

Record of the Smith family of Honeoye Falls New York

ancestors of Mrs. Sofia Smith Butterworth¹

of Coldwater, Michigan

The following record of the Smiths related to the family of Elias Smith of Honeoye Falls, New York² was taken from a record compiled by the late W. B. Sprague of Coldwater, Michigan whose wife³ was a member of that family.

The earliest member of which we have any record is Abraham or Jacob Brower who resided in the city of New York or upon the Brooklyn side of the East River and was born about the year 1680.

Eldrick Brower son of Abraham or Jacob Brower was born about the year 1700. Elizabeth Brower daughter of Eldrick Brower was born in the year 1727 and married (date unknown) to Jacob Smith. This is the earliest record of the name of Smith which has ever been found.⁴

Jacob Smith son of Jacob and Elizabeth Brower Smith was born in the year 1750 and was married to Sophia Post who was born in the year 1754.

It is through Jacob or Abraham Brower that the tradition preserved by his descendants claim heirship to what is commonly known as the Trinity Church estate in the New York City area. It is claimed that he settled in Brooklyn or New York at an early period. New York was made a trading post by the Dutch in 1613. It was consequently held by Holland only 51 years and bore the name meantime of New Amsterdam. Henderick Hudson had discovered the place in 1609 and sailed up the Hudson River (named in his honor) as far as where the city of Hudson now stands. It is claimed by the Browers and their descendants that the said

¹ Sarah Sophia Smith the youngest daughter of Elias Smith and Sarah Dixon. Sarah Sophia married Ebenezer Butterworth who served as a Captain in the Union army during the U.S. Civil War. There is a statue with his name on it in the center of Coldwater, Michigan. Their great-great-grandson, George L. Snyder has reformatted this document in an attempt to make it easier to follow. Some misspellings and other obvious typographical errors have been corrected by George in the retyping. The results of analysis and research, and footnotes are added by George Snyder. The date at the bottom is the date of printing with the latest known additions and corrections. Two different copies of the original were used. Both copies were used in this transcription. Every attempt has been made to keep the value of the original document intact.

² Also known as the town (township) of Mendon, N.Y. in Monroe County

³ Mary, daughter of Rev. Francis Smith and Mary (Polly) Sines

⁴ by W.B. Sprague during his ancestor search. There are names and dates in error in this paragraph. I have attempted to make corrections and explanations in footnotes and at the end of this document.

Abraham or Jacob Brower married Anneka Jans or a descendant of hers as her second husband, she being a widow of a man named Bogardus.

When upon a visit to Little Falls above Patterson, June 1854, I made some inquiry to please our friends there in relation to their heirship to the Trinity Church Estate, but it all resulted in nothing very flattering to my mind. The tradition doubtless has some foundation, but by the lapse of time it appears to have become quite vague and uncertain. The most plausible presumption rests upon the supposition that the said Abraham or Jacob Brower married the widow of the Rev. Evaradus Bogardus who was the first⁵ minister of the Dutch Reformed Church 1633, the first church being built that same year. It was a frail small wooden building in what was called Broadstreet. This minister came from Holland with the celebrated Wouter Van Twiller who was the first governor of New Amsterdam. After spending some years in the New World, Dominie Bogardus in returning to his native land, was lost in the ocean off the coast of Wales with eighty one others.

From the limited means I have had for information, in relation to other families aside from those of the Browers, I can only say that there are hundreds, perhaps, by the name of Bogardus scattered about in the vicinity of New York and up the valley of the Hudson, as well as in the city of New York, who reckon themselves heirs of Anneka Jans,⁶ and some of them have been at much pains to establish their title as her heirs. The sentiment in regard to their claims which appeared in the Poughkeepsie Telegraph Oct. 24, 1848 in the form of poor poetry will perhaps give about as good an idea of the matter as it is possible to obtain outside of the record of the law, where the case has been more or less examined. It read thus:

*From the fourth king of Holland King William we hear
And in his royal bounty we all have a share
By the grant he has given his children we find
And we are his descendants, we are all of his line
So whatever be our fortunes, whatever be our fate
We are all the descendants of William the Great
But some of us came in a second noble line
Being heirs of Winter Sybrant Bogardus by name
There is wealth still in Holland, there is treasure we find
For the heirs of Winter Sybrant Bogardus who came of noble line
She was a great Lady, from Holland she came
And married a relation Bogardus by name
He too had descended from King Williams noble line
Being the son of Anneka Jans Bogardus we find
Anneka Jans was King William's great grandchild we hear
And Anneka Wilber her grandmother was his own daughter dear
So what e'er be our fortune or e'er be our fate
We are all the descendants of William the Great*

⁵ Some information indicates he was not first, but second.

⁶ If you look up Anneka Jans Bogardus or Anneke Jans on the internet, you will find a huge amount of data. It seems that there is a considerable sum of money involved, which includes about 62 acres of Manhattan.

It will be seen that the import of the above effusion is exceedingly vague and obscure. We may infer something as follows:

- 1st William the 4th of Holland (of the house of Orange)
- 2nd A daughter of William who married a man named Wilbur
- 3rd A daughter of the last named persons named Anneka Wilbur
- 4th A daughter of the last named Anneka Wilbur who married Bogardus
- 5th Their daughter Anneka Jans Bogardus who also married a Bogardus
- 6th A son of Anneka Jans Bogardus by her husband last named
- 7th Winter Sybrant Bogardus the daughter of the son last named

(Correction) Winter Sybrant Bogardus seems not to be the daughter of Anneka Jans Bogardus' son (6th) but was a lady who came to this country and married said son of Anneka Jans Bogardus (5th) starting the 7th line.

The above genealogy is rendered more than doubtful by history as we shall see. It appears that so long a line of descent would carry the time of birth of King William the 4th of Holland much too far back. History says that he succeeded to the Stadtholdership in 1747 and died in 1751. The Anti-Orange party had kept that office vacant forty-five years from the death of William the 3rd, and William the 4th aforesaid the Anti-Orange party had the ascendancy as just mentioned. The Republic being governed by the State General until 1720. Anneka Jans must have been born half a century at least before William the 4th of Holland held the Stadtholdership. Taking her birth back to the time of William the 3rd who died as we have seen in 1702.

The Bogardus heirs have therefore made a wide mistake in the matter of chronology and history. Counting but twenty years for a generation, they would place the birth of William the 4th as early as 1580 being 100 years before the administration of William the 3rd.

But admitting that there is more or less truth in their tradition of kinship and extending our inquiries further back in the early history of the Hollanders in New York, this claim might be made to appear plausible perhaps. For example, the Dutch established a trading post at the South end of Manhattan Island in 1613. They purchased this island from the Indians in 1626. It remained under the control of Holland until 1664 when it was taken from them by the English and received from it's new owners the name of New York in honor of James Duke of York after James the 2nd of England.

The first Dutch Church was built in 1633 in what was called Broadstreet. It was a small frail wooden structure. Their first minister was Evardus Bogardus (Reformed Dutch). He came from Holland with the celebrated Wonter Van Twiller. After spending a few years in the new land, returning to his native land he was lost in the ocean with eighty one others off the coast of Wales.

By throwing aside their pride of royalty, the Bogardus claimants might perhaps make a more plausible show of title to the Trinity Church estate than they have in the above instance, should they claim this Domini Bogardus for their ancestor. He was doubtless an

owner of property in that new settlement and might have left a wife behind him when he set out on a return to Holland. Her name might have been Anneka Jans before her marriage to him. It would likely be a mere conjecture and conjectures are of little value.

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By referring to the first page it will be seen that the ancestors of the Smiths extend back to one Jacob or Abraham Brower. Said Jacob or Abraham Brower was probably born about 1680. It was not known by my informant at what precise time it occurred nor whether he was born in the new or old world, nor is the name of his wife given, only they assured me he was the reputed second husband of Anneka Jans Bogardus. His son Eldrick was probably born about 1700. The name of this Eldrick's wife was not known. He lived in the city of New York and this was most likely his native place. They said Eldrick had several children whose names were given to me by Mr. Peter Van Riper living then (1845) at Cedar Grove about three miles S.W. of Little Falls (on the Passic River). Mr. Van Riper appeared to be a man of a great deal of experience and of undoubted veracity. He was then 78 years old, born in the city of New York Oct. 16, 1767. He left the city with his parents moving to New Jersey when he was eight years old. He said he had visited the city a few years before and had received much help in his inquiries from an old lady much more older than himself. Her name was Elizabeth Yorkes Akeman.⁸ Mr. Van Riper spoke of Abraham or Jacob in the manner above stated and of his son Eldrick giving the names of most of his children if not all as follows:

- 1st A son named Garrett
- 2nd Elizabeth
- 3rd Jane or Jenny
- 4th Machy
- 5th Mary or Maricha

He told me that the Garrett Brower just named was his Godfather at his Baptism. He must have been born about 1725 and lived in celibacy.

His sister Elizabeth was born about 1727 or 1728. She married Jacob Smith. They were married probably about 1748.

Jane the next sister was born about 1730. She married Cornelius Tunnison and lived at Rariton, N.J.

Machy Brower was born about 1732 or 1733. She married Christopher Van Riper and resided at Agnacknouk, N.Y. and had four children to wit- a daughter Elizabeth and three sons Harmon, Eldrick, and Garrett.

Mary or Marcia Brower born about 1735 married Peter Steymelts and had seven children, girls to wit- Hester, Sarah, Harriet or Arrouche, Joanna or Norchy, and Jane or Jenny Steymelts.

⁷ This begins a confusing paragraph. In the source document, the text is not formatted as I have done so here, but just runs one word after another. This paragraph continues through the next page.

⁸ In the source document the name was spelled Yorkes. I have been told that it should be spelled Yorks.

Of these children were May, Hannah, Peter (my informant), John, Jacob, and Abraham. The ages of these may be inferred from that of Peter born as aforesaid 1767.

Mary born say 1763
 Hannah in 1765
 Peter next
 John born 1769
 Jacob in 1772
 and Abraham in 1774 or 1775.

Peter, my informant referred to the claims of the family to heirship in the matter of the Trinity Church Estate. He said that his great, great, great grandfather in the maternal line was Abraham Brower the second husband of Anneka Jans. By tracing the generations back said Abraham must have been born about 1680 as above said such it will be seen extended far back of William 4th to that of William 3rd of Holland.

To corroborate somewhat the tradition of Peter Van Riper, I had the following statement in relation to the question of said heirship from a Mr. David D Brower living then at Aquacknouk, N.J. upon the Passic river. Mr. D. D. Brower said he was then 72 years of age having been born in 1773. His story ran that Jacob Brower was his great great grandfather and was the person who married Anneka Jans Bogardus for her second Husband. He said they were born in Holland but thinks they were married in this country and settled first on Long Island side of the East River and had children to wit-

Abraham born about 1700
 Eldrick
 John
 Adam
 William
 Jacob
 Saunders

That this Eldrick had a son Abraham and a daughter Jane.

That John had children to wit- Hester, Bridgett (Brachy), Polly, Rachel, Abraham, and John.

“Abraham Brower Son of Anneka Jans by Jacob Brower,” said Mr. David Brower, “was my great grandfather and born about 1700.”

⁹ The text in my source document just runs together. I have separated it here with some formatting to attempt to make it more readable and understandable. It appears that the list of children just continues here, but because the count does not match up in the previous line, and the last name changes at this point, I have chosen to believe the following are the grandchildren of Machy & Christopher van Riper. It is possible that in a previous transcription, part of the original document has been omitted.

We mistake it was not Abraham the son of John the latter being the son of Anneka Jans Bogardus and Jacob Brower, her second husband and born about 1704 or 1706.

This Abraham son of said John married Elizabeth Ackerman (daughter of David Ackerman) and had children Jacob and David (twins) born 1726, Eldrick, John, Abraham, Hester, and Brachy (Bridgette).

This Hester married D. P. Demerest, son of old Peter Demerest and had children Peter, David, James (the latter was a minister called Dominie Demerest), Elizabeth, Mary, and Margrett.

David Brower the twin brother of Jacob above named was the father of David D. Brower (my informant). He gave me no further account of his uncles and aunts, but said his mother's name was Eleanor Sindikor before marriage and that his brothers were named Abraham, Theodore, Elizabeth, and David (himself), Eleanor, and Hester Brower and that he (David) married Sophia Demarest and they had children Eleanor, Jane, Sophia, Abraham, John, James, Albert, William, and Eliza. Had thirteen in all but four others had died while young.

The ancestral line of Smiths or upon the paternal line nothing has been told is farther back than Jacob Smith grandfather of Elias Smith of Honeoye Falls, N.Y. They were of Dutch descent and from Holland, whose name was spelled Schmidt formerly. Of this Jacob Smith we have no farther account nor do we know that he had either son or daughter by his wife Elizabeth Brower except Jacob Smith who Married Sophia Post.

But of Elizabeth Brower¹¹ I had some account of her by Francis Smith who said he had a distinct recollection of her personally and also of her brother Garrett. Both were quite aged when he knew them. She was of fair complexion, black eyes, light and agile in form, and of a pleasing address. She was a remarkably sprightly for a person of her years. All the knowledge I have of her father's family will be found in the account given by Mr. Peter Van Riper. She was probably born about 1725 or 30 or a little later in the city of New York and married to Jacob Smith Sr. About 1748 or 49. She may not have left the city until about the time of the Revolution. Many left then and found a home in N.J. while the British held possession of the city. Her son Jacob Smith was born June 11th 1750, was married to Sophia Post who was born in Patterson, N.J. (Which was known at that time as Aquackneck) Essex County, October 19th 1754. They were married in 1774 or 1775 and remained in that region until about 1800 or 1802 when they removed to a place known as Smith's Mills in N.W. corner of Bloomfield, Ontario County, N.Y.¹² They resided in the latter place until his death which occurred June 9th, 1811.

¹⁰ This ends the confusing paragraph that covers the previous two pages.

¹¹ In my research, I found at least three different persons named Elizabeth Brower/Brouwer.

¹² In April of 2006, I traveled to Honeoye Falls New York and located the exact place of Smiths Mills. Start at the bridge just below the falls in Honeoye Falls, travel South on NY hwy 65 for 0.6 miles, to the next bridge. Honeoye Creek runs to the left side of the road and crosses again 0.4 miles later at the third bridge just beyond the Ontario county line. That is where Smiths mills was located. Proceed on 0.4 miles to a graveyard on the left. The grave of Jacob Smith is 4 rows from the East driveway and the 3rd stone South of a fair sized tree. The stone indicates he died June 2nd, 1811. I was unable to find Sophia's grave. The Mendon town historian in 2006 also made an unsuccessful attempt to find Sophia's grave in that cemetery and in the Honeoye Falls Cemetery records.

Jacob Smith was a man of great energy and naturally inclined to business and the accumulation of property. His removal to Western N.Y. was attended with extreme labor and required more time than it would take to go to London or San Francisco. His course lay by way of the Hudson River to Albany, then to Schenectady and up the Mohawk river by flat boats urged along by oars and setting poles as far as then Fort Stanwix now Rome, then through a miniature canal leading from the Mohawk into a stream tributary to Oneida Lake, then down said stream to the lake thence along the south shore of the lake and down it's outlet to Oswego river. Then down said stream to Ontario Lake. Thence up the south shore of Lake Ontario until they reached the mouth of Irondequiot Bay about six miles east of the mouth of the Genesee River. Thence up said bay to it's head a few miles south. Here he cast anchor and went on shore pitching tent for the purpose of going into the country in search of a place for a home. He soon made a selection at the place aforesaid and soon removed his weary wife and children to the spot where about ten years later he was to leave his bones. Meantime he had built a gristmill, sawmill, turning lathe, and a distillery. In those times it will be remembered everybody used rum and whiskey and he was the man to make it for them providing it would pay. The hardships endured by himself and his wife may be but imperfectly understood by the people of this generation.

After they had left Utica or Rome on their way West, the regions through which they traveled were new and very much without white inhabitants until they reached their destination. Even Bloomfield and every part of the country west to Buffalo and north to Ontario Lake were exceedingly new and covered with timber. The now flourishing city of Rochester and Buffalo were not born and Albany where the merchants of that region obtained their wares and to which they sent their produce was some 200 miles away and was sought with wagons and sleighs over roads in many places quite poor if not impassible by doubling teams etc. At the time of his death with the help of his family he had amassed quite a property for those times. He had been long afflicted by lameness occasioned by norosis¹³ or fever sores in one of his legs. This disease gave him of course much unrest and anxiety as it was permanent and beyond cure. It doubtless shortened his life some years. His bones with those of his wife who long survived him were buried near.

Grandmother Sophia Smith¹⁴ gave me the following narrative relative to her ancestry and collateral branches of her family, on her birthday Oct. 19th 1869 at Honeoye Falls¹⁵ when she was 85 years old. She felt better than usual that day and had made several calls on her children and grandchildren. She was of medium size, fair complexion, good form, and remarkable observing, and had the happy condition of mind to always enjoy herself well in every place studying the works of God in everything around her for the sake of the moral lessons they contained. No woman perhaps with her limited means ever did more for her family or was more universally esteemed by her neighbors.

¹³ I did not find this word in my Webster's

¹⁴ Sophia Post who married the second Jacob Smith

¹⁵ Also known as Mendon Township, N.Y., Monroe County

She said she saw General Washington often while he was in that part of the country (New Jersey). He had at one time put up with Col. Dye, the father of Dr. Philip Dye who married her sister, Jane Post. In company of a number of her associates (young ladies) she made it her business to call at Col. Dye's home while the General was there, from a curiosity to see him if they could. They went to the door and hesitated. Some one informed the General Washington that there were some ladies awaiting him at the door. When he presented himself to them at the door which was made in two parts according to custom of those times, leaning over the lower portion which was closed, the upper half being open, he extended his hand to each in a gentlemanly way with words pleasant and complimentary in a most unassuming style.

Grandma's memory was uncommonly retentive to the last. The date of the birth of her children and grandchildren was always distinctly remembered and this faculty extended to the events of her life and those of her friends.

The events of the revolution were familiar to her and evil sometimes befell her from the Tories, who in quest of plunder and revenge sometimes came into this neighborhood. At one time her life was menaced by several of these characters who entered her house and demanding money of her which they supposed might be concealed in the house. She refused to say anything to encourage them and they at length ordered her to tell them where her husband was with their guns directed at her person. She persisted in refusing to answer them so firmly that her husband who had secreted himself in an upper room hearing their threats hastened to call out requiring them to desist and if they were intent upon doing his family personal injury, to let their malice fall on him.. Satisfied that nothing was to be gained by threats, they soon took leave without doing further harm.

I will here state what she related to me of her relations. First of her ancestors.

Her descent extends from her grandparents in both lines. Her grandfather and grandmother on her father's side were James Post and his wife Mary (a Scottish Lady). Her grandparents in the maternal line were Ralph VanHouter and his wife whose name was Sophia Sichelsy before marriage.¹⁶ Ralph VanHouter owned a good farm in New Jersey I believe. He also followed his trade as a wagon maker. He is said never to have had a sick day sinking away at last gradually in about a week, aged ninety years. His wife Sophia survived him living to about one hundred years.

They had two children, a daughter named Caroline and a son whose name is not given. This daughter was married to Francis Post son of James Post named above and Mary his wife. Said Francis Post and Caroline VanHouter his wife were the parents of grandma Sophia Smith (wife of the second Jacob Smith married 1811). The children of the latter¹⁷ were as follows.¹⁸

¹⁶ VanHouter may be a misspelling or typo for VanHouten which is a more common name.

¹⁷ Jacob Smith & Sophia Post

¹⁸ Elizabeth, Catharine, Jacob, Francis, Eldrick, James, Elias.

1st Elizabeth Smith born Sept. 9th 1776 and died sometime in 1847 aged 71 years. She married Eldrick Yorkes in Little Falls, N.J. and removed to where her parents lived in Bloomfield aforesaid. Her husband was a farmer and survived his wife a few years we believe. They had children:

Jacob,
Sophia,
John, and
Caroline.

Sophia died while a young woman. Caroline married Harvey Bent and died some years later. Jacob had a family when I knew him in 1840 somewhere in that region of country. John also had a family at that time and lived at Honeoye Falls near Smith's Mills. Both of their parents Eldrick and Elizabeth Yorkes were members of the M.E. Church and very much respected in the community.

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¹⁹ First child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post
Elizabeth Smith 9 Sept 1776 - 1847
m. Eldrick Yorke in Little Falls NJ
Jacob
m. ?
Sophia
John
m. ?
Caroline
m. Harvey Bent

2nd Catharine Smith born in N.J. Oct. 9, 1778. Her Christian name was Caroline which her parents considered identical with Catharine, we therefore addressed her as Aunt Caty. She married Evert VanNess. The original name I believe²⁰ was written VanHess, which may indicate that his ancestors were from Hesse in Germany. Uncle Evert was a native also of New Jersey and must have lived on the farm once belonging to his father-in-law Jacob Smith before the latter moved to Bloomfield, N.Y. He was living there in June 1845. They were old then but lived for some years after. They had accumulated a good estate adhering very much to the simplicity of the early Dutch manner and customs. They were members of the Dutch Reformed Church. I was told that Aunt Catharine VanNess became much bent in form before she died. Her habits of extreme industry and care for her family was doubtless the cause. When we saw her, she was erect and sprightly in form for one of her years. Both of these sisters, Aunt Betsy and Aunt Caty were well formed and somewhat comely when young. There were never two better housewives then they. Uncle Everet owned a fine quarry of free-stone (red) from which was taken many tons to be used upon Trinity Church in the city of New York, which was being erected in 1845. In the transaction Uncle Everet did not become rich. Unused to speculation like an honest and unsuspecting Dutchman he was, he sold to the contractors some 15 or 20 square rods in surface area for \$500.00 to a depth as deep as the quarry should extend. He had the art of making the N.J. cider, the same as the famous Newark cider, from which city he lived not far distant. The apples which were called Harrison were, I believe much used for the purpose. Uncle Eldrick Yorke imported that variety from N.J. to Bloomfield, N.Y. at an early day. The cider made by uncle Everet had the flavor of wine and was very mild and rich. He had no occasion to seek for anything more stimulating or agreeable away from his own premises. He was an agreeable and quaint specimen of a N.J. farmer. Healthy in general, he survived his wife,²¹ we think, living until 1858. Having been born in 1772 Sept. 24th at 86 years when he died. I am quite certain that Aunt Caty survived him for several years. Their children were all born on the old manor. This venerable pair must have been married in 1796 or 1797.

²⁰ I inserted the word 'believe' here. My source document has been erased and overtyped in this area. GLS

²¹ It is unclear here who survived who. Two lines below, it states the opposite.

- Their first son Henry E. (VanNess) was born May 11, 1798.
- Sophia was born Dec. 24th, 1799. She married a man called Jacobus and lived near her birthplace in 1845.
- Rachel was born Feb. 11, 1802.
- Jacob born March 12, 1804.
- William was born August 31, 1807,
- James July 4, 1810,
- Francis Dec. 7, 1812,
- Isaac²² Feb. 23, 1818
- Elias June 29, 1820.

Of these, Henry E. Died Dec. 19, 1836, Elias died Oct. 4, 1820. Those living all settled near the old homestead.

²² The source manuscript spelled the name Isaac as Issac

²³ Second child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post
 Caroline (Catharine) (Caty) Smith b.9 Oct 1778
 m. Evert vanNess (or vanHess) m.1796-7 b.24 Sept 1772 - 1858
 Henry E. VanNess b.11 May 1798 d.19 Dec 1836
 Sophia VanNess b.24 Dec 1799
 m. Jacobus ?
 Rachel VanNess b.11 Feb 1802
 Jacob VanNess b.12 Mar 1804
 William VanNess b.31 Aug 1807
 James VanNess b.4 July 1810
 Francis VanNess b.7 Dec 1812
 Isaac VanNess b.23 Feb 1818
 Elias VanNess b.29 June 1820 d.4 Oct 1820

3rd Jacob Smith Jr.²⁴ was born Dec. 30, 1782 and died Oct. 10, 1820 in his 38th year surviving his father nine years during which time he with his brother Francis had charge of the estate until his death, settling the younger boys as they became of age near in the vicinity. He married Elizabeth Moon, who was I think the daughter of Wm. Moon and his wife whose name before marriage was Sines. Uncle Moon and wife lived at Honoye Falls where I first knew them. They were great uncle and aunt of my wife²⁵, Aunt Moon being a sister of Grandma Sines Husband.

Jacob Smith was regarded by all as a man of excellent character. He died of consumption which doubtless was inherited from his father. He was much lamented and missed by his wife and family of young children whose names were:

- Nancy
- Polly
- James and
- Emily,

who were left under the guardianship of Francis Smith. Aunt Lizzie the mother of these children survived Uncle Jacob for many years, marrying not long after the death of Uncle Jacob a man by the name of Cone, whom she also survived. He was intemperate. By him she had no children. Nancy above named married a McCuen and survived him. Polly the next daughter married Anan Palmer and removed to Pawpaw Michigan and had two or three children. Palmer died and his widow married John Burt, much older than herself and resided in Homer, Michigan. James married and lived in Chicago and was a man of some note in business circles.

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²⁴ This is the third Jacob Smith.

²⁵ The narrator at this point is probably W.B. Sprague?

²⁶ Third child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post

Jacob Smith Jr. B.30 Dec 1782 d.10 Oct 1820

m. Elizabeth Moon

Nancy

m. ? McCuen

Polly

m. Anan Palmer

2-3 children

m. John Burt

James

m. ?

Emily

Family of Sophia Post who married the 2nd Jacob Smith in 1774 or 75

| grandparents | parents | brother/sister spouse | Born | children |
|---|---|---|-------|--|
| | | James Post (m)Sally Dye | ~1752 | several children |
| | | Ralph Post (m)?- Post | ~1756 | Francis Caroline John others |
| James Post (m)Mary — | | Jane Post (m)Dr. Phillip Dye | 1759 | 9 or ten children |
| | Francis Post (m)Caroline VanHouter married about 1751 | John Post (m)Mary Nafie | ~1760 | 2 sons, 2 daughters one son married Mary VanNess |
| | | Cornelius Post (m)Sally Dye (niece of Mrs. James) | 1762 | no children |
| Ralph VanHouter (m)Sophia Sichelay also had a son | | Mary Post (m)Isaac Peer | ~1765 | several children 2 pairs of twins |
| | | Caroline Post (m)Garrett Nafie (cousin of Mrs John) | ~1767 | Sallie (m) John B Dixon Francis Caroline (m) Sanford |
| | | Sophia Post (m)Jacob Smith | 1754 | see record of Smith family |

In speaking of the brothers and sisters of Sophia Post Smith, the mother of Elias Smith, I will be able only to infer the times of their births from that of Sophia Smith who was born Oct. 19, 1754. We will assume that her parents were married about 1751. Their children were born as follows.

- 1st James Post born about 1752
- 2nd Sophia born Oct. 19, 1754 - died May 24, 1842 aged 87 buried by Jacob Smith at Honoeye Falls.
- 3rd Ralph born about 1756
- 4th Jane born April 22, 1759
- 5th John Post born about 1760
- 6th Cornelius Post born about 1762
- 7th Mary Post born about 1765
- 8th Caroline Post born about 1767

James Post the oldest brother married Sally Dye and had several children.

Ralph Post married a lady named Post and had several children among them were Francis, Caroline, and John.

Jane Post married Dr. Phillip Dye the son of Col. Dye (named previously speaking of Sophia Smith), they had 9 or 10 children. Dr. Dye came to his death from an accident, while riding a horse which rearing fell over backward upon him. He died soon after the accident. John Post married Mary Nafie and they had 2 sons and two daughters. One of the sons married Mary VanNess. Cornelius Post married Sally Dye a niece to his brother James' wife. She was weakly handsome and neat. They had no children.

Mary Post married Isaac Peer. They had several children among whom were two pairs of twins.

Caroline Post married Garrett Nafie cousin of her brother John's wife Mary Nafie. They had children among whom were Sally Nafie who married John B. Dixon of Honeoye Falls the son of John Dixon the latter being also father of Judge Smith's wife as aforesaid. A son of Caroline Post and Garrett Nafie her husband, named Frances Nafie removed from N.J. to Honeoye Falls about 1839, but afterwards returned to N.J. Another daughter Caroline Nafie married Mr. Sanford of N.J. After the death of her husband she also came to Honeoye Falls where she lived until her death. She had a son and two daughters one of whom was named Caroline. The son, Garrett Nafie, married a daughter of Andrew Young of Honeoye Falls March 2, 1843. He was at that time a young man of much promise but soon after his marriage he became dissolute and in a few years ended his career in disgrace.

²⁷ This ends the part of this document that describes the ancestry and brothers and sisters of Sophia Post who married the second Jacob Smith. Next, continues describing their children with the fourth (Francis). This document appears to be narrated by William B Sprague, husband of Mary eldest daughter of the Rev. Francis Smith. Francis is the 4th child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post.

4th Rev. Francis Smith was born near Little Falls N.J. July 27, 1787, married Mary Sines who was the daughter of Peter and Mary Sines of Honeoye Falls, N.Y. Dec. 14, 1809. She was born October 30, 1791. He died in Coldwater, Michigan April 4, 1843 and his said wife died March 23, 1864 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. B. Sprague in Coldwater aged 72 years, 4 months, and 23 days. Mother Smith being at the time 18 years one month and 5 days. They became members of the M.E Church at Honeoye Falls not long after their marriage. Father Smith with his eldest brother Jacob Smith after the death of their father in 1811 was left with the principal care of the estate at Smith's Mills where many years of 1827 or 1828 when he removed to Honeoye Falls one and one half miles north exchanging places with Alexander Martin. He took an active part in the church to which he belonged always holding some official relation to it as leader, trustee, steward, etc. and at length as exhorter, local preacher, and ultimately as deacon, and elder. He gained the love and esteem of his family and the community in which he lived, to a to a high degree and through his influence the society to which he belonged grew quite large and prosperous. He removed to Michigan in Sept. 8, 1835. He had been ordained an Elder in 1829 by Bishop Roberts. The latter with Bishop Hidding and others often honored him with their presence in his family circle. He had been in poor health for years and several times his life was despaired of. His disease was mainly confined to his lungs. The asthma often robbed him of slumber until some time previous to his death. It appeared however to keep at bay the ravages of consumption by which he was at length taken away. His mental powers remained strong till the last. In person he was a man to command respect and by the consistency of his course he commanded respect of all who knew him. His complexion was light with mild blue eyes and brown hair. In height he was about five feet eight or nine inches and weighed from 160 to 175 pounds when in middle life.

His wife Mary (Polly she was called) Sines was a woman of medium size, light complexion, dark brown hair which retained it's color to the last , and black eyes. Her form was good. In her habits she was exceedingly industrious and neat having all the qualities of a good housewife and mother. She survived Father Smith nearly 21 years. Her remains were deposited by the side of her husband in Oak Grove cemetery, Coldwater, Michigan.

The children of the above were as follows:

- 1st a son I think who died in infancy
- 2nd was Mary named for her mother and was born Dec. 5, 1812,
- 3rd was Sophia named after Grandma Smith born Feb. 17, 1815,
- 4th Catharine named after her aunt Caty VanNess born Feb. 27, 1817,
- 5th Hannah named after her mother's sister born July 21, 1825,
- 6th Francis Asbury born April 9, 1819,
- 7th and last was a boy born August 15, 1826 and lived but a few hours.

Mary Smith the eldest daughter of Francis Smith was of medium height, fair complexion, mild and of rather light blue eyes and light brown hair. Her form was light and agile never weighing more then about 100 pounds. Her movements in health were

sprightly and cheerful. To her taste for order and extreme solicitude for the comfort and happiness of her family is doubtless owing much of her bodily suffering which came upon her prematurely. The asthma was early induced depending upon a predisposition to that disease inherited from her father. She was married to W.S. Sprague on Thursday the 16th of June, 1831 at Honoeye Falls, N.Y. To these were born six children as follows;

- 1st Francis Smith Sprague born at Honoeye Falls, March 14, 1832
- 2nd Mary Sprague born at Honoeye Falls, N.Y. August 27, 1833
- 3rd Phebe Sprague born at Coldwater, Michigan June 18, 1836
- 4th Sophia Sprague born at Coldwater, Michigan August 8, 1842
- 5th James Irving Sprague born at Coldwater, Michigan Jan. 8, 1845
- 6th Emma Teresa born at Coldwater, Michigan Sept. 17, 1855

- 1 Francis S. Sprague was united in marriage to Mary A. Hudson the eldest daughter of Hon. Samuel Hudson and Harriet Clark Hudson his wife of Lima, Indiana Sept. 30 1858. Their children are;

Cora Hudson Born Dec. 9, 1859
Fannie J. born Dec. 11, 1861
Edmund C. born Jan. 16, 1867

- 2 Mary Sprague eldest daughter of Wm.B. and Mary S. his wife married John Gifford Hudson of Newark, N.Y. (The son of Samuel H. Sen.) at Coldwater Nov. 8, 1854. Their children are;

1st May, born at Coldwater May 30, 1856. May married Jacob Nelson a Virginian by birth.
2nd Willis E. born in Illinois Sept. 25, 1861. Willis married Ida Dye.

- 3 Phebe Sprague 2nd daughter of Wm. and Mary his wife, married Ambrose Burdick (son of Oliver and Lydia A. Babcock Burdick) late of Fulton Wswego County, N.Y.) Dec. 30, 1858. Their children were;

Charles Arthur born Feb. 14, 1877.
Harold M. born June 19, 1878. Harold died Aug. 24, 1879

- 4 Sophia Sprague, 3rd daughter not married.

- 6 Emma Teresa 4th daughter married Robert Henry Bready Feb. 28, 1884.

- 5 James Irving 2nd Son died in infancy about 6 weeks old.

Further information of family of Rev. Francis Smith.

Sophia, 2nd daughter of Rev. Francis Smith married Philo Crippen then of Penfield, Monroe County, N.Y. and son of Bradley and Hester Crippen Feb. 19, 1832. They resided in Coldwater since 1835 until their deaths. Their children were

Hester Mary born at Honeoye Falls March 5, 1833. Hester Mary married Harvey D. Robinson at Coldwater where they also resided until her death. They also had a son, Philo. Harvey D. Robinson married a second wife and moved to Akron,²⁸ some miles east of Buffalo, N.Y.

Myron Crippen 2nd son of Philo and Sophia Crippen²⁹ was born at Honeoye Falls April 25, 1835. He married Arde Skinner of Great Bend, Penna. They had one son Hawley C. Crippen.

Catharine 3rd daughter of Rev. Francis Smith married Abram C. Fisk formerly of Penfield, Monroe County, N.Y. at Coldwater Sept. 3, 1836. They resided in Coldwater until their deaths. They had four³⁰ children;

1st Smith Wilber born April 4, 1838. He married Mary Androus of Coldwater and had 3 sons.

2nd Francis Asbury born April 17, 1844 married a Miss Clare of Coldwater. They had 2 sons.

3rd William born - - . He married a daughter of Hervy D Gregory of Coldwater. They had 4 sons, three of whom died in infancy of Diphtheria.

Francis Asbury, infant son of Rev. Francis Smith died but when one year, three months and twenty-three days old.

Hannah, 4th daughter of Rev. Francis died Feb. 6, 1832 of Scarlet fever aged 6 years, 6 months, and 15 days.

²⁸ Akron N.Y. is 60 miles west of Honeoye Falls, a considerable distance in those days.

²⁹ The 2nd associated with Myron may be an indicator that he was the second child, the document does this many places. It may also indicate there was another boy born that is not noted here.

³⁰ It says four, but only three were listed in my source document.

³¹ Rev. Francis Smith is the 4th child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post
Francis Smith b.27 July 1787 d.4 April 1843
m. Mary (Polly) Sines m.14 Dec 1809 b.30 Oct 1791 d.23 Mar 1864
infant son
Mary Smith b.5 Dec 1812
m. W.S. Sprague m.16 June 1831
Francis Smith Sprague b.14 Mar 1832
m. Mary A. Hudson
Cora Hudson Sprague b.9 Dec 1859
Fannie J. Sprague b.11 Dec 1861
Edmund C. Sprague b.16 Jan 1867
Mary Sprague b.27 Aug 1833
m. John Gifford Hudson m.8 Nov 1854
May Hudson b.30 May 1856
m. Jacob Nelson
Willis E. Hudson b.25 Sep 1861
m. Ida Dye
Phebe Sprague b.18 June 1836
m. Ambrose Burdick m.30 Dec 1858
Charles Arthur Burdick b.14 Feb 1877
Harold M Burdick b.19 June 1878 d.24 Aug 1879
Sophia Sprague b.8 Aug 1442
James Irving Sprague b.8 Jan 1845 d.1845
Emma Teresa Sprague b.17 Sep 1855
m. Robert Henry Bready m.28 Feb 1884
Sophia Smith b.17 Feb 1815
m. Philo Crippen
Hester Mary Crippen
m. Harvey D Robinson
Philo Robinson
Myron Crippen b.25 April 1835
m. Arde Skinner
Hawley C Crippen
Catharine Smith b.27 Feb 1817
m. Abram C Fisk m.3 Sep 1836
Smith Wilber Fisk b.4 April 1838
m. Mary Androus
3 sons
Francis Asbury Fisk b.17 April 1844
m. Miss Clare
2 sons
William Fisk
m. ? Gregory
4 sons
Hannah Smith b.21 July 1825 d.6 Feb 1832
Francis Asbury Smith b.9 April 1819 d.1820
infant son b&d 15 Aug 1826

5th Eldrick Smith the 5th in order of birth³² born Nov. 15, 1789 and died in Peoria Illinois (where he removed in 1841) about in 1865. Uncle Eldrick Married Hannah Roberts about 1810 and by great industry accumulated some property. His family was quite large and expenses were high. About 1840 matters ebbed low. His tastes had led him into carding wool and at length into manufacturing. This business he was in for some time at Honeoye Falls or Norton's Mills before mentioned and until he removed to Illinois in 1840. From some trouble in his affairs prior to this time, he had once pulled up stakes and went to Illinois without having made any selection before his removal. As the result proved, he soon returned to Honeoye Falls more empty far than when he left there. His journey both ways was mainly by land in wagons, and it is easy to imagine how worn out his team and other parts of his outfit appeared, and how weary and forlorn his family had become after the most incessant care and toil attending them in a journey of 1600 miles going and coming. But the hopes of none of the family suffered less than Aunt Hannah. The future to her had lost little of it's luster. After finding herself again in comfortable quarters near her home anon her aspirations were all rekindled and the trust she had always reposed in her husband and the love she had always borne for a large group of sprightly children returned with increased force. Uncle Eldrick of course had not been slow to perceive the situation. To almost any other man it would have looked desperate but to one so fortified with expedients and with a will as indomitable as ever as was the case with Uncle Eldrick, he looked the events squarely out of countenance and launched out once more boldly upon the sea of life in quest of fortune. These events transpired about 1833 or 34. He found himself placed once more among old friends and all were ready to lend him a hand or to proffer him encouragement. But as his family grew up their wants also increased. He was advancing in years. Much physical and mental exertion had produced some bodily decline. With a will still unsubdued their prospects were nevertheless becoming less hopeful. Uncle had never been recognized as a man of piety. He had been egotistic and vain in view of his own abilities to stem adversity and at so late an hour men do not often improve for the better. Thus it was with him, he leaned at length too much upon his former credit and such help as his friends could still offer him. His creditors gradually became uneasy and distrustful of him. He saw it all at a glance as his quick perceptions had not been blunted by misfortune. He grew desperate and nothing remained to him but to remove once more to the west. He took his family once more to Illinois as stated above in 1840 or 41 where he remained the rest of his life. Here his boys being thrown more or less upon their own resources, it proved a relief to their anxious parents and a great advantage to themselves.

Their eldest daughter, Susan married Robert Rand a young man of some note at the time, and remained East. She had one or two children but they died young and their mother soon followed them.

Jacob, the eldest son of uncle Eldrick, had come to manhood some years before his parents made their final move west and had died about 1833. He was a young man of fine promise, very amiable, and modest. Consumption, the common enemy of many families brought him to an early grave.

³² Of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post.

William, the second son soon followed his brother, falling by the same disease when about 18 or 19 years old.

Eldrick Jr. 3rd son went with the rest of his family to Peoria, Illinois. He showed all the tact of his father in worldly matters and remaining a bachelor for a long time became a man reported well off. He was in merchandise business for a time at Honeoye Falls and perhaps he did not go immediately with his father to Illinois, but soon after. He was afterwards in California and then it was when rumor says he made his fortune. The last we heard of him he was in Peoria, Ill. the owner of considerable property.

James 4th son is now dead (1882).

The next child, Sophia died when about 20 years of age. Naturally tall in person and comely.

Evert VanNess the youngest son is somewhere in the west (1868). He was born about 1828.

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³³ Eldrick Smith the 5th child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post
Eldrick Smith b.15 Nov 1789 d.~1865
m. Hannah Roberts m.~1810
Susan Smith
m. Robert Rand
1-2 children
Jacob Smith d.~1833
William Smith d.~19 years old
Eldrick Jr
James Smith
Sophia Smith d.~20 years old
Evert VanNess Smith b.~1828

6th James Smith 6th child of Jacob and Sophia Smith was born at the old homestead at Little Falls, N.J. in August 15, 1792. He was only eight or nine years old when his parents removed from N.J. and remained in the region of Smith's Mills ever after. Until his death which occurred at home upon his farm Jan. 26, 1860 in his 68th year, he lived to greater age than any of his brothers except Eldrick. He married Sarah Dixon, Oct. 20, 1816. She was born March 14, 1797 in Steventown near New Lebanon Springs. She removed to Mendon (now Honeoye Falls) in 1813 with her parents John and Jane Boardman Dixon. They remained permanently at the Falls while they lived. John Dixon died in 1850 aged 88 years. His wife survived him and died May 5, 1854 aged 87 years. Aunt Sallie Smith is living (1868) with her oldest son at Omaha, Nebraska. Uncle James Smith was a man of much enterprise and possessed a well balanced and well cultivated mind. After he was married and settled in life he used to figure in politics to some extent. He was several times a candidate for the legislature, for senator but was never successful. His party the Democratic was in minority in his district. He served however as associate judge in Monroe County. The court holding it's sessions in Rochester. His bump of acquisitiveness like that of most of his brothers was well developed but he pursued a dignified and honorable course through life, in the latter part of which he underwent some embarrassment to his being responsible in an unlucky hour for the payment of a large sum of money without first obtaining sufficient security of the knave as he proved to be. He was shorter in person than the rest of his brothers, was a good liver. His coat set easy on him and there was dignity without a large amount of starch in his composition. His conversation easy, straight forward and in a common sense way. His complexion was light inclined to sandy, with blue eyes full of good humor and pleasant expression. Being next to the youngest of the family he escaped much of the hard work which the older boys had to endure under the administration of their father and it is said that he was inclined to avoid hard work even after his father's death, trusting more to his wits than some others for a living. But he at one time owned a beautiful farm about two miles north of Honeoye Falls of 300 acres. The sons of Judge Smith were of course like other boys and could find convenient apologies for the neglect of the plow. The children of Uncle James and Aunt Sallie Smith were:

Marcus Smith born Aug. 31, 1817. This son was of slender form and rather weakly habit. His father took great care to educate him, the more perhaps on that account. When a small boy it is said his father insisted a good deal on his having his lessons well and spent much time in the evening when at home to help him on. The more tender sympathy of a mother and a grandmother often construed such discipline as too extreme. But Marcus was finally graduated at Middlebury College in Vermont. We suppose that school was selected for him because the climate was vary salubrious. We omitted to say that James was appointed Custom House Officer and served about three years at the Port of Rochester. During some of that time Marcus was in the office of his father before he left his studies say in 1838. His father helped him to light business but after a little he had to desist. The common enemy

consumption had been stealing a march upon him almost imperceptibly. He was soon discovered to be seriously ill and did not survive very long.

Jane Smith the next child was born Feb. 9, 1822. She was an amiable child and grew to womanhood and when this was written was about 46 years of age and still living with her mother.

Sophia Smith 2nd daughter of Judge Smith was born on the said deserted homestead July 6, 1825 and died July 6, 1847 aged precisely 22 years. Sophie like her sister was amiable and still more apt in her studies. While her sister's hair was brown hers was auburn with blue eyes and very fair complexion, a better mark for consumption of which she died. No pains or expense were spared to save or extend her life but everything done proved a failure. She lingered longer than her brother however, living some 6 or 8 years after she began to show signs of decline.

James Smith Jr. the second son was born March 15, 1828. He married before moving West to a young lady then residing in Honeoye Falls. He moved to Omaha, Neb. His mother and sister Jane were living with him when this was written (1868).

John Smith the brother of these children was next to James and was the youngest of the family. He was born in the old home aforesaid in March 1831.

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³⁴ Judge James Smith - 6th child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post
James Smith b.15 Aug 1792 d.26 Jan 1860
m. Sarah (Sallie) Dixon m.20 Oct 1816 b.14 Mar 1797
Marcus Smith b.31 Aug 1817
Jane Smith b.9 Feb 1822
Sophia Smith b.6 July 1825 d.6 July 1847
James Smith Jr. b.15 Mar 1828
John Smith b.1831

7th Elias Smith the youngest child of Jacob and Sophia Smith was born at their ancient home in N.J. April 26, 1795 and was only 5 or 6 years old when they came to Bloomfield, N.Y. and only 16 when his father died. Being then but a child had but little of the toil endured by his older brothers. In her widowhood the care of her youngest son and the tenderness which was naturally inspired by circumstances led the mother to yearn over him and all the more as he would break away from restraints imposed and became more and more exposed to the snares so generally met with by children deprived of their father. The older brothers were all married except James who was then about 19. Elias grew like the rest of his brothers to manhood coming at length to be ambitious to share with his brothers in the honors of the family at home and to partake more contentedly of their toils and pastimes. He married in due time a cousin of his brother James' wife who bore the same name Sarah Dixon the daughter of James Dixon who had been long known in that vicinity and who was the first merchant at Honeoye Falls removing to that place from Steventown as aforesaid in the latter part of the last century. He had also been a Justice of the peace and bore the appellation of Squire James Dixon to distinguish him from his brother John who came in later. Uncle Elias was of a cheerful turn and quite as fond of good company as he was of hard work. He settled upon a good farm at length near the one occupied by his brother James. In a few years he sold and removed to the village where he bought a lot and erected a store which he was occupying when his brother Francis came to Michigan. Previous to this he had figured in the military line and had attained to the Colonelcy as the head of a regiment of riflemen. He was quite sure to have a good horse and be well caparisoned. In 1837 he came to Coldwater but he came as an invalid. His health had evidently been failing for some time which induced him to desist from business and make arrangements for the good of his family should he continue to decline and be taken away. Some arrangements had been made for the sale of a part of his property there and he came to Coldwater and bought 100 acres of land now lying within the city limits. After he returned home he continued to fail and died about the close of 1837. The fated enemy of the family had taken him to a premature grave when but 42 years of age being the second of the sons to be taken away. Jacob having died before him. Sarah Dixon the wife of Uncle Elias was born about 1800 and they were married about 1818 or 19. She died about two years after her husband Jan. 26, 1840. She suffered very much in the last of her sickness. Her disease was also consumption. Thus in a short period were the children left orphans. I will give the names of the children in the order of their birth.

(This record up to this point was taken almost entirely from the record compiled by the late Dr. W.B. Sprague as noted from the beginning. From here on the record is made from various sources as well as from that of Dr. W.B. Sprague.)

1st Frederick V. Smith oldest son of Elias Smith and Sarah Dixon was born Feb. 4, 1820. He was married July 4, 1847 to Marietta Cutter sister of Dr. S.S. Cutter a prominent resident of Coldwater, Michigan. They had no children.

F. W. Smith³⁵ was a man of great energy and business ability. For many years he had a large clothing store in Coldwater, Michigan also had a good farm in the city limits of Coldwater which formerly belonged to his father Elias Smith. He was keeper of some fancy stock, horses in particular. He also ran a printing office publishing a modern party Democratic paper (weekly) called the Coldwater Sentinel. He had the management of his father's estate during the minority of the younger children and his business ability enabled him to manage it so there was little coming to them when they attained their majority.

2nd Amelia Almirs Smith, oldest daughter of Elias Smith and Sarah Dixon his wife, was born April 4, 1818 and died at Honeoye Falls Nov. 8, 1835 from the same disease of her parents. She was the one upon whom devolved the care of her mother in her last illness and the oversight of the younger children.

3rd Rachel Caroline, 2nd daughter was born at Honeoye Falls May 2, 1822. She was married Dec. 30, 1846 to Wm. S. H. Welton and soon after moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan where she died Feb. 15, 1859.

She left one daughter born Jan. 6, 1855 named Carrie Marietta Welton who died Oct. 22, 1867.

4th The next child was a daughter Martha Jane Smith who was born Sept. 14, 1824 and died July 19, 1825.

5th James Dixon Smith the next in order was born June 15, 1825 and died while on the way to California overland. Date of death unknown.

6th Martha Jane Smith born Sept. 3, 1829 was the second so named, the first one having died while an infant as told above. She was married Feb. 19, 1850 to William Jackson who died Feb. 7, 1879. They had three children, boys:

Charles Smith Jackson,
Frاند A Jackson, and
Harry Walter Jackson. None of these had children.

7th Sarah Sophia Smith the youngest daughter of Elias and Sarah Dixon Smith was born in Mendon, New York, Jan. 12, 1831. She was married to Ebenezer Butterworth Feb. 19, 1850 in Coldwater, Michigan, Branch County.

³⁵ The source document also gives his name as F.V. or F.W. as given here.

³⁶ Elias Smith - 7th child of Jacob Smith and Sophia Post
 Elias Smith b.26 April 1795 d.1837
 m. Sarah Dixon (cousin of Sarah (Sallie) Dixon) m.1818 b.1800 d.26 Jan 1840
 Frederick V Smith b.4 Feb 1820
 m. Marietta Cutter m.4 July 1847
 no children
 Amelia Almirs Smith b.4 April 1818 d.8 Nov 1835
 Rachel Caroline Smith b.2 May 1822 d.15 Feb 1859
 m. Wm. S. H. Welton m.30 Dec 1846
 Carrie Marietta Welton b.6 Jan 1855 d.22 Oct 1867
 Martha Jane Smith b.14 Sep 1824 d.19 July 1825
 James Dixon Smith b.15 June 1825
 Martha Jane Smith b.3 Sep 1829
 m. William Jackson m.19 Feb 1850 d.7 Feb 1879
 Charles Smith Jackson
 Frand A Jackson
 Harry Walter Jackson
 Sarah Sophia Smith b.12 Jan 1831 d.15 Jun 1915
 m. Captain Ebenezer Butterworth m.19 Feb 1850 b.11 Dec 1827 d.17-21 Aug 1861
 Frederick Smith Butterworth b.5 Aug 1854 d.24 Feb 1909
 m. Emma Stout b.6 Apr 1858 d.31 Mar 1901
 Ebenezer LeRoy Butterworth b.22 Aug 1878 d.21 May 1967
 m. Agnes Swontek b.18 Jan 1886 d.7 Dec 1951
 Frederick Butterworth
 m. Irene Declute
 Agnes Butterworth
 m. Ruth Warner
 Edward Butterworth
 Michael Butterworth
 Phillip Butterworth
 m. Elsie Elenore Hand
 Diane Butterworth
 Alice Butterworth
 m. Cecil Mead
 Mary Alice Mead
 Jane Minnie Mead
 Cecilia Mead
 Frances Butterworth
 m. James Kenneth Snyder
 James Keith Snyder
 George LeRoy Snyder
 Bess Anne Snyder
 Thomas Andrew Snyder
 William Henry Snyder
 Joseph Mark Snyder
 Richard Vernon Snyder
 Rose Marie Snyder
 Agnes Louise Snyder
 Dorothy Butterworth
 m. Warren Smith
 Barbara Smith

The following added by George L Snyder.

Starting in January 2006, the above has been retyped by George L. Snyder, the great great grandson of Sarah Sophia Smith and Captain Ebenezer Butterworth. See the date at the bottom for the date of the latest update.

I indented the text one step for each generation, with the spouse indented under the primary character and the children at the same indent as the spouse. A second spouse is listed directly beneath the children of the first spouse with their children following.

I used the following abbreviations: m. married, b. born, c. christened, d. died

Much of this document is obviously inaccurate. After some research using the resources of the internet and consulting with others who claim Anneke Jans as an ancestor; I have found that there is quite a bit open to discussion.

Go to the internet and search on the names:

Anneke Jans Bogardus

Anneke Webber Jans

Evardus Bogardus

Probable / possible conclusions:

- The name Anneke is a diminutive of the name Anne or Anna.
- Anneke Webber was descended from William I and possibly a cousin of William II.
- Anneke Webber married Roelof Jans in 1624.
 - They had three children in Holland: Lijnte, Sara, & Trijntje
 - Lijnte died in Holland prior to the trip to the New World.
 - They moved to the new world with Sara & Trijntje.
 - They had 3 more children in the New World.
 - William IV of Holland may have been their grandson.
 - Roelof Jans died in 1637.
- Anneke Jans settled her children's (Jans) inheritance with 1000 guilders.
 - 5 surviving children 200 guilders each.
- Roelof Jans owned 62 acres (considered of poor worth) on Manhattan Island, NY.
- The Dutch authorities confirmed ownership to Anneke widow of Roelof.
- Later the English authorities confirmed ownership of land owned by Dutch landowners.
- Later the English authorities confused this ownership of land especially that controlled by the Trinity Church.
- Anneke Webber Jans married Dominie Evardus Borgardus in 1638.
- Dominie is the Dutch Reformed title meaning "Reverend".
- Anneke and Evardus had (at least) 4 children one of which was William Borgardus b.?1638.

- William married 1659 Wyntje Sybrantds (or Sybrandts, or Abrandts or Abrantds).
- Wyntje Sybrantds was reported to also be of Dutch Royalty.
- William and Wyntje had 3 children: Everardus, Tytje, and Anna (Anneke).
- Anneke Borgardus daughter of William and Wyntje married 1682 Jacobus Brower.
- Jacobus or Jacob and Anneke had ten? children.
- The name Brower is sometimes spelled as Brouwer or Brewer.
- Jacob (2nd son of Jacobus and Anneke) married 1709 Pieronella de la Montaque.
- Jacob and Pieronella had 13 children one was named Elizabeth b.1722.
- I found three different Elizabeth Brower's within the time frame of this document.
- I found no reference to a brother of Elizabeth called Garrett except in this document.
- Jacobus Brower (who married Anneke Bogardus) had a brother named Peter Brouwer.
- Adam Brouwer/Brower was the father of Jacobus and Peter.
- Peter Brouwer b.1646, married Petronella Uldricks Clein b.1650.
- Peter and Petronella had a son Uldrick Pieters Brouwer b.1673.
- Uldrick is sometimes spelled Eldrick.
- Uldrick Brouwer Married Esther deVaux b.1671.
- Uldrick and Esther had a daughter Elizabeth Uldrickse Brouwer b.1710.
- Elizabeth U. Brouwer married 1748 Jacob Smith.
- Elizabeth and Jacob had a son named Jacob 1750 who married 1774 Sophia Post.
- Jacob and Sophia's son Francis had a daughter Mary who married W.B. Sprague.
- Jacob and Sophia's son Elias married 1818 Sara Dixon.
- Elias and Sara had a daughter Sarah Sophia Smith b1831 d1915
- Sarah Sophia married 1850 Captain Ebenezer Butterworth.
- There is a Civil War statue in the center of Coldwater, MI with Ebenezer's name on it.
- Sarah Sophia and Ebenezer had a son Frederick 1854-1909
- Frederick Butterworth married 1876 Emma Stout.
- Frederick and Emma had a son Ebenezer LeRoy Butterworth 1878-1967.
- Eb. L. Butterworth married 1905 Agnes Swontek (or Swantack or ..) b1886 d1951.
- Eb and Agnes had 5 children: Frederick, Phillip, Alice, Frances, Dorothy.
- Frances Butterworth married 1936 James Kenneth Snyder.
- Frances and James (Jim) Snyder had 9 children:
 - (James) Keith b1937.
 - George LeRoy b1939.
 - Bess Anne b1941.
 - Thomas Andrew b1944.
 - William Henry b1946.
 - Joseph Mark b1951.
 - Richard Vernon 1954-1974.
 - Rose Marie b1958.
 - Agnes Louise 1962-1979.

Anneka Webber

m. Roaloff Jans b.1605 1st husband
Sarah Roaloffs b.1626 Holland
m. Hans Kierstede
Cathrine Roaloffs b. NY
m. Johanes van Brugh
Fytje Roaloffs
m. Peter Hartgers
Jan Roaloffsen
m.³⁹ Everhardus Borgarus June 21, 1638 NY 2nd husband
William Borgarus c. Sept 9, 1638
m. Wyntje Sybrantds or Abrants Aug 20, 1659
Everardus Borgarus c. Nov 2, 1659
Tytje Borgarus c. March 16, 1661
⁴⁰ Anna or Anneke Borgarus c. Oct 3, 1663
⁴¹ m. Jacobus Brower m. April 30, 1682 d,1733 (son of Adam Brower)
Sybrandt Brower b.1682 Brooklyn NY
m. Sarah Webber
Jacob Brower b.1684 Brooklyn NY
m. Pietronella De La Montaque Oct.1709 in NY
Jacob Brower c.Sep.24,1710 in Brooklyn NY
m. Maria de Lony
Johannes Brower b.Jan.6,1710-11 NY
m. Susanna Deroitleet or Durlje Oct.9,1734
Abraham Brower (twin) Feb.6,1712 NY
m. Aolje Vengerld Jun.1,1743
Cornelia Brower (twin) Feb.6,1712 NY
Annetje or Antje Brower b.May 5,1714 NY
Adam Brower (twin) b.Dec.1,1716 NY
m. Catharine Mitchel

³⁸ This shows Anneka Webber (Anneka Jans Borgardus) as the ancestor of Jacob Brower. The information given by Peter van Ripper and DD Brower appears to be incorrect.

³⁹ The second husband of Anneka Webber. It is through this line that the property disputes have arisen. The name is variously spelled Bogardus, Bogard, Borgarus; or Bogarus

⁴⁰ Some people have confused this Anneka with her grandmother, Anneka Webber.

⁴¹ Jacob Brower (Brouwer) was the brother of Peter Adams Brouwer who is my ancestor and the grandfather of Elizabeth Uldrickse Brouwer.

Cornelius Brower (twin) b.Dec.1,1716 NY
 m. Mary Asker 1st wife
 m. Hester Boden Aug.10,1736 2nd wife
 Amanda Brower b.Jan.4,1718 NY
 Peter Brower b.Mar.9,1720 NY
 Affer Brower 1720
 42 Elizabeth Brower b.Feb.20,1722 NY
 William Brower May 1,1727
 m. Margaret van Sicle Sept.17,1748
 Henry Brower Oct.29,1729
 William Brower b.1687 Brooklyn NY
 m. Marie Hermian May 29,1719
 Everdus Brower b.Dec.8,1689 Brooklyn NY
 Elizabeth Brower Nov.15,1694
 Adam Brower Mar.29,1696
 m. Deborak
 Hillegnont Brower c.Dec.27,1697 NY
 Wyntie Brower c.Mar.8,1701 NY
 m. Richard Pet
 Magdalene Brower c.Mar.8,1704 NY
 m. Joost Veden June 1725 NY
 Nicholas Brower
 43 Jonas Borgarus c. Jan 4, 1643
 Pietr or Peterus Borgarus c. April 2, 1645
 m. Wyntie Bosch in NY 1 child
 Cornelius Borgarus
 m. Helena Teller in NY 1 child

⁴² This Elizabeth Brower is not our ancestor who married the first Jacob Smith. I have done sufficient research to indicate this but, would appreciate any help I can get. GLS

⁴³ Jonas is the son of Anneka & Everhardus and the brother of William

Information interpreted from interview of Peter van Riper in 1845

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Abraham or Jacob Brower b.1680
m. Anneka Jans (daughter of Willem Bogardus)
Eldrick Brower b.1700
Garrett Brower b.1725
45 Elizabeth Brower b.1727-28
m. Jacob Smith 1748
Jacob Smith b.June11, 1750
m. Sophia Post m.1774-75 b.Oct.19, 1754
Jane or Jenny Brower b.1730
m. Cornelius Tunnison (Rariton NJ)
Machy Brower b.1732-33
m. Christopher van Riper (Agnacknouk, NY)
Elizabeth van Riper
Harmon van Riper } due to missing documentation
Eldrick van Riper } the following are determined to
Garrett van Riper } be children of one of these three
May or Mary van Riper b.1763
Hannah van Riper b.1765
Peter van Riper b.October 16, 1767 NY city
John van Riper b.1769
Jacob van Riper b.1772
Abraham van Riper b.1774-75
Mary or Maricha Brower b.1735
m. Peter Steymelts
Hester Steymelts
Sarah Steymelts
Harriet or Arrouche Steymelts
Joanna or Norchy Steymelts
Jane or Jenny Steymelts
2 others names unknown

⁴⁴ This differs from the family as related by DD Brower. We should consider both trees with an open mind. Dates given in years only are estimates. We take it for granted that Peter van Riper would have known his own birth date. The information from the N.Y. Genealogical Abstracts should be considered more accurate.

⁴⁵ This is the weakest link I see in the information I have gathered. GLS

Information interpreted from an interview of D.D. Brower in 1845

Jacob Brower

m. Anneka Jan Bogardus

Abraham Brower

b.1700

Eldrick Brower

Abraham Brower

Jane Brower

John Brower

Hester Brower

Bridgett (Brachy) Brower

Polly Brower

Rachel Brower

Abraham Brower

m. Elizabeth Ackerman (daughter of David Ackerman)

Jacob Brower

b.1726 twin / David

David Brower

b.1726 twin / Jacob

m. Eleanor Sindikor

Abraham Brower

Theodore Brower

David D Brower

b.1773

m. Sophia Demerest

Eleanor Brower

Jane Brower

Sophia Brower

Abraham Brower

John Brower

James Brower

Albert Brower

William Brower

Eliza Brower

4 others died young

Eleanore Brower

Hester Brower

Eldrick Brower

John Brower

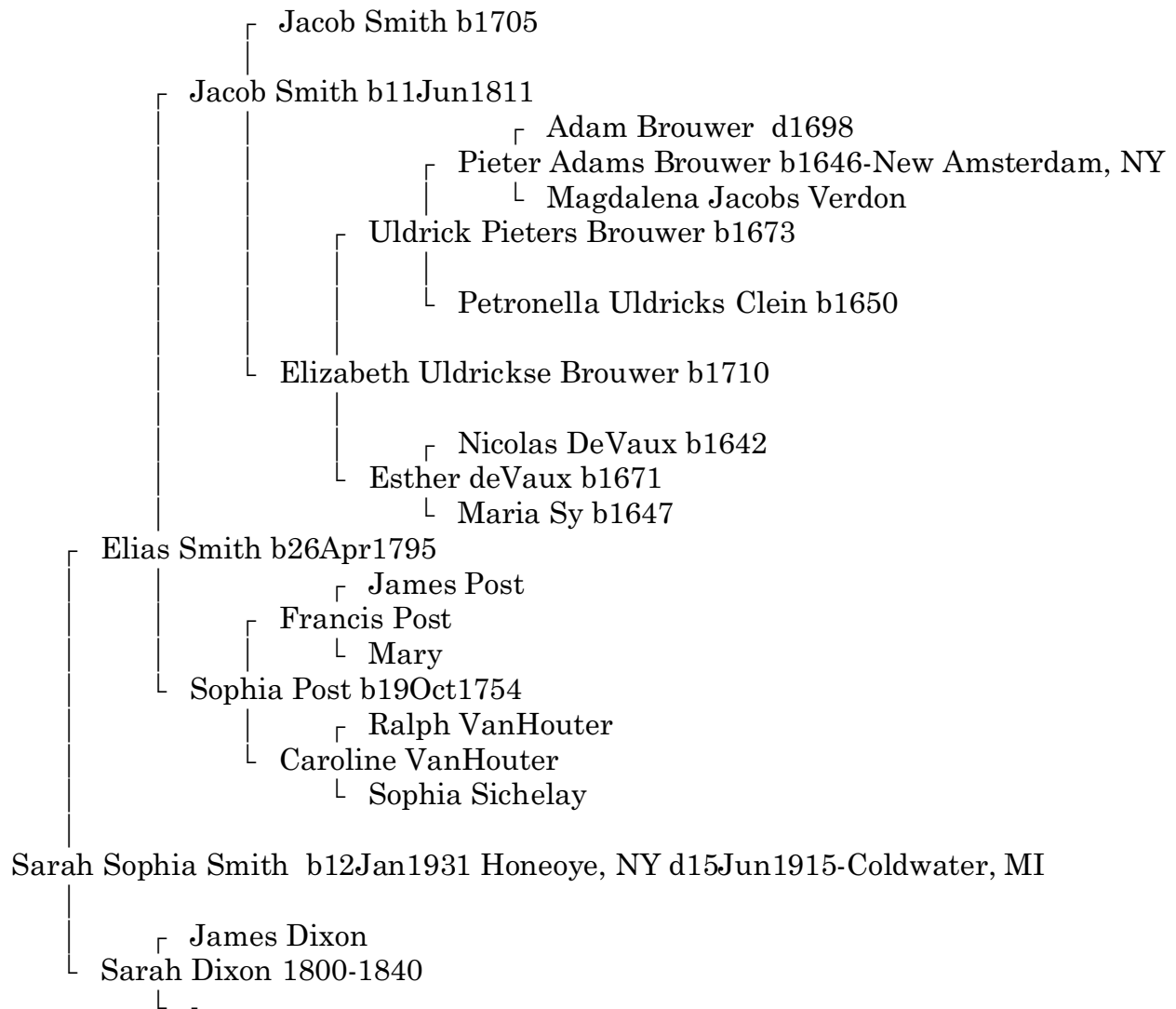
Abraham Brower

Hester Brower
m. D. P. Demerest (son of Peter Demerest)
Peter Demerest
David Demerest
James Demerest (Minister - Domine Demerest)
Elizabeth Demerest
Mary Demerest
Margaret Demerest
Brachy (Bridgette) Demerest
John Brower

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⁴⁶ Notice that there is no mention of Elizabeth as a daughter of Eldrick here. D.D. Brower would have known his own family much better than he would have known the family of his Great grandfather's brother. I would be inclined to put more faith in the New York Genealogical Abstract than in this portion.

Ancestry of Sarah Sophia Smith compiled by George Snyder



Descendants of Count William OF NASSAU compiled by George Snyder
relevant to this document

1. Count William OF NASSAU

sp: Countess STALLBERG

- |— 2. Adolph
- |— 2. Louis
- |— 2. John
- |— 2. Henry

|— 2. William I of Holland (b.1533)

sp: Anne OF EGMONT (d.1558)

- |— 3. William II Phillip William, 2nd Prince Of Orange

|— 3. Marie

sp: Count HOHENLOHE

sp: Anne OF SAXONY

- |— 3. Maurice (b.1567)

|— 3. Anna

sp: County William Louis

|— 3. Emilie

sp: Pretender To Throne Of Portugal

sp: Charlotte DE BOURBON

- |— 3. Louisa Juliana WEBBER

sp: Frederick IV

|— 3. Elizabeth WEBBER

|— 3. Catherina Belgica WEBBER

|— 3. Flandrina WEBBER

|— 3. Charlotte Brobantica WEBBER

sp: Louisa DE COLIGNY

- |— 3. William II of Holland Frederick Henry WEBBER

sp: UNKNOWN

- |— 4. William III of Holland

sp: Unknown

- |— 3. Sarah WEBER (b.1580)

sp: Sybrandt BROWER (b.1682-Brooklyn,NY)

- |— 4. Eight Children BROWER

sp: Sybrant

- |— 3. Wolfert WEBBER (b.1582)

sp: Catherine Tryntje Roeloffs JONAS (m.1600)

- |— 4. Anneka WEBBER (b.1605-The Kings Mansion,Holland d.1663-Albany,NY)

sp: Roelof JANSEN (b.1605-Vonmasterland Holland m.1624 d.1636-New Amsterdam)

- |— 5. Lijntje ROELOFS (b.1624-Holland d.<1633-Holland)

|— 5. Sara ROELOFS (b.1626)

sp: Hans KIERSTEDDE

- |— 5. Catrina ROELOFS (a.24 Jun 1629-Holland)

sp: Johannes Pietersen VAN BRUGH

- |— 5. Sytje / Fytje / Sijtje ROELOFS (b.NY)

sp: Pietr HARTGERS

- |— 5. Jan ROELOFSZEN (b.1633-NY)

|— 5. Annetje ROELOFS (b.1636-NY d.1642)

sp: Dominie Everhardus BORGARDUS (m.1637 d.1647-at Sea off the coast of Wales)

- |— 5. William BORGARDUS (a.9 Sep 1638)

sp: Wyntje SYBRANTDS (m.20 Aug 1659)

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⁴⁷ Anneka Webber is the one called Anneka Jans at the beginning of this document.

- 6. Everardus BORGARDUS (a.2 Nov 1659)
- 6. Tytje BORGARDUS (a.16 Mar 1661)
- 6. Anna / Anneke BORGARDUS
 - sp: Jacob / Jacobus BROWER (m.30 Apr 1682 d.1733)
 - 7. Sybrandt BROWER (b.1682-Brooklyn,NY)
 - sp: Sarah WEBER (b.1580)
 - 8. Eight Children BROWER
 - 7. Jacob BROWER
 - 7. William BROWER (b.1687-Brooklyn,NY)
 - sp: Marie HERMIAN (m.29 May 1719)
 - 7. Everdus BROWER (b.8 Dec 1689-Brooklyn,NY)
 - 7. Elizabeth BROWER (b.15 Nov 1694)
 - 7. Adam BROWER (a.29 Mar 1696)
 - sp: Deborahk
 - 7. Hillegnont BROWER (a.27 Dec 1697-NY)
 - 7. Wyntie BROWER (a.8 Mar 1701-NY)
 - sp: Richard PET
 - 7. Magdalene BROWER (a.8 Mar 1704-NY)
 - sp: Joost VEDEN (m.Jun 1725)
 - 7. Nicholas BROWER
 - sp: Anna DE SILLEN
- 5. Cornelis BORGARDUS (b.1640)
 - sp: Helena TELLER
- 5. Jonas BORGARDUS (a.4 Jan 1643)
- 5. Pieter BORGARDUS (a.2 Apr 1645)
 - sp: Wyntie Comelise BOSCH
- 4. Marritje WEBBER (b.1603)
 - sp: Tyman JANSEN
 - 5. Anna Maria JANSEN
- 4. Wolfert II WEBBER (b.1602)
 - sp: Arrentze ARRENS (m.1622)
 - 5. Rachel WEBBER (b.1623)
 - sp: John VAN HORN (m.9 Feb 1646)
- 4. ? Ariaentje WEBBER

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⁴⁸ Anneka Borgardus is often confused with her grandmother mentioned in the previous footnote. This Anneka married Jacob Brower the brother of our ancestor Pieter Adams Brower. Because we are not descended from her, we do not have an interest in the property or inheritance mentioned in the "Story of Sarah Sofia Smith".