descendants, it is said, went to American." Lady Elliott-Drake had access to wills and records in England. The Drake home, Buckland Monachorum, is now Drake Museum, near Plymouth, England.

There will be some repetition in the various sketches but that occurs because all these records agree as to direct line of ancestry of Thomas Drake, brother of Admiral Sir Francis Drake.

Some of the sketches and letters have been placed with families most

concerned.

I am well aware that there is other information, but I do not have the time to visit the archives where data can be found as in Mississippi Archives where the Drake file is the largest one or the Daughters of American Revolution Library in Washington, D. C.

Also, there are other descendants who have information, but have not taken time to share data with others.

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I certainly do appreciate all the information that the Drake descendants have shared with me and with the readers of this family history.

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OUR DRAKE FAMILY HISTORY
AND
THE DESCENDANTS OF THE THREE DRAKES
WHO MARRIED THREE TALBERTS

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PREFACE

With the gradual disappearance of the old family Bible and the precious records it contained it is going to be difficult for our descendants to trace the family history unless someone take the time to compile a record of the present and past generations.

This began as a project to prepare a family history for my daughter, Kathy, so that history would have a deeper and more personal significance. Then I decided to mimeograph copies for other descendants who were interested. I have been collecting information for three years and shall continue my research. However, I believe I should make this information available now since many of the grandchildren of Martha Ann Jane Drake Talbert are in their eighties. Also, this is the year that the Daughters of American Revolution plan to place a marker at Albrittain 's grave.

John Duvall gave a newspaper clipping about Silas Drake to the Talbert relatives. This gave me a clue to Robert 's History of Muhlenberg County. Elta Gray wrote that the author had visited often in her parents ' home. Then I extended my research. Also, I was very fortunate in corresponding with interested and informed Drake descendants in the South that had kept the family history and tradition. (We know that Albrittain had told his family, as John Duvall knew the family history so well.) But no one recorded it for future generations.

We are especially indebted to Mrs. Louise Enloe of Atlanta, Georgia, and Miss Claribel Drake, of Mt. Ararat, Church Hill, Mississippi, a French and Spanish teacher in Natchez High School for many years, but now retired. Mrs. Enloe sent copies of wills of Drakes in England and other information from Lady Elliott Drake book, "The Family and Heirs of Sir Francis Drake." Mrs. Enloe sent Kathy a large chart of Drakes in England and American with many notes. Miss Drake has been most helpful with family history and traditions.

Also, we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Hailey of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. McKellar of California; Mrs. Estelle Drake of Bowling Green; Mrs. Drake of Columbus, Miss.; Mrs. White of Tenn.; Mrs. Pearce of Carmi, Ill.; Mrs. Bailey of Indianapolis for article about Col. Perry Drake; Mrs. Sherrod of Alabama; Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. Gray of Kentucky.

All gave the same generations, but had different details. I am sorry that I could not include all the information, but I shall make a lending copy later. Lady Drake in her chart gives families of Francis, son of Rev. Bamphylde. The families in the South have records that James was the son of this Francis who married Mary

Buckingham.

On page 2 there is some of the information that Miss Claribel Drake sent. Her 86 year old sister assisted her in copying it.

Mrs. Sallie Drake Isaac, the author of History of Drakesboro, had a son who has silver stock buckle that belonged to Francis, then to his son James, then to Albrittain as James ' oldest son; Albrittain ' s musket, and James Drake ' s walking stick.

To have a complete family history many descendants must share their research and information handed from one generation to the next. I shall always treasure the letters and charts about our Drake ancestor.

All the Drake-Talbert descendants were very cooperative in answering my requests for family information. I certainly appreciate all your assistance. My two aunts, Myrtle Talbert Samford and Dessie Talbert Johnson, have been most helpful. My father, Joseph C. Talbert, has been of great assistance. There are too many to include all the names.

If there is any error as to date or spelling of name, it is certainly unintentional. I have prepared the script while I have been busy with home, school library, and graduate library course. I shall send a Drake supplement with any corrections or additions you may send me--along with any new data -- March 1963.

I shall be happy to hear from anyone interested in family history.

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