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Above: Xmas '56. Watercolor
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Left: Swimming – Alice,
Martha, Andy '58. Watercolor
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Versions previous to the 14th edition were styled as numbered ‘draft’ editions, anticipating the eventual formal (i.e., professionally printed) publication of the first ‘finished’ edition. Due to its nature as a family history, this work will never be truly finished, although the previous ‘draft’ editions that were printed and distributed among family members were regarded as completed works at the time of their publication. Also, today’s personal publishing tools have proven more than sufficient for formatting and printing this family history. Therefore, the version nomenclature has been retroactively changed to simple numbered editions.

Although every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, some errors in name and place spellings, dates, spousal information or other facts may inadvertently appear.

Readers are invited and kindly requested to send corrections or additions to the above address. Any original documents, photographs or other memorabilia will be duplicated by the author and returned to the owner upon request.

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Preface

By its nature, a family history is never really finished. How can it be? Every time a family historian visits a research facility or communicates with family members, more information is gathered. The family tree always has hidden branches and is continuously adding new growth. When an ancestor of the earliest-known ancestor is discovered, or a long-lost cousin is found, or another child is born, the family history expands.

It is the duty of the serious family historian to research, research, research; collect, organize and make sense out of the volumes of information collected; *and most importantly*, carefully document the results in a shareable form. Documenting the results is the hardest task, both mechanically and mentally, because it requires temporarily setting aside the information gathering, accepting any gaps in information, and focusing on the meticulous details of writing, editing and publishing.

The Ancestors and Descendants of The Reverend Silas Constant is the result of 25 years of research, interviews and correspondence with numerous CONSTANT relatives, and collection of various documents, anecdotes, stories and traditions unique to this fascinating family. The effort began with the intent of creating a basic family tree that documented what was known about my wife's immediate CONSTANT family and their already-known direct descent from Reverend CONSTANT. This simple effort revealed many gaps in information, and the urge to fill the gaps, the availability of research facilities, the eagerness of family members to contribute information, and the continual excitement each time new information was found, all helped to expand the effort into a serious genealogical endeavor.



Throughout this work, surnames are generally shown in SMALL CAPITAL LETTERS. Exceptions include a surname used as a person's middle name or as a woman's maiden name, and when a surname appears in quoted material.

The Modified Register system of numbering, a standard genealogical format, is used in this family history. Each descendant is assigned a unique number beginning with the first generation, and the numbers continue sequentially from eldest to youngest child in each family and generation. Each descendant's section begins with that individual's number and name, in **bold** type, with a superscript number after the given name to indicate generation. This is followed, in parentheses, by the given name of each direct ancestor in *Italics*, also with a superscript number denoting the respective generation. Basic vital statistics (birth, marriage, death, etc.) and biographical information are then presented, with spouse/partner name(s) given in **bold** type. The names of the spouse's parents are given, whenever known, to aid other researchers in linking their families to ours. Each child is assigned a unique number, and also a Roman numeral beginning with "i." for the oldest child, "ii." for the second child, and so forth. For the first child only, the generation number is shown in superscript. A "+" symbol before a child's name indicates that a separate section for that child appears in the next chapter. In that case,

only the child's name and birth date are shown under the parents' entry, with all other vital statistics, biographical information and citations presented in the child's own section. An individual will generally have a separate section if he or she married, had children, or reached adulthood. A few exceptions occur where an individual married but no other substantial information exists.

I have aimed for accuracy and clarity in this work. A degree of certainty can be attributed to each piece of information, ranging from very low to indisputably true. Many factors influence whether a piece of information should be considered a 'fact,' conjecture or myth. These include events witnessed first-hand, stories handed down second- or third-hand, age and type of published records, and degree of consistency or conflict among various records. I have eagerly included stories and anecdotes that have been handed down almost exclusively by word of mouth, which of course makes them inherently difficult or impossible to verify but add much interest and character to the family members.

Many primary sources (birth, marriage, and death certificates, parish records, etc.) were consulted during the research, and I put the most faith in the information they contain. Secondary sources that simply repeat (sometimes inaccurately) primary source documents are consulted and cited but with less confidence. In a few cases, indexes to other records (such as the Social Security Death Index) are cited when the underlying primary sources have not been consulted. Admittedly, much more research into primary documents could be done, but the sources cited are sufficient to establish the credibility of the information and to allow the long-awaited publication of the work.

Unless otherwise indicated, information about living family members was supplied directly by them or their immediate family, either through correspondence or in oral interviews. In these cases, no reference is cited, but the interview notes and correspondence are kept on file.

Sources are indicated *within the text* with superscript numbers, with the list of corresponding citations appearing at the end of the document. Although superscript numbers are therefore used for two purposes (to denote generations and to denote citations), the manner in which they appear should easily differentiate the two uses.

A few key references, cited extensively, bear specific mention. *The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant*, edited by Emily ROEBLING and discussed fully in the introduction, is a priceless publication of the Reverend CONSTANT's own words.

Another key source used in this family history is a document styled "Record of Revd Silas Constant's Family," hereinafter referred to as the "1835 Bible Notes." It is a collection of five pages of handwritten notes made in the front pages of a family Bible dated 1835. The originals of these pages, along with the Bible's title page, are in the possession of George CONSTANT [No. 99] who says they have been "handed down in the family." The wording of the handwritten notes on these pages suggests that they may have been the source of some of the CONSTANT family information that appears in the preface to the published *Journal*. However, the "1835 Bible Notes" themselves are not an original source. One of the pages is annotated "as copied from the original in the possession of Mrs. Chloe Hyatt" (Reverend CONSTANT's eldest daughter), and another "as copied from the original in the possession of David Travis, Esq." It seems likely that in each case the "original" refers to another family Bible. Therefore, reliance on the

information cited in the “1835 Bible Notes” must be cautious, as with any secondary source.

Another family Bible, dated 1802, consists of one page of handwritten notes that contain the names of various family members, with birth, marriage and/or death dates. The information cited in the “1802 Bible Notes” should also to be used with some caution.

A few other key references are described at the beginning of the Endnotes.



A special thanks is extended to Karolyn WRIGHTSON of the Hastings Historical Society, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. In the 1970s she conducted extensive research into the CONSTANT family in preparation for renaming a section of Warburton Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, to its former name, Constant Avenue, after Joseph Anthony CONSTANT, for the town’s centennial year. Little information about him appeared in Westchester County history books or in the Society’s archives. Karolyn took many notes during her research in various libraries, archives and other record repositories, and fortunately she cited the sources she consulted.

Grateful acknowledgement is also owed to the Hastings Historical Society, the Somers Historical Society, Somers, New York, and the New-York Historical Society, New York, New York, for their help in providing copies of various records in their archives.

Introduction

HOW FORTUNATE IT IS to have an ancestor such as the REVEREND SILAS CONSTANT! Everyone undoubtedly has forebearers who achieved some measure of prominence in their time. It is exceptional, though, to find an ancestor like Silas who leaves such a unique written record of the times in which he lived. The journal he kept from April 1783 to August 1801 records his journeys in southern New York and surrounding areas, providing details of his preachings, his parishioners, and in the words of Emily Warren ROEBLING, “so many unimportant, petty details of his daily life.”

It is Emily ROEBLING to whom we owe the survival, publication, and great utility of *The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant*, Emily having acquired the journal and undertaken the painstaking task of transcribing it and its accompanying records. As an historical record the *Journal* is fascinating; as a genealogical record it is invaluable, containing entries of baptisms, marriages and funeral sermons for hundreds of individuals, as well as the numerous preachings of a very active traveling pastor, and other routine daily events. Further details of many people mentioned in the *Journal* are given in its numerous footnotes, and although these additional notes seem convincing and authoritative, their origin is unclear. They are undoubtedly the products of Emily ROEBLING’s extensive research, but without citations the footnotes should be used with some caution in family histories such as this. And while the Reverend CONSTANT documented events in many people’s lives in the *Journal*, he made no special effort in the case of his own family. The *Journal*’s footnotes provide some details of his descendants, and fortunately most of these details can be substantiated using other records.

Many female lines of descent are included in this family history, but the male lines are of particular interest, especially where the CONSTANT surname is preserved to present day. Several lines of male descent are incomplete and require further research. First, several sons of Lewis CONSTANT (born in 1793, a grandson of the Reverend CONSTANT through his son St. John), have been identified but their fates are undetermined. Second, little is known of St. John (born in 1838, a great-grandson of the Reverend through his son St. John and his youngest son Silas) except that it is believed he married a Russian woman. Finally, the only remaining possibility of male lineage from Reverend CONSTANT’s son Joseph is through Joseph’s grandson Edward (born *circa* 1850) whose descendants were believed to have settled in Louisiana.

Stories and rumors, some substantiated, have been handed down linking the CONSTANT family to a few famous historical figures. Joseph Anthony CONSTANT, one of the Reverend CONSTANT’s grandsons, was well acquainted with Washington IRVING, the famed American author, their friendship having been documented in several letters. And through this relationship, Joseph Anthony met Louis NAPOLEON (later NAPOLEON III) and may have kept up a friendship with him for several years. In contrast, no evidence has been found to substantiate a conjectured link with the Marquis de LA FAYETTE. His life, and his prominent role in American History, is well documented in several biographies and the numerous letters he wrote (many of which still exist) to his wide circle of friends

and relatives. During his four visits to the United States, LA FAYETTE traveled extensively and met many notable figures of the day, among them George WASHINGTON, with whom he maintained an extremely close friendship. LA FAYETTE's first three visits (June 1777–February 1779; April 1780–December 1781; and August–December 1784) were all in the years preceding and immediately following the Reverend Silas CONSTANT's ordination as a minister (in May 1783). LA FAYETTE's visits with WASHINGTON in his New Jersey headquarters may have brought him in proximity with Reverend CONSTANT while he pursued his theological studies in Hanover, New Jersey, providing an opportunity for a chance meeting. LA FAYETTE's last visit (August 1824–September 1825) was around the time Joseph Anthony CONSTANT was attending Union College, Schenectady, New York, but contact between them there seems highly improbable.



The ancestry of this CONSTANT family is believed to trace to France. Reverend CONSTANT's father, Joseph CONSTANT, was apparently an officer in the French army. A pedigree from France (discussed under the First Generation) provides a possible link to a CONSTANT family in France.

First Generation

1. **Joseph¹ CONSTANT**, date and place of birth unknown; conjectured to have been lost at sea on a return voyage to France *circa* 1749; married in March 1749,¹ **Susan TIRRELL** (birth date unknown, the daughter of Elijah TIRRELL of Salem parish, in Waterbury, Connecticut; Susan apparently died shortly after the birth of their only child).

Only child of Joseph and Susan CONSTANT:

+ 2. i. Silas² CONSTANT, born 15 January 1750.

A manuscript in the Reed/Allen/Constant document collection at The New-York Historical Society provides the only known potential link to Joseph's European ancestry.

Readers are cautioned that this manuscript is not proof of Joseph Constant's family origins, and should only be regarded as a source for further research.

The first two pages are hand-written in English, with the second of those pages showing a partial family pedigree (printed sideways in the original document). The remaining three pages are hand-written in French.

A transcription of the English pages of the manuscript is shown starting below and continuing on the next page. Some of the words are difficult to read, and some spellings are old fashioned. Following the English transcription and pedigree is a partial translation, albeit not expert, of the French passages.



Particulars sent to New York 16th Sept 1860 of W Hays search at Paris for the family of Constant of France—"Extract from a Letter" of ———

I have attended the libraries of principal genealogists, also the conversaziones to ——— by enquiries. Mr. & Mrs. Constant were here 6 years ago and by a remarque at the Bibliographies they either for want of ——— or liberality suffered the French claimants to walk over the course.

I have the pedigree tho like the rest of the pedigrees it will take time to arrange after my arrival at N.Y. I have all the materials.

The difficulties are increased by attesting the French claimants possession, "Avec patent Francaise". At a conversazione I attended, the "general opinion" was the American claimants were the parties entitled.

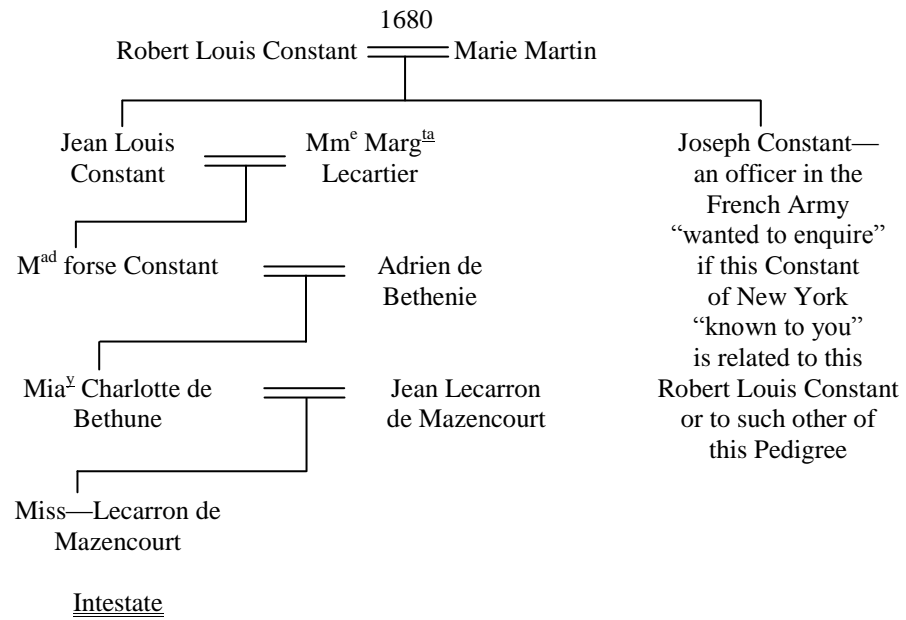
I have also the coat of arms of famille American, also obtained a pedigree from Monsr. Theret, Genelogist, of the Constance or Constant.



Affaire de Mons. Theret, de Paris.

Constant—succession Lecarron de Mazencourt—died at Compingne France in 1856. Very large estate.

The descendants of the branch Constant are unknown—and wanted—this is the pedigree.



De Constant de Rebecque – Picardie

Le chef actuel de cette famille est Guillaume—Constantin—Seymour de Constant né le 22nd April 1785, fils de Jacques Constant de Rebecque et de Catherine Seymour fille du R. Lord Francis Seymour doyen de Bath + Wells, ficio du duc de Somerset (1); Marié à Charlotte Josephe Andres de Courteville d'Hodicq, fille de Jacques-Antonie Alexandre Andres de Courteville comte d'Hodicq officier général, ancien colonel commandant des grenadiers de France, député de la noblesse de la province aux états généraux et de Marie Charlotte du Chambage, fille de Pierre Francois Champlain baron d'Elbeck.

De ce mariage sont issus:

1st Edmond Seymour de Constant de Rebecque né le 25 April 1806; elive de l'école militaire de _____ys, puis garde du corps dans la compagnie de Gocilles, attaché a l'intendance militaire et remplissant les fonctions d'intendant;
2nd Arthur-Edouard-Georjes Adelbert né le 20 Octobre 1808, mort en 1827.

Illustrations

Hugues et Ott de Rebecque donneront en 1096, des preuves si éclatantes de valeur dans la tiue Saint ori ils avaient suivi les princes, et chevaliers croisés que Hugues g fut fait prince de château d'Abraham "Annales flamandes," de Van Weyden, du chanoine petit et d'Aubert Méry.

Antoine Constant de Rebecque gentilhomme de l'Empereur Charles-quint, qualifié baron par ce prince capitaine des archers de ses ordonnances, s'embarqua aver cet empereur pour l'Espagne, an 1577, et le suivi dans toutes ses querres, à Tunis et à Alger. Il fut tué à la bataille de Mulberg, en 1548.

Jacques Constant de Rebecque né en 1749 aide de camp du duc de Brunswick, fus blessé aux côtés de ce prince au siege de Verdun.

Habitant près de Coblutz, son château servit de refuge aux émigré francais qui se trouvaient sans ressource. Il est le pere du baron actuel.

De Constant de Rebecque – Picardie

The current head of this family is Guillaume—Constantin—Seymour de Constant born April 22, 1785, son of Jacques Constant de Rebecque and of Catherine Seymour, daughter of R. Lord Francis Seymour, Senior, of Bath and Wells, ___ of the Duke of Somerset (1); Married to Charlotte Josephe Andres de Courteville d'Hodicq, daughter of Jacques Antonie Alexandre Andres de Courtville count d'Hodicq general officer, former colonel commander of the grenadiers France, representative of the nobility of the province with the States General, and of Marie Charlotte du Chambage, daughter of Pierre Francois Champlain baron d'Elbeck.

This marriage had two children:

1st Edmond Seymour of Constant de Rebecque born in 25 April 1806, divine of the military academy of _____, then bodyguard in the company of Gocielles, attache' of the military intendance and fulfilling the functions of intendant;
2nd Arthur – Edouard – Georjes Adelbert born 20 October 1808, died in 1827.

Illustrations

Hugues and Ott de Rebecque gave in 1096, so bright evidence of value in the tiue Saint ori they had followed the princes, and cross knights that Hugues g was made prince of the castle of Abraham "Annales Flemish" of Van Weyden, of the small canon and of Aubert Mery.

Antoine Constant of Rebeque gentleman of the Emperor Charles V, qualified baron by the prince captain of the archers of its ordinances, embarked with this emperor for Spain, in 1517, and the follow-up in all its wars at Tunis and at Algiers. It was killed with the battle of Mulberg, in 1548.

Jacques Constant de Rebecque was born in 1749, aide-de-camp of the duke of Brunswick, was wounded at the sides of this prince in the siege of Verdun.

Living close to Coblutz, its castle was used as refuge to the French emigrant who was without resource. He is the father of the current baron.

(Pour l'histoire généalogique de cette maison, les Annales flamandes, de Van Weyden, du chanoine Petit d'Aubert Méry, trousielét, Ecolle de Velinghen, carpentier de la morliere, la Chesnage des Bois—t12 pg article de Rebecque)

Residence: le château de la Garenne du Litre, près d'Abbeville en Ponthieu (Somme).

Armes: coupé, en chef d'une aigle éployée, de sable en champ d'argent et en pointe d'or à deux lions couronnés d'azur, armie et lampassés de gueules tenant une épée haute en pal.

Les armes accoliés sous celles de Courteville d'Hodicq.

See Note (1)

Allicé a plusieurs maisons souveraines, cette grande maison de Seymour de Somerset eut entre autre illustrations, celle de fournir siu regent au royaume de la Grande Butagne servomme le grand duc, pendant la minoreté d'Edouard b., son neveu.

"Extracted" from Armorial Noblesse de France.
"A work valued at 500 francs."

(For the genealogical history of this house, the Annals Flemish, of Van Weyden, of the small canon of Aubert Méry, trousulét, ____ of Veluighen, carpenter of Morlier, les Chesuage des Bois – see page 12 in the article on Rebecque.)

Residence: the castle of Garenne of the Liter, frier of Abbeville in Ponthieu (Somme)

Arms: Per fess, in chief an eagle displayed, black in silver field, and in point gold with two blue lions crowned, armed and langued in red, holding one sword erect palewise.

The arms are grouped under those of Courtville of Hodicq.

See Note (1)

Alice has several sovereign houses, this large house of Seymour de Somerset had amongst other illustrations, that to provide regent with the kingdom of the Grand Butagne serving the grand duke, during the minority of Edouard b. his nephew.

Second Generation

2. **Silas² CONSTANT** (*Joseph¹*), born 15 January 1750 in Waterbury, Connecticut; died 22 March 1825 and buried in the church-yard of the Congregational Church of Yorktown, New York, that he established (the cemetery is now known as the East Yard of the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown; the Congregational Church was dismantled in the 1860s); married, first, in 1769¹ or 1770,² **Amy LEWIS** (born 24 May 1751 at Salem in Waterbury, Connecticut, the eldest daughter of Captain John LEWIS by his second wife Ame,^{*} daughter of Captain Samuel SMITH of New Haven, Connecticut; Amy died 4 January 1805 at Yorktown, New York). Amy was the mother of Silas' four children. She is buried in the churchyard of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, having died before Silas established the Congregational Church and its churchyard.³ Silas married, second, 1 September 1808 in Yorktown, New York, by the Rev. Mr. Townley,⁴ **Jane D. ROBINSON** (born 2 October 1748⁵ or 2 August 1750;⁶ died 4 January 1831⁷ (the *Journal* incorrectly shows her death year as 1830)⁸ with whom he had no issue,⁹ and who is buried beside her husband in the Congregational churchyard).

The published version of *The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant* includes biographical sketch of Reverend CONSTANT written by the Rev. William J. CUMMING, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Yorktown in 1903, which is recounted here:

THE Reverend Silas Constant was said to be a son of Colonel Joseph Constant, an officer of the French army, who, in March, 1749, married Susan Tirrell, a daughter of Elijah Tirrell, of Salem parish, in Waterbury, Connecticut. Soon after his marriage Colonel Constant sailed for France for the purpose of arranging his affairs there. The ship in which he took passage is supposed to have foundered at sea, as no tidings were ever heard of it. On 15 January, 1750, at Waterbury, Connecticut, a fatherless boy was born and named Silas, and the young mother died shortly afterwards, bequeathing her son to the care of a married sister, Mrs. Beebe. His birth is recorded with that of the family of Lieutenant Jonathan Beebe, who in his will bequeathed him "fifty pounds when he comes of age." It is said that he married his "second cousin," Amy, daughter of Captain John Lewis, of Salem parish, Waterbury, in 1769. The exact relationship is somewhat doubtful. Mrs. Jonathan Beebe and Captain John Lewis were, however, second cousins.

After his marriage Mr. Constant appears to have resided at Waterbury, where he owned a farm, until past his thirtieth year. In 1777, with Stephen Warner and others, he operated a mill on Long Meadow Brook, at Naugatuck, and in 1778, and again in 1781, he loaned money to the town, to hire soldiers for Horseneck.

It is conjectured that he pursued his theological studies under the direction of the Reverend Jacob Green, of Hanover, New Jersey, and on 29 May, 1783, at the age of thirty-three years, he was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Morris County, New Jersey, afterwards known as the Associated Presbytery of Morris County.

Mr. Constant's first charge was at Blooming Grove and Smith's Clove, now Monroe, Orange County, New York. At these places he preached on alternate Sundays until his removal to "Crompond," now Yorktown, New York, 3 November 1785.

It is quite probable that he became acquainted with the people of Crompond, or Yorktown, and they with him through his journeys from his field of labor to his old home in Waterbury, Connecticut. He preached his first sermon at Yorktown on 20 November, 1784, and on 2 August,

* Spelled as such in *The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant* and other sources.

1785, he was engaged by the Yorktown Presbyterian Church for one year, at a salary of fifty pounds and a parsonage, and began work on 3 November, 1785. On 8 November, 1786, the church invited him to become their pastor at a salary of sixty pounds and a parsonage, and he was soon after installed by a council, composed partly of members of the Associated Presbytery of Morris County, New Jersey, of which he was a member, and partly of members of the Presbytery of Dutchess County, New York, to which the church belonged.

Mr. Constant is described as a tall, well-proportioned man, of commanding presence. He had received a very limited education; but had gathered much information from books. He possessed great shrewdness and personal force, was a ready speaker, a power in the religious life of the community, and the prime mover and leading spirit in the Associated Westchester Presbytery, an ecclesiastical body affiliated to the Associated Presbytery of Morris County, New Jersey. In his intercourse with his neighbors he was kind and obliging, and his daily walk and conversation were above reproach. He preached without notes. As a pastor he was very efficient, his visits combining in a happy way the social and pastoral. His labors were abundant both within the parish—which had at least two out stations, Red Mills and Peekskill, where he preached—and without, and his ministry successful.

Mr. Constant's prosperous pastorate at Yorktown was unfortunately marred by a division in the church in 1806. As before said, it is supposed that he studied theology under the Reverend Jacob Green, of Hanover, New Jersey, who, while clinging to the Presbyterian name, was Congregational at least in church polity. Mr. Green was the father of the Associated Presbytery of Morris County, New Jersey, which held and advocated his views. Mr. Constant was ordained by this presbytery, and was a member of it for nine years. He became one of the founders and the leading spirit of the Associated Westchester Presbytery, a presbytery "associated" with Morris County Presbytery, and of which he remained a member until his death. He was, as described by one who wrote in his defence, "a Presbyterian of the Congregational order." The Yorktown Church, when he began his ministry, was Presbyterian both in name and polity. It had four elders, who with the pastor composed the session. It was connected with the Presbytery of Dutchess County. The deed by which it held its property specified that it was "for the use of a Presbyterian congregation and to be used as a public place of divine worship by the neighbors and inhabitants thereabouts exercising their religion and public worship of God Almighty after and according to the form of worship used and exercised by the now established Presbyterian church government in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, and for no other purpose or intent whatsoever." Shortly after the beginning of Mr. Constant's pastorate at Yorktown, about four months, according to a record kept by himself, he began to undermine Presbyterian polity by teaching Congregationalism. To quote from the manual of the Yorktown Congregational Church, the fragment of the disrupted church composed of Mr. Constant and his friends, "During Mr. Constant's ministry the church which had before been Presbyterian, gradually assumed the Congregational form of government." After a time the elders, as such, took no part in the government of the church. Three of the original four died and the vacancies, thus created, were not filled; but instead deacons were elected. The public announcement from the pulpit, in 1805, that the church was not Presbyterian, but Congregational, is said to have precipitated the rupture. The majority sided with the pastor. The minority, after investigation by a committee, was reorganized by the Presbytery of Hudson as a Presbyterian Church. Metaphorically, both parties flew to arms. Three pamphlets were written, two in defence of Mr. Constant and one in opposition. Appeal was made to the civil courts, and the Circuit Court, Chief Justice (afterwards Chancellor) Kent presiding, awarded the property to the Presbyterian minority. Mr. Constant and his adherents organized the Independent or Congregational Church, of which he was pastor until his death, 22 March, 1825. The division, as is usual in such cases, produced dissension in the community, which only the lapse of threescore years could remove. In 1865 the Congregational Church disbanded, the church edifice was taken down, and most of the members united with the Presbyterian Church. And now only the churchyard with its graves remains to tell the story of Mr. Constant's theological wandering. And here, surrounded by his followers, the old pastor sleeps under a stone which reads: "In / memory of / the Rev / Silas Constant / who departed this life / 22 March, 1825 / aged 75 years, 2 months and 7 days.

As already stated, Mr. Constant married (1) Amy Lewis, the eldest daughter of Captain John Lewis, by his second wife Ame, daughter of Captain Samuel Smith, of New Haven, born at Salem

in Waterbury, 24 May, 1751; died at Yorktown, 4 January, 1805, and was buried in the Presbyterian church-yard. He married (2) Mrs. Jane D. Robinson, born 2 October, 1748; died 4 January 1830; by whom he had no issue, and who is buried beside her husband in the Congregational church-yard, now known as the east yard of the Presbyterian Church of Yorktown.



Some of the Reverend CONSTANT's descendants understood the family's origins differently, apparently before they became aware of the *Journal*. His great-great-granddaughter, Maris Constant JOB [No. 101], wrote in 1979:¹⁰

According to family tradition, the first of our branch of the Constant family arrived in Charleston, South Carolina, shortly after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in the company of another family of Huguenot [*sic*] refugees, the Acklès. They were originally from Lorraine. Finding the climate of Charleston too hot for their liking, the two families moved to New York. Why they did not join the fairly numerous settlement of Huguenots [*sic*] in New Rochelle I do not know, but the two families were friends for generations, intermarrying several times. At some point the Acklès anglicized their name to Ackley. My father, many years ago when he was walking through Trinity Churchyard when the sun was low in the west, happened to pick out "J. A. Acklee" on one of the very old, crumbling stones. It has no doubt long since completely vanished.

The Edict of Nantes was a decree issued in 1598 by Henry IV of France, granting restricted religious and civil liberties to Huguenots. Louis XIV revoked the Edict in 1685. Col. Joseph CONSTANT's apparent arrival a few years before 1750 would seem a bit late to be considered "shortly after" the Revocation, but other elements of this version of the family's origins are plausible and bear further research.

Silas is listed as a witness to the will of Joseph LEE of Yorktown, 13 April 1790, probated 5 May 1790.¹¹ The Reverend CONSTANT preached the funeral sermon of Joseph LEE on 22 September 1790, and the Reverend CONSTANT was well acquainted with several generations of this LEE family.

The Reverend CONSTANT was apparently something of an inventor, as suggested in a document published by the New York Historical Society:¹²

485. PATENT CEMENT - Useful invention. We learn that the gentleman who has invented the Cement for preserving wood and brick from decaying (mentioned in this Gazette the other day) is the Rev. Mr. (Joseph) Constant of York Town, in Westchester County; that he has obtained a patent from the government for the same, but that he contemplates granting to churches of all denominations throughout the US, permission to use it free of expence [*sic*]

We have seen the composition applied to wood, and cannot doubt but it will answer all the purposes proposed, as it effectually resists water, and is compounded of materials the most durable in nature, and the least subject to change. We believe it to be an invention of greater importance to the world, than has ever been made in this country. —The New York Gazette & General Advertiser, Jan. 25, 1800.

486. Patentee of the Cement... has empowered the Subscriber to transact all the business relating thereto. The following prices...no permission will be granted for less than \$1, except for Churches, for which priviledge [*sic*] will be given gratis to all denominations...a specimen of the Cement may be seen at the office of the Subscriber, No. 118 Pearl St., NY. Joseph Constant. (The New York Gazette and General Advertiser, 3/15/1800.)

With Joseph CONSTANT (Silas's son) identified as the "subscriber," and the subscriber being distinguished from the "patentee," it seems likely that the "Rev. Mr. (Joseph) Constant" actually refers to Silas, not Joseph.

Karolyn WRIGHTSON apparently added a note after recording the above, speculating that "If this was a money-maker it may explain apparent affluence of the Constant family—Silas having been a preacher may not have had a lot of \$."

Silas's will is apparently recorded in the Westchester County Surrogate Court. In it he "left his wife her money, furniture, his Negro girl Hester, one cow, and a bird of the fruit of the orchard...[unreadable sentence]...[Adalina] Hyatt, \$150. To grandson Anthony J. Constant [undoubtedly Joseph Anthony CONSTANT, No. 17], \$100 to him and his heirs. To the church, \$100. The remainder of the estate to be equally divided between St. John Constant and Cloe Hyatt. Executors, St. John Constant and Dr. Henry White. Dated Dec. 19, 1819. Atty. Ebenezer White, Jr."¹³ Hester is likely the solitary free colored female under 14 years of age listed with Silas's family in the 1830 census.¹⁴

The 1830 Census lists Jane in Yorktown as the head of household and the only female in the age bracket of 80<90 years old. Two other individuals, both females, are listed: one 15<20, and one 20<30.¹⁵

Jane's will, which she wrote on 26 November 1830, bequeaths various possessions to several nieces and nephews, along with her stepson Joseph A. CONSTANT, and Hanna STOTES, a colored woman, who received \$100 for the express purpose of purchasing a small house and a lot of land. Jane added a codicil to her will dated 1 January 1831, three days before she died, for the sole purpose of bequeathing the further sum of \$60 to Hannah STOTES for the purchase of a small house and lot of ground.¹⁶

Children of Silas and Amy CONSTANT:

- + 3. i. St. John³ CONSTANT, born 7 May 1770 or 1771.
- + 4. ii. Joseph A. CONSTANT, born 7 October 1773.
- + 5. iii. Chloe CONSTANT, born 7 July 1776.
- + 6. iv. Sarah (or Sally) CONSTANT, born 8 September 1785.

Third Generation

3. St. John³ CONSTANT (*Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 7 May 1770¹ or 1771² in Waterbury, Connecticut; died 13 February 1847 in Peekskill, New York, and buried in the Van Cortlandt Cemetery at Peekskill; married, by his father, on 2 July 1792,³ **Jane HYATT** (born 22 February 1770⁴ or 1771⁵ in Yorktown, New York, the daughter of Nathaniel HYATT and Mary MERRITT; died 3⁶ or 23⁷ April 1817 and buried with her husband).

The ledger of Dr. Elias CORNELIUS (1781-1810) records the sale by St. John of two yards of flannel to Dr. CORNELIUS on 1 January 1802.⁸ St. John was appointed a Lieutenant on 13 March 1802 in the regiment of LTCOL Commandant Pierre VAN CORTLANDT, Junior, Westchester County, New York.⁹ St. John served as president of the village of Peekskill, 1828, 1831-32-33; supervisor for the town of Cortlandt, 1833; judge of the Court of Common Pleas, 1806-1812 and 1822; and sheriff of Westchester County, 1807-1810, 1811-1814. He was one of the first trustees of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Peekskill, 29 September 1813. According to the *Journal*, Constant Avenue, Peekskill, was named for him,¹⁰ as distinguished from Constant Street in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, which was named for St. John's nephew, Joseph Anthony CONSTANT [No. 17] (see). St. John and his brother Joseph were among the original founders of the Peekskill Fire Department. St. John was a director of the Westchester Whaling Company, and he was also a founder of the Westchester County Bank, the first in the county, along with Pierre VAN CORTLANDT (presumably the same Pierre under whom he served in 1802), and others.¹¹

Children of St. John and Jane CONSTANT:

- + 7. i. Lewis⁴ CONSTANT, born 26 May 1793.
- 8. ii. Samuel CONSTANT, born 26 May 1793, twin; died the same day.¹²
- 9. iii. Nathaniel CONSTANT, born 15 November 1795; died 11 May 1813.¹³
- 10. iv. Susan CONSTANT, born 18 October 1798; died 16 February 1830¹⁴ or 1831.¹⁵ She may have married in 1822.¹⁶
- 11. v. Joseph CONSTANT, born 7 May 1801;¹⁷ died, unmarried,¹⁸ 20¹⁹ or 21²⁰ October 1864.
- + 12. vi. Emma CONSTANT, born 5 September 1803.
- + 13. vii. Jane CONSTANT, born 4 July 1805.
- 14. viii. Silas CONSTANT, born 11 November 1807; died the following day.²¹
- + 15. ix. St. John CONSTANT, born 24 September 1809.
- + 16. x. Silas CONSTANT, born 11 May 1812.

4. Joseph A.³ CONSTANT (*Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 7 October 1773 in Watertown, Connecticut; died 25 August 1819²² and buried in Hillside Cemetery, Van Cortland, New York;²³ married 25 May 1805 by the Rev. Bishop MOORE,²⁴ **Eliza ACKLEY** (born in 1779²⁵ in New York City, the daughter of Anthony ACKLEY and Louisa MARCELAIN;²⁶ died 5 March 1807²⁷).

Joseph was an officer the United States Army, apparently first appointed an Ensign on 11 April 1798,²⁸ serving under George P. EAKER²⁹ in the 2nd Infantry Regiment, New York County, New York. Four months later he was promoted to Lieutenant.³⁰ In February 1800 Joseph moved to the 10th Company, 6th Infantry Regiment of New York County.³¹ He was appointed Captain while in the 6th Regiment in Oneida County on 16 February 1802, replacing George J. EAKER, deceased³² (this may be the same George EAKER as above, with the middle initial in error in one reference). Joseph was a colonel at the Battle of New Orleans,³³ and he is mentioned in several documents as commanding the Third Regiment of the U.S. Infantry in April 1812.³⁴

Referred to as a leading citizen of New York City, Joseph was one of the secretaries at the State Constitutional Convention of 1801.³⁵ He also helped found the New York City public school system. The few schools in New York before and through the 18th Century were established by churches, and attended only by children of “churchly” families. In 1802, Quaker ladies contributed private means to establish a free school for girls. Success of this endeavor after three years of operation led to the undertakings on a larger scale. A group of men had deliberated and no longer could postpone action, the “necessity was so pressing, calamity of ignorance so appalling, that the problem of removing the crying shame could not be set aside or postponed.” Two gentlemen, Thomas EDDY and John MURRAY, called a meeting on 19 February 1805. Including EDDY and MURRAY, 12 men met at MURRAY’s house in Pearl Street—Saml. OSGOOD, Brockholst LIVINGSTON, Saml. MILLER, Joseph CONSTANT, Thos. PEARSALL, Thos. FRANKLIN, Matthew CLARKSON, Leonard BLEEKER, Saml. RUSSELL and Wm. EDGAR. They were appointed as a committee to proceed, and on 9 April 1805 the Legislature passed “an act to incorporate the Society Instituted in the City of New York for the Establishment of a Free School for the Education of Poor Children who do not belong to, or are not provided for by, any religious society.” The 12-man committee became the first trustees. Contributions allowed attendance of all children. By May 1806 school began, Wm. SMITH, teacher. The school was housed in various buildings until it finally settled down on Chatham Street, School #1.³⁶

Joseph apparently was appointed as Sheriff of the County of New York on 7 October 1803³⁷ and again on 15 March 1806.³⁸

After the early death of Eliza, Joseph and his infant son Joseph Anthony lived with Joseph’s father, the Reverend Silas Constant.³⁹ The 1810 census shows individuals of the proper ages to support this fact.⁴⁰

His will, dated three days before he died, apparently lists heirs as his brother, St. John CONSTANT; sister, Eliz. HYATT; and son Joseph Anthony CONSTANT. Executors were his brother, St. John CONSTANT, and friends, Nathan SANFORD and Richard RIKER of N.Y., and Philip HICKEY and George MATHER of the State of La., gentlemen.⁴¹

Eliza is described as “one of the handsomest and loveliest women of the day. She died when their son Joseph was scarcely more than a baby, and ere her sweet and tender influence could be felt or understood by her little son.”⁴² Eliza’s obituary in the *New York Evening Post* reads:⁴³

“DIED, Yesterday, Mrs. Constant, wife of Joseph Constant, Esq. of this city. Their friends and acquaintances are invited to attend her funeral from No. 4 Murray-street tomorrow afternoon at 4 o’clock.”

Portraits of Joseph and Eliza, artists uncertain but both attributed to John TRUMBULL (1756–1843, American historical and portrait painter), have remained in the family, currently in the possession of Miranda Constant MARVIN [No. 120], Joseph's great-great-granddaughter.⁴⁴ A description of Joseph's portrait includes "Dark brown hair and eyes. Black coat, white stock. Red-brown background." A Mr. Theodore SIZER said that the portrait of Joseph CONSTANT seems far more convincing as a TRUMBULL than does the portrait of the subject's wife. A description of Eliza's portrait includes "Ruddy skin, slightly red nose. Dk. brown hair, blue eyes, Bldg. dress, yellow-brown scarf in rt. hand. Yellow-br. background."⁴⁵

Child[†] of Joseph and Eliza CONSTANT:

- + 17. i. Joseph Anthony⁴ CONSTANT, born 10 March 1806.

5. **Chloe³ CONSTANT** (*Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 7 July 1776, probably in the town of Waterbury, Connecticut; died 28 April 1853 in Yorktown, New York, and buried in the East graveyard at Crompond; married, by her father, on 17 May 1792,⁴⁶ **David M. HYATT** (born 4 September⁴⁷ or 30 August⁴⁸ 1769, the son of Nathaniel HYATT and Mary MERRITT; died 4 May 1844 and buried with his wife).

David Hyatt is listed in the 1800 through 1850 NY Censuses. The David Hyatt listed in the 1860 NY Census is probably his son (8th child).

Children of David and Chloe HYATT:

- 18. i. Camilla⁴ HYATT, born 29 June 1794;⁴⁹ married, on 18 February 1824, **James M. NELSON** (born 22 November 1795, the son of Jacob NELSON and Sarah MANDEVILLE; died 24 December 1839). They removed to New York City.⁵⁰ She is probably the Camilla NELSON listed in the 1840 and 1860 New York Censuses.
- 19. ii. Silas Constant HYATT, born 25 August 1796;⁵¹ died 12 March 1870,⁵² and buried in the East graveyard at Crompond⁵³ (now Yorktown).
- 20. iii. Nathaniel HYATT, born 5 March, 1800;⁵⁴ married, on 6 November 1822, **Juliana WILEY⁵⁵** or **WIDDEY⁵⁶**
- 21. iv. Adalina or Adeline HYATT, born 28 March 1804; died 7 January 1881; married, on 21 November 1821, **William S. LANE** (born ———, the son of Elisha LANE and Nancy DILLINGHAM).⁵⁷ The First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, has a copy of the *Journal* inscribed, "Greetings to the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown. (Mrs.) Carlota Lane Peet, May

[†] The *Journal* suggests another child, a "daughter who married Mr. Kuphausen of Philadelphia." No citation is given for this entry. There is a complete lack of evidence for this daughter in other credible documents, such as Joseph's will, and a biographical write-up of Joseph Anthony CONSTANT [No. 17] (see). A hand-written note at the New-York Historical Society among the Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, box 6, describes Joseph Anthony as an 'only child.' Another document consisting of undated notes, a photocopy of which is in the possession of George CONSTANT [No. 99], suggests that this unidentified female Constant might be a daughter of William CONSTANT [No. 55] (the eldest child of Joseph Anthony). Again, no other evidence exists to support this conjecture, and of William's four daughters, one died in infancy, and the others were never married, according to other family records. Finally, the name KUPHAUSEN, or any similar surnames, has not been found in any records.

13, 1980.” A separate note in the front of the book explains, “Mrs. Peet is a direct descendant of Rev. CONSTANT.”⁵⁸ Her name, and the note, together suggests she is a descendant in this line. Carlota Lane PEET was apparently born 2 August 1899; died April 1986 at Croton-on-Hudson, New York.⁵⁹

22. v. Henry White HYATT, born 24 April 1806⁶⁰; removed to Ann Arbor, Michigan.⁶¹
23. vi. Elizabeth HYATT, born 27 August 1808;⁶² died 4 April 1841; married 15 November 1827,⁶³ **Daniel CARPENTER**, Esq.⁶⁴
24. vii. Jane HYATT, born 14 March 1811;⁶⁵ married **William A. PALMER**.⁶⁶
25. viii. Joseph C. HYATT, born 23 October 1814;⁶⁷ removed to Long Island, New York; died unmarried.⁶⁸ A Joseph A. HYATT is buried in the East Yard of the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, whose headstone indicates born 18 May 1814 and died 9 March 1863.⁶⁹ This is most likely a different person.
26. ix. David HYATT, born 20 October 1819;⁷⁰ died 4 January 1887 and buried in the East Yard of the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown.⁷¹ David was unmarried.⁷²

6. Sarah (or Sally)³ CONSTANT (Silas,² Joseph¹), born 8 September 1785 in Oxford, Orange County, New York; died 20 June 1806 in Yorktown, New York and buried in the churchyard of the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, next to her mother;⁷³ married, on 20 March 1805, **Dr. Henry WHITE** (born 31 August 1781 in Yorktown, the son of Dr. Ebenezer WHITE and Helena BARTON; died 5⁷⁴ or 6 (as recorded on his cemetery monument)⁷⁵ November 1857). He is buried in the East Yard of the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, with his second wife, Mary BELCHER, who died 17 November 1877, “aged 84 years.”⁷⁶

The *Journal* refers to her most often as Sarah but also as Sally in one entry.⁷⁷ Despite Dr. WHITE’s remarriage after Sarah died at such a young age, he remained close friends of the CONSTANT family, and he is likely the Dr. Henry WHITE who is listed as an executor in the will of Sarah’s father, the Reverend Silas CONSTANT (see).

Sarah and Dr. Henry WHITE had no children.

Fourth Generation

7. **Lewis⁴ CONSTANT** (*St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 26 May 1793 in Philpstown, Putnam County, New York;¹ died 13 August 1868 in Caldwell's Landing, New York,² and apparently buried in Hillside Cemetery, Van Cortland, New York;³ married,[‡] on 4 March 1812, **Eliza NELSON** (born ———, the daughter of Jacob NELSON by his second wife Sarah MANDEVILLE, both of Garrison, Putnam County, New York).⁴

He is likely the Lewis (also spelled Louis or Luis in various sources) CONSTANT who served in the 13th Artillery Regiment, Westchester County, New York, and who was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in 1818 and 1st Lieutenant in 1819.⁵ Lewis and Eliza lived in Caldwell's Landing, New York (a Rockland County hamlet on the Hudson River opposite Peekskill) where Lewis was a hotel keeper.

The *Journal* indicates they "had a large family,"⁶ and the list of children shown below, culled from several sources, bears this out.

Children of Lewis and Eliza CONSTANT:

27. i. Cornelia⁵ CONSTANT, born *circa* 1813, Orange County, New York.⁷
28. ii. Sally CONSTANT, born in 1815; died 20 December 1815.⁸
29. iii. Hannah CONSTANT, born 31 December 1816, possibly in Putnam County, New York; married **John TEN EYCK** of Rockland Co.; no issue.⁹
30. iv. Jacob Nelson CONSTANT.¹⁰
31. v. Sarah Eliza CONSTANT; married **William G. STEWART**—— of New York City.¹¹
32. vi. Jane CONSTANT, married **Joseph DOLSON**.¹²
33. vii. St. John Anthony CONSTANT, born *circa* 1817, Orange County, New York;¹³ died unmarried.¹⁴
34. viii. William A. CONSTANT, born *circa* 1819, Orange County, New York;¹⁵ died unmarried.¹⁶
35. ix. Susan Matilda CONSTANT, born ———; died August 1879; married **Harrison JONES** of New York City.¹⁷
36. x. Lucy Ann CONSTANT, born ———; died young.¹⁸
37. xi. Emma R. CONSTANT.¹⁹
38. xii. ——— A. CONSTANT; married **Bren**—— **A. BULSON** (?) of Rockland.²⁰

12. **Emma⁴ Constant** (*St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 5 September 1803; died 9 March 1888; married, on 22²¹ or 26 October 1826, **Henry A. RUNDLE**, of Peekskill, New York.²²

Emma and Henry are variously listed in the 1830 and 1850 NY Census records.²³ Emma corresponded frequently with her cousin Joseph Anthony CONSTANT [No. 17].²⁴

[‡] The *New York Weekly Museum* lists a marriage on 14 July 1811 in New Rochelle, New York, between Lewis P. CONSTANT and Miss Mary Ann QUICK. It is possible that this is the same Lewis Constant and that that was an earlier marriage.

13. Jane⁴ CONSTANT (St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 4 July 1805; died 1 November 1879; married, on 17 April 1826,²⁵ **James BIRDSALL²⁶** (born 26 April 1803 in Matinecock, Long Island, New York, the son of Daniel William BIRDSALL by his third wife Phebe BREWER;²⁷ died 17 August 1849).²⁸

Children of Jane and James BIRDSALL:

- 39. i. Mary Eliza⁵ BIRDSALL, born 6 March 1827.²⁹
- + 40. ii. Frederick BIRDSALL, born 9 November 1828.
- + 41. iii. Constant BIRDSALL, born 30 November 1830.
- 42. iv. Susan Emma BIRDSALL, born in 1833; died in 1835.³⁰
- + 43. v. Susan BIRDSALL, born 1 November 1837.
- + 44. vi. Edward BIRDSALL, born 21 August 1842.

15. St. John⁴ CONSTANT (St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 24 September 1809; died 7 December 1843³¹ at Peekskill;³² married 4 October 1835, **Mary ALLEN** of New York.

16. Silas⁴ CONSTANT (St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 11 May 1812; died 23 June³³ or 29 May³⁴ 1885; married, on 29 May 1837³⁵ in Peekskill, New York, **Caroline Roome SWAN³⁶** (born 9 December 1819, possibly in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of Samuel SWAN and Ann ROOME⁸ who were married in Greenwich, Connecticut; Caroline died 23 January 1885³⁷ or 28 January 1888;³⁸ Caroline may be buried in Hillside Cemetery, Van Cortland, New York).³⁹

Silas and Caroline may have lived in Pompton Plains, New Jersey, as one reference⁴⁰ lists all of their children as being born there, and even lists Silas and Caroline's marriage there. However, because that reference shows only approximate, sometimes erroneous, birth dates for several of the children, the information may be unreliable. The children's birth dates are well known from other sources.

Caroline is shown as living with their son Henry in the 1880 NY Census, although Silas is inexplicably not listed with her.

Children of Silas and Caroline CONSTANT:

- + 45. i. St. John⁵ CONSTANT, born 14 May 1838.
- + 46. ii. Silas CONSTANT, Jr., born 19 December 1839.
- 47. iii. Caroline CONSTANT, born 17 July 1841; died Sept 6, 1873. Curiously listed as "Jr." in one reference,⁴¹ undoubtedly in relation to her mother.
- 48. iv. William CONSTANT, born 15 March 1843;⁴² died 5 August 1844.⁴³
- 49. v. Lewis CONSTANT, born 8 March 1845; died 2 August 1845.⁴⁴
- + 50. vi. Henry Swan CONSTANT, born 7 July 1847.
- 51. vii. Frank CONSTANT, born 28 April 1851;⁴⁵ died 12 August 1852.⁴⁶
- + 52. viii. Minnie CONSTANT, born 8 December 1860.

17. Joseph Anthony⁴ CONSTANT (Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 10 March 1806 probably in New York City;⁴⁷ died 18 March 1860 in Louisville, Kentucky;⁴⁸ married, on

⁸ An impressive ROOME family tree by P. R. WARNER, May 1860, artistically depicted as a tree with branches, shows over 200 descendants of Caroline's great grandfather, Peter ROOME (1738-1778). A framed original is in the possession of George CONSTANT [No. 99].

20 December 1831 at Grace Church, New York City, but the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,⁴⁹ **Eliza Sands SINCLAIR** (born 14 August⁵⁰ ———, the daughter of William SINCLAIR, a U.S. Navy commander of gunboat 164,⁵¹ and Euphemia JOHNSON⁵² or JOHNSTON, who were married before 28 December 1811 at St. Mary's, New York;⁵³ Eliza died ———).

An unsigned and undated write-up on Joseph Anthony CONSTANT, found among receipted tax bills paid from his estate after his death, was transcribed by Maris Constant JOB [No. 65] in January 1981. She describes the document as “obviously a draft, with many changes and interlineations. In copying it I adhered to the unknown author's intentionism with the exception of the last paragraph [marked with note (6)] because it clears up the mystery of why J.A.C. happened to ‘breathe his last’ in Louisville. The write-up is in a very clear and lady-like hand, and in most, though not all cases where she writes ‘ss’, she uses the old ‘fs’ convention.” Her transcription appears below (with typographical errors corrected here), complete with her “transcriber's notes.”

Joseph Anthony Constant

The subject of this memoir was born on the 10th of March, 1806, of distinguished parentage. His mother, said to be one of the handsomest and loveliest women of the day, died when he was scarcely more than a baby, and ere her sweet and tender influence could be felt or understood by her little son. (1)

But a home was now provided with his good grandfather, the Rev. Silas Constant, a prominent clergyman of Westchester Co. and who was then pastor of the Congregational Church in Yorktown. There the boy grew up, nurtured in the good and the noble, amid the refinements of life, until he was again called to part from a dear parent. At fourteen years he was bereft of his father, Col. Joseph Constant U.S.A. who died very suddenly, and soon after (2) he was sent to Mr. B. Allen's school (3) one of the most noted of the day. Here in all probability were formed the friendship of the boys who in [later] life took their position with him in that circle of society to which by birth and education they were entitled.

At 17 or 18 he entered at Union College, Schenectady, where until about the time he was of age, he was under the wise and beneficent tutelage of the venerated Dr. Nott. Many a time did Mr. Constant in later years speak with affection and admiration of Dr. Nott; of his great knowledge of human nature, and his noble use of this knowledge, in the management of the young men under his care. He believed him to be preeminently fitted beyond his compeers for the responsible and high position which he occupied. And his wonderful tact and gentleness enabled him to win and keep the hearts of those young men who came in contact with him; and that so strong was his remarkable power for good over the students, that the most rebellious could be brought to be his most devoted and firmest adherents.

After Mr. Constant graduated, he returned to New York and studied Law, and in the Spring of 1831 he sailed for Europe, on a tour, with his friend Daniel Tompkins, a son of Govr. Tompkins, a former Governor of New York. After spending eight months abroad, during which time they were eyewitnesses to some important events in history--being present at the coronation of William the Fourth, and in Paris, shortly after the Revolution which drove Charles the 10th from the throne.

Transcriber's Notes:

- (1) She was Eliza Ackley, [daughter] of Anthony Ackley and Louisa Marcelain.
- (2) An error. There is a letter from J.A.C. to his father from school, asking for a new coat, dated June 13, 1819; Joseph died in August, 1819.
- (3) This was Benjamin Allen whose granddaughter, Mary Fuller Allen, married Joseph Anthony Constant's son, William Sinclair Constant.

Mr. Constant returned in the fall of that same year and married a daughter of the late Wm Sinclair (4) of the U.S. Navy, and in the following Spring he bought the beautiful country seat at Hastings on Hudson known as Locus Wood, which was destined to be for so many years, their home. In this delightful retreat, and surrounded by charming neighbors, having collected a good library he gave himself up to reading and the quiet pursuits of a country life. Possessing a superb tenor voice, he added the pleasures of music as another embellishment to his home, and the little choir of the Episcopal Church at Dobb's Ferry, which church he was among others instrumental in building, owed its music for many years to his and Mrs. Constant's singing. Their voices in singing together could cast a spell that would often draw tears from their listeners.

It was Mr. C's privilege to become an intimate friend of Washington Irving, who in 1833 became his neighbor when Woolford's Roost, afterwards Sunnyside, was purchased. Many were the pleasant hours passed with Mr. Irving, amid the scenes that his pen like a fairy King's wand made classic. In 1834 while yet in early life Mr. Constant was made a Judge of Westchester County and served as associate with Judge Jay for 8 years--when he resigned to visit Europe a second time, taking with him his little family.

After an interruption of a year he again took up his country home life, until in 1850 he with his wife and son again left America for a long and extensive tour in Europe and the East. Delightful were the letters which were written home during those travels, which lasted a year and some months. When they reached Constantinople, the second massacres of the Christians at Damascus deterred them from venturing any further, and they returned through Greece and Italy to Paris, where they resided and in this new home threw open the door of welcome to a large and very pleasant American circle then in Paris.

In the Spring of 1854 Mr. Constant's health began to fail and as he was about to sail he experienced a shock of paralysis, and suffered a severe illness in London from which he never fully recovered. A year passed away and at last he found himself sufficiently well to return to New York—and in 1856 he with his family took possession of a lovely home he had lately built in New York. (5)

Four more years speeded away, and now the clouds of sickness and death began to gather around: Suffering, which was endured without a murmur, was his constant companion—but patience and resignation were there too, and they triumphed. His feeling and expression continually was, God has been very good, and blessed all my life with health, and therefore I must not now repine.

Mr. Irving's death which occurred in the Autumn of 1859 greatly depressed him (Mr. C) and he would often recur to the happy days of the past and of this valued friendship which was begun in the hey day of life and which was true to the end.

Mr. C's own health now failed rapidly, and a second slight attack of paralysis rendered his case alarming. At length he was persuaded to spend a few months in Cuba, and accompanied by his wife and elder son, he landed in Havana. The balmy air and change seemed to revive him and when Spring returned, he started for home again feeling so much better, that health seemed almost near, but alas for those who loved him his earthly abode was never reached.

(6) (Fearing to return too early to this climate he chose to pursue his journey by way of New Orleans that he might visit an old plantation upon the Mississippi called Constantia.)

Mr. Constant and his physician had over estimated his strength, a cold, fatigue and the river waters of the Mississippi brought on an acute attack of illness, in Louisville—and on the 18th of March, 1860, he breathed his last there.

On the morning of the 22nd the chimes of Old Trinity tolled—and the sweet voices of its choir sang one of the favorite hymns that Mr. C. had so loved—"I would not live always"—before they bore him to his last resting place—and the heart of those assembled there, knew, that one who was ever a true friend had gone out from among them for ever!

(4) She was Eliza Sands Sinclair. Wm. Sinclair died in 1858.

(5) [Original] author's addition: "which had belonged to his father."

(6) Para. in () deleted by [original] author but re-inserted by transcriber.

Joseph Anthony is mentioned in various histories of Westchester County and surrounding areas. One 1886 account⁵⁴ gives some insight into his financial and social status:

A little later [about 1836] there came upon the scene a gentleman of fortune, Mr. Anthony Constant, who owned much of the land upon which the village [Hastings-on-Hudson] was afterward built. He was a resident during the time when the Croton Aqueduct and the Hudson River railroad were in process of construction. Mr. Constant is remembered as a man of agreeable manners, with a charming domestic circle about him, and as having a residence in the city as well as a county-seat on the Hudson. Owing to large expenses, it is said, he was induced to dispose of some of his real estate, and he accordingly laid out the village, and sold his land in small lots. One of the principal streets running north and south through the heart of the village is Constant Street, which was located upon his own property, and hence took its name from him. The village, in fact, then assumed the form which it still, for the most part, retains.

On 7 June 1832, Deed L46, 200, records Joseph Anthony's purchase of the "LeFurgy farm," a total of 226 acres in Hastings-on-Hudson, apparently from William EDGAR.⁵⁵ Joseph Anthony called the home "Locust Wood," and a watercolor of the house, depicting the gingerbread details, and surrounding stands of trees, is in the possession of Miranda Constant MARVIN [No. 120].⁵⁶ One reference⁵⁷ describes Locust Wood as follows:

On the east side of Edgar's Lane (a continuation of the Albany Post Road), stands the mansion of the late Anthony Constant, Esq., formerly the residence of William Edgar. It is a fine wooden edifice, surrounded by rich plantations of cedar, fir, and locust trees, and commands delightful views of the river, and adjacent hills. Judge Constant was the son of Col. Joseph Constant and grandson of the Rev. Silas Constant, of York Town.

Locust Wood was later owned by the Zinsser family, and then by the Village. Locust Wood was finally razed and the property is now known as Zinsser Park.⁵⁸

As mentioned above, Constant Street in Hastings-on-Hudson was named for Joseph Anthony, in the mid-1800s. After the bridge opened in 1899, the street was apparently renamed Warburton Avenue. On 17 March 1979, a co-sponsored ceremony was held at the corner of Main Street and Warburton Avenue by the Village and the Hastings Historical Society for the renaming of Warburton Avenue to Constant Street for the Hastings Centennial year. Featured in the ceremony was a brief history of Joseph Anthony CONSTANT by Society trustee Karolyn WRIGHTSON, and introduction of CONSTANT's great granddaughter, Maris Sinclair Constant JOB [No. 101], and the unveiling of a sign reading "Constant Street, 1879–1979" by Mayor Julius CHEMKA.⁵⁹

Joseph Anthony accumulated a large estate. In the years 1848–1852 he owned three contiguous properties on Broadway, eight on White Street, and other properties on East 23rd Street and William Street, all in New York City. A tax bill for 1850 showed properties assessed at \$120,000, and another assessment shows properties at \$155,000, enormous sums for those days.⁶⁰ As was described above, Joseph Anthony sold his property in lots. Deed L145, 396, dated 2 April 1850, records the sale of property to a Mr. SCHLOSSEN. On 5 March 1851, in Deed L162, 167, Joseph A. CONSTANT and his

wife (by attorney for both, William SINCLAIR, Joseph Anthony's father-in-law) sold 5.23 acres to H. KATTENHORN. Deed L187, 138, dated 1 November 1851, records the sale, for \$43,750, of "Locust Wood and quarry lot," from Joseph and Eliza S. CONSTANT to Robert B. MINTURN, through attorney William SINCLAIR. Joseph is referred to in this latter deed as "late of the town of Greenburg: and since of the City of London in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and now actually being and residing in the City of Paris, Republic of France." In 1864, Eliza and her son William S. CONSTANT, as executors for Joseph Anthony's estate, sold a property for \$23,000 on which R. MINTURN held an \$11,000 mortgage. Also, a tax bill dated July 1865 showed that Joseph Anthony's estate still owned property in the town of Greenburg worth \$6,500.⁶¹

Joseph Anthony moved in the elite social circles that acquainted him with Washington IRVING and Louis NAPOLEON (later NAPOLEON III), as recorded in various letters, some published and some unpublished, held by the Sunnyside Library, at IRVING's well-known residence.

Louis NAPOLEON arrived at Norfolk, Virginia, on 30 March 1837 after having been arrested aboard ship and exiled to the U.S. for having tried to overthrow the government of France, an attempt which failed at the time (he succeeded a decade or so later). He landed in New York City on 15 April 1837, staying in the U.S. for about two months. It was during that time that Joseph Anthony had occasion to meet Louis NAPOLEON.⁶²

Among the memorable events of this season at the cottage [Washington Irving's Sunnyside cottage "Woolford's Roost"] was a visit from the present Emperor of France, then simply Louis Napoleon, who after having been a prisoner of state for some months on board of a French man-of-war, was set at liberty on our shores at Norfolk, early in the spring of 1837. From Norfolk he came immediately to New York, where he remained about two months, and then returned to Europe. It was during this interval that he made his visit to the "Roost," accompanied by a young French Count, and escorted by a neighbor, Mr. Anthony Constant, with whom he had been passing a day or two, and who had previously announced to Mr. Irving his intention of bringing him to breakfast. Mr. Irving enjoyed the visit, and was much interested in the peculiar position of his somewhat quiet guest, though little anticipating the dazzling career which awaited him.

Maris Constant JOB [No. 101] wrote of Joseph Anthony, "I did not know of my great-grandfather's connection with Louis Napoleon, but it may explain another family tradition, which was that Eliza blew most of the family fortune trying to keep up with Eugenie's wardrobe, although chronologically it doesn't fit, since the Constants had apparently returned home the year that Eugenie married Napoleon III. It may have been some other well-dressed Parisienne that Eliza was trying to keep up with! Or perhaps she had been maligned."⁶³ Maris may have been wrong about the chronology not fitting. Eliza was in Paris at least as early as December 1841, and she was presented at court in January 1842.⁶⁴ Joseph Anthony and Eliza were in Europe several other times, including when Napoleon III married Eugenie de Montijo in January 1853.

Joseph Anthony's acquaintance with Washington IRVING was well documented in a 1981 article in *The Enterprise* newspaper, Hastings on Hudson, New York:⁶⁵

LOOKING BACK...

HASTINGS—Both Anthony Constant and Robert Browne Mintern were successful, highly respected businessmen in New York City during the 1830s and 1840s; both built country estates in

what is now the central and northern sections of Hastings; and both were prominent village citizens. They shared another thing in common—both were good friends of the famous 19th century American author, Washington Irving, whose home was Sunnyside in what is now Irvington.

Irving was a prolific letter writer, and when he corresponded with his nieces, he frequently commented on incidents of his daily life. Following are excerpts from two letters to Catherine Irving Pris [probably Paris, a typographical error in the transcription] in which he indicates his high regard for the friendship with the Constants and Mr. Minturn. These unpublished letters were discovered in a notebook of typed transcripts entitled *Selected Letters about Sunnyside*, Vol. 1, 1835-1853, in the library of the Sleepy Hollow Restorations in Tarrytown.

Mar. 22, 1838 Tell Sarah I mounted Bolero and rode to Mr. Constants yesterday morning. Bolero behaved admirably, and went smoothly as your favorite rocking chair. To my surprise I found the roads already good, for the greater part of the way so that a day or two more of fair weather will make the riding excellent and the cheerful labors of spring are in full activity. I returned from Mrs. Constants with my pockets filled with parcels of seeds of all kinds for kitchen garden and flowerbeds....

Madrid Aug. 15, 1842 Your account of Mr. Minturn, and of his obliging manner of turning his carriage into an omnibus for the accommodation of the neighborhood coincides exactly with my idea of that most generous, kindhearted man, whose great delight is to do good and disperse happiness. I was sure the Minturn family would prove most excellent neighbors....

The next two letters, never published before, were recently discovered in the possession of a member of the Hastings Historical Society, who has generously consented to share them with readers.

Mrs. Macy & Mrs. George James & Miss Mason will pass the evening at the cottage. If you and Mrs. Constant feel disposed to favor us with your company, we shall esteem it a great blessing. Tea at 7 o'clock precisely—A moon to go home with. Yours truly, Washington Irving.

Greenburgh Dec. 20th My Dear Constant, I understand you talk of coming up to eat your Christmas dinner with me, which would be acting the part of a most-kind neighbor. I have accordingly ordered my purveyor Mr. Lawrence to look out for a fat turkey for the occasion, and have put my cook in train for plum pudding and mince pies, so you must not disappoint me. I suppose it is in vain to ask Mrs. Constant to accompany you; that would indeed assure me a Merry Christmas. I shall eat my Christmas dinner on Monday but as I shall have a dinner every preceding day you may come up as soon as you please. You know there is always a perch for you and have a hearty welcome, at the roost. Yours ever, Washington Irving.

(This article was researched by Karolyn Wrightson and prepared by Mary L. Allison of the Hastings Historical Society.)

Two other IRVING letters mention the CONSTANTS. In a letter from Mary HAMILTON to Alexander HAMILTON, from Nevis (Irvington) to Madrid, Spain, 14 December 1843,⁶⁶

...I have been down to tea and have just Tommy [*sic*] wrap up Pa in his choub [?] to go jingling off to Constants to meet a few friends at Whist and a petit soup, George Schuyler came up with Tony last night....

Washington Irving said in a letter to Sarah Paris STORROW, August 1847,⁶⁷

...I have seen very little of our neighbors this summer and indeed have been so much occupied and at times so much shackled by the irritation of my ankles that I have kept very much at home. I now shall begin to go about a little. Mrs. Constant was at the cottage not long since. She is somewhat pale and thin and I believe her health is by no means confirmed; but she appears to me as lovely as ever....

A CONSTANT family tradition holds that it was at Joseph Anthony's house where Washington IRVING stayed while he was doing research for his Knickerbocker *A History of New York*, and that he wrote part of the book during his visit at a desk which is now cherished by the family.⁶⁸ IRVING's spoof, *A History of New York*, by "Diedrich Knickerbocker," was first published 6 December 1809. It went through many editions, translations, revisions and reprints during IRVING's lifetime, the last substantive edition being the 1848 Author's Revised Edition.⁶⁹ If Irving did indeed work on it at Joseph Anthony's house, it was probably the 1848 edition.

New York City directories list Joseph Anthony for several years. His office address is shown as 54 Wall Street in 1854 and 1856, the latter date shared with his son William S. CONSTANT, also a lawyer, who afterward moved his office to 41 Wall Street (1859–60). Joseph Anthony and William lived at 74 White Street in 1849–51 and 1854–57, and at 32 East 23rd Street in 1859–60.^{**} ⁷⁰ Joseph Anthony's widow Eliza and their son William S. were still living at this address in 1862–64.⁷¹ Joseph Anthony is listed in a history of the County of Westchester as a Judge of the County from 1838 until 1843.⁷²

Joseph Anthony drafted his will on 7 December 1859 in New York, and it was recorded in the State and County of New York Surrogate's Office on 20 July 1863, over three years after he died.⁷³

Eliza received a certificate of membership in the "Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church in NY."⁷⁴ A handwritten note, probably a transcription of a newspaper obituary, provides a glowing testimonial to Eliza:⁷⁵

A few days ago the newspaper announced the death of Mrs. Eliza Sinclair Constant, the widow of Judge Anthony Constant. Inseparable as is her love to her family and the various circle of friends into which she had retired in the latter part of her life, is but a few years comparatively since this announcement would have carried with it a sense of personal bereavement to almost every family of culture and refinement in the city of New York where she was among the most admired and affectionately welcomed of all those who then cultivated its best societies. Combining the graces of mental culture with great personal attraction, she attached to her most of those who came within the sphere of her influence while her kindness of heart and the natural fascination of her manner endeared to her those who in any way looked up to her for guidance or help. Rapid as are the changes in the social life of New York and so readily forgotten are those who leave its current, there must be some of her contemporaries to whom this —ted will recall the "evenings" in White Street, in a house whose site is now covered with warehouses, and the summer days at Locust Wood, gladdened by the liked faces of their host and hostess. If such were he still living they will remember a hospitality as elegant as it was cordial, in homes that did not depend upon the weather for their sunshine.

Although the index for the 1850 NY Census doesn't list the family, the actual 1850 NY Census apparently shows a family consisting of A. Constant, 56 [years old], farmer, \$50,000 real estate, born N.Y., Eliza 32, William 14; Eliza 8, Edward 2; and Sarah Johnson 35.⁷⁶ This is undoubtedly Joseph Anthony and his family, except that his age is listed incorrectly; he was 44 at the time of the 1850 census. The ages for all the others appear correct.

Joseph Anthony and Eliza are buried at Trinity Church, Brooklyn, New York.
Children of Joseph Anthony and Eliza CONSTANT:

^{**} An unidentified James CONSTANT is also shown at 32 East 23rd Street in 1860.

- 53. i. Euphemia⁵ CONSTANT, born 1 March 1833; died 16 March 1833.⁷⁷
- 54. ii. William CONSTANT, born 1 February 1835 at Locust Wood; “Lived a few hours”.⁷⁸
- + 55. iii. William Sinclair CONSTANT, born 5 March 1836.
- + 56. iv. Eliza Ackley “Daisy” CONSTANT, born 27 June 1842.
- 57. v. Joseph CONSTANT, born 15 January 1847 at Locust Wood; “Lived a few hours”.⁷⁹
- + 58. vi. Edward Wesley “Eddie” “Ned” CONSTANT, born 2 February 1848.
- 59. vii. Angelo CONSTANT, born 10 May 1851 in Avignon, France; “Lived a few hours”.⁸⁰

Fifth Generation

40. Frederick⁵ BIRDSALL (*Jane,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 9 November 1828 in Peekskill, New York; died in 1900 in Sacramento, California; married *circa* 1851 in Sacramento, California, **Etta STRATTON** (born *circa* 1832, of Avondale, Ohio).

Children of Frederick and Etta BIRDSALL:

- 60. i. Esther⁶ BIRDSALL, born in 1869, of Sacramento, California.¹
- 61. ii. Jane Constant BIRDSALL, born in 1879, of Sacramento, California.²
- 62. iii. Frederick BIRDSALL, Jr., born *circa* 1881, Peekskill, New York.³
- + 63. iv. Ernest BIRDSALL, born *circa* 1883.

41. Constant⁵ BIRDSALL (*Jane,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 30 November 1830 in Peekskill, New York; died ———; married **Mr. ——— BURNEY** (born *circa* 1826, of Sacramento, California).⁴

43. Susan “Susie”⁵ BIRDSALL (*Jane,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 1 November 1837 in New York City, New York; died 2 October 1908 in Glen Cove, New York;⁵ married on 16 November 1859 in New York City by the Rev. A. LOWE,⁶ **Leonard N. COLES** (born 21 November 1831 in New York City, the son of Henry COLES and Martha FROST; died after 1910).⁷

Children of Susan and Leonard COLES:

- 64. i. Elizabeth⁶ COLES, born *circa* 1860 in New York City, New York.⁸
- 65. ii. Martha Frost COLES, born *circa* 1862 in New York City, New York.⁹
- 66. iii. Henry COLES, born *circa* 1864 in New York City, New York.¹⁰
- 67. iv. Helen COLES, born *circa* 1866 in New York City, New York.¹¹

44. Edward⁵ BIRDSALL (*Jane,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 21 August 1842 in Williamsburgh, New York; died 9 April 1899 in Clifton, New Jersey; married on 3 June 1879, **Sadie Wycoff SMITH** (born *circa* 1846, of Williamsburgh, New York).¹²

Children of Edward and Sadie BIRDSALL:

- + 68. i. Edward C.⁶ BIRDSALL, born 29 May 1882.
- 69. ii. May Wycoff BIRDSALL, born 20 May 1887 in Richford, Pennsylvania; died 12 May 1938 in Plainsfield, New Jersey.¹³

45. St. John⁵ CONSTANT (*Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 14 May 1838; died ———; married **Davia TKEBINSKIYA** (spelling uncertain), apparently from Southern Russia.¹⁴

46. Silas⁵ CONSTANT, Jr. (Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 19 December 1839;¹⁵ died 17 March 1899;¹⁶ married on 25 November 1868 in Jersey City, New Jersey, **Catherine “Kate” HERDS.**¹⁷

Silas served in the Union Army, Company I, 139th Infantry, during the Civil War.¹⁸ He, Kate and Jessie lived in Brooklyn, New York, at the time of the 1880 Census.¹⁹ He is likely the Silas CONSTANT who is listed as a painter living at 35 Hicks Street, New York in 1880-81 and as a fireman living at 423 Waverly Street, New York, in 1889-90.²⁰

Kate lived with her daughter and son-in-law at the time of the 1900 Census,²¹ Silas having died the year before.

Only child of Silas and Kate CONSTANT:

70. i. Jessie Swan⁶ CONSTANT, born 2 June 1870.²² Jessie apparently married a **Henry F. HOFFMAN** and lived in Brooklyn.²³

50. Henry Swan⁵ CONSTANT (Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 7 July 1847²⁴ (the 1900 Census incorrectly lists 1848);²⁵ died 18 November 1923 in Bogota, NJ;²⁶ married on 29 May 1872 at the First Baptist Church, Peekskill, New York,²⁷ **Harriet Louise SMITH**²⁸ (born 29 June 1849²⁹ in Peekskill, New York; died 3 April 1923³⁰ in New Jersey). The 1900 Census for New York erroneously lists Henry’s wife as “Marian.”³¹

Henry served in the Union army during the Civil War. He was enrolled at Tarrytown, New York, on 28 September 1864 as a Private in Company I, 6th Regiment, New York, Heavy Artillery Volunteers. The earliest known photograph of any member of our CONSTANT family is of Henry.

In his pension applications, Henry described himself as 5 feet 5 inches tall, 165 pounds, hazel eyes, brown hair and dark complexion. Treated for typhoid fever (16–19 February 1865) and otitis (15 March–22 April 1865), Henry mustered out on 28 June 1865 in Petersburg, Virginia. He and his family lived in Peekskill, New York, for about 20 years after his Civil War service; in Brooklyn, New York, for the next 25 years; and in Woodhaven, Queens County, New York after that.³² Henry was working in a foundry in 1880³³ and as a shipping clerk in 1900.³⁴ Caroline, Henry’s mother, was living with his family in Peekskill, New York, in 1880.³⁵ Henry’s Civil War pension of \$50.00 per month was discontinued when he died.³⁶ Henry was living with his son Chester at 16 Cane St., Bogota, New Jersey at the time. Both Henry and Harriet are buried in The Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Henry’s obituary reads as follows:³⁷

HENRY S. CONSTANT

Henry Swan Constant, father of Overseer of the Poor Harry R. Constant, of Oakwood Avenue, and Chester B. Constant, of Cane Street, both Bogota, died in the Fifth Avenue hospital at 3:30 o’clock Sunday morning. Deceased was 76 years old and recently underwent an operation at the hospital which was successful. However, pneumonia developed which was the cause of death. He was a veteran of the Civil War, but was not affiliated with any Post. He had made his home with his son Chester, in Bogota, for some time and was a likable and respected old gentleman. The death of his wife last April was a distinct blow to the deceased, the couple having been inseparable and loveable companions in their journey through life. The funeral will be held in Brooklyn on Wednesday afternoon.

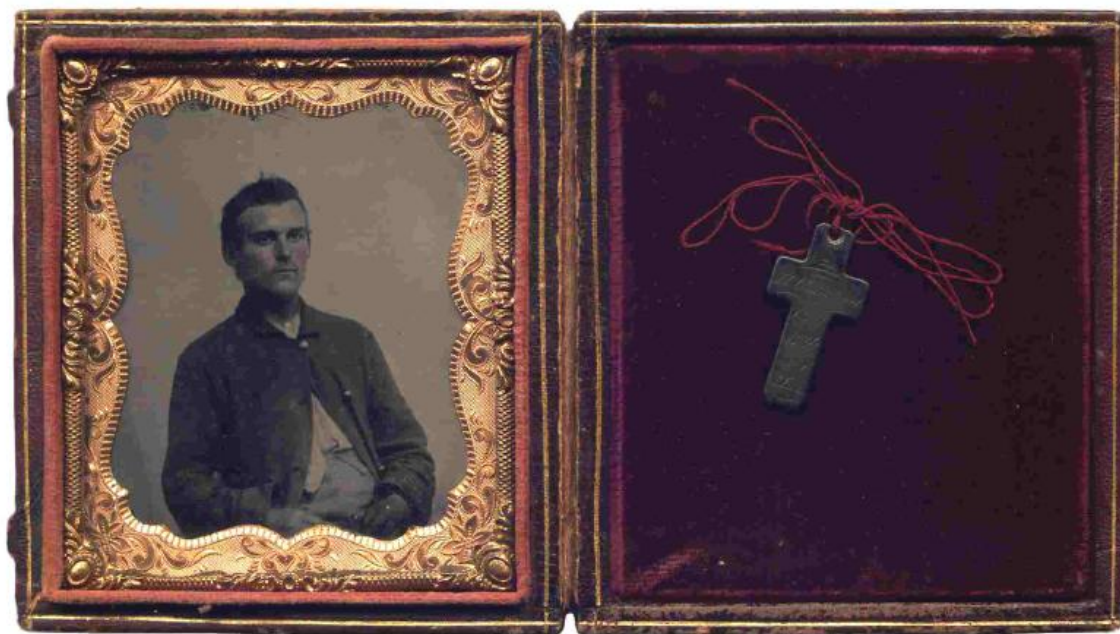


Figure 1 Henry Swan Constant

The photograph is mounted in the left side of a leather case. On the right side is a cross, suspended by a red string. The cross is inscribed: "H. Constant, Co. I., 6th NY HA" [heavy artillery]. It served as an identification tag similar to the modern "dog tag." On a piece of paper behind the photograph is written in a flourishing hand, "Taken in Petersburg Va. 1864 soon after the capture of that city by the Union Army. An excellent picture of me at that time. Henry Constant, late of Co. I. 6th N.Y. Artillery, aged 17 years."

Children of Henry and Harriet CONSTANT:

- + 71. i. Frank Swan⁶ CONSTANT, born 20 April 1874.
- + 72. ii. Harry Roome CONSTANT, born 6 November 1880.
- + 73. iii. Minnie E. CONSTANT, born 22 June 1886.
- + 74. iv. Chester Bassett CONSTANT, born 25 March 1897.

52. Minnie⁵ CONSTANT (Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 8 December 1860; died 2 March 1913 at her house at 378A Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York;³⁸ married on 19 February 1877 in Brooklyn, New York, **Franklin Shephard EDMINSTER.**³⁹ (born 14 February 1842 in Cornish, New Hampshire, the son of James Arvine EDMINSTER^{††}

^{††} This Edminster family is well documented in *The Edminster Family in America*, by Franklin Custer Edminster, Jr., Arlington, Virginia, July 1965, Library of Congress, CS71.E238. Therefore, other than Frank and Minnie's seven children, shown here, their descendants are not included in this Constant family history. Their descendants include 11 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren as of 1965. Note that *The Edminster Family in America* incorrectly claims that Minnie was the daughter of 'Henry and Hattie Constant.' Although Henry and his wife Harriet had a daughter Minnie, she could not be the wife of Franklin Edminster since she was born after the birth of several of Franklin's children.

and Sarah CHADBOURNE; died 22 September 1901 in Brooklyn, New York).⁴⁰ Franklin was first married, on 29 June 1864, at Windsor, Vermont, to Mary E. GAY, of Windsor. They had no children and later divorced.

Franklin and Minnie's grandson, Franklin Custer EDMINSTER, Jr., documented his recollection of his grandmother Minnie:

I remembered visiting Minnie at her brownstone home in Brooklyn around 1911 or 1912. She was a striking and imperious sort of woman and I recall the attention she gave me to make sure that I, a boy of 8 or 9, did not soil her parlor furniture. As was the custom there at the time, the "front parlor" was a little used room except for special occasions and at other times had the shades tightly drawn. Also, these Victorian era houses had the kitchen and dining room in the basement. These brownstone homes were row houses and looked much alike in the front. On one visit, after playing in the street for a while, I could not remember the number of grandma's house and got lost. Someone took me to the nearest police station where my parents later claimed me. That was an experience I never forgot.

Franklin was listed among 37 Cornish men who were between 18 and 45 years old when drafted into the Army on 3 September 1863. Some men were exempt and some others "...purchased a release by the payment of \$300, or by furnishing a substitute..." Franklin's son Franklin Custer Edminster remembered being told that his father did provide a substitute. Franklin built houses in Windsor, then moved to Boston and worked in advertising. He worked on commission and earned so much that the company told him he'd have to work on salary. He resigned and started his own business, developing such nationwide accounts as Castoria, Royal Baking Power, and Carter's Little Liver pills. He moved his business to Brooklyn, New York, before 1877. In addition to the advertising business, he bought the R. H. McDonald Drug Co., and sold a popular drug, "Vinegar Bitters." Later, he had a stock and bond business, "Edminster & Co.," with the office at 6 Wall Street, New York City. He also had banking interests and owned orange groves in California. He became very wealthy but lost his fortune in the bank panic of 1893.

Children of Frank and Minnie EDMINSTER:

75. i. Franklin Custer⁶ EDMINSTER, born 13 June 1879.
76. ii. Dollie EDMINSTER, born 13 April 1881; died 8 May 1881.⁴¹
77. iii. Arthur Constant EDMINSTER, born 13 June 1882.
78. iv. Jesse Warner EDMINSTER, born 15 February 1886.
79. v. Lillie May EDMINSTER, born 10 April 1889.
80. vi. Mabel Alma EDMINSTER, born 19 June 1895.
81. vii. Florence Belle EDMINSTER, born 24 April 1898.

53. William Sinclair⁵ CONSTANT (*Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 5 March 1836⁴² in New York; died ———; married, on 4 October 1865 at the Protestant Episcopal Church, Glens Falls, New York,⁴³ **Mary Fuller ALLEN⁴⁴** (born 9 August 1844⁴⁵ in New York,⁴⁶ the daughter of Theodore ALLEN (an attorney, who was appointed

Commissioner of Deeds for the City of New York in the 1830s)⁴⁷ and Catherine REED;^{††48} died ———; apparently shortly after 1880 NY Census in which she appears).

William was a lawyer and it is likely he who is listed in the 1856, 1859, 1860, 1862, 1863 and 1864 New York City Directories.⁴⁹ William was appointed to the New York Supreme Court on 15 April 1857.

William and Mary's five children known to have reached adulthood were living together in Brooklyn, New York, at the time of the 1900 Census.⁵⁰ Also living with them were two aunts. Louisa B. ALLEN, shown as born July 1849, is their mother's unmarried sister. Louisa essentially raised William and Mary's daughters after Mary died.⁵¹ Eliza KEMPTON, shown as born April 1846, is likely their father's sister, nee Eliza Ackley "Daisy" CONSTANT [No. 56]. William's granddaughter Maris Sinclair CONSTANT [No. 101] indicated that her father William [No. 84] was one of eight children and the only one of his siblings to have children.⁵²

Children of William and Mary CONSTANT:

- 82. i. Katherine B.⁶ CONSTANT, born 17 August 1866; died 1 March 1944; never married and no issue.⁵³ Katherine received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's School, Illinois, on 17 June 1885.⁵⁴
- + 83. ii. Joseph Anthony CONSTANT, born 13 January 1868.
- + 84. iii. William Sinclair CONSTANT, Jr., born 12 September 1871.
- 85. iv. Arthur Douglas CONSTANT, born 9 June 1872; died 1 December 1942; married, on 3 September 1902, **Anna BOTHFELD**; no issue.⁵⁵
- 86. v. Mary Louis "May"⁵⁶ CONSTANT, born 29 March 1874; died 1941?; never married and no issue.⁵⁷
- 87. vi. Ellen D. "Nellie"⁵⁸ CONSTANT, born 7 July 1877; died 1966; never married and no issue.⁵⁹ A card dated 22 June 1916 indicates her membership in the Allen Family Association.⁶⁰
- 88. vii. Eliza Sinclair CONSTANT, twin born 7 July 1877; died in infancy.⁶¹
- 89. viii. child CONSTANT, died in infancy.

56. Eliza Ackley "Daisy" ⁵ CONSTANT (*Joseph, ⁴ Joseph, ³ Silas, ² Joseph¹*), born 27 June 1842 (although the 1900 Census for New York incorrectly shows she was born in April 1846);⁶² married, in 1868, **James C. KEMPTON**,⁶³ (born ———; died young).

Daisy is listed in the 1900 U.S. Census as an aunt living with William H. [*sic*] CONSTANT [No. 84].

Numerous letters exist between Daisy and her mother Eliza. An example of Eliza's charming writing style is shown in a letter dated 19 July 1861 to Daisy:⁶⁴

Lazy Daisy,

I think you are crazy, not to write to me more frequently. I really must scold you, for your neglect in sending a line to comfort your mama. You need not write me a long epistle, but a short little letter, telling me, that you are well. I have imagined a thousand things that have caused your silence.

^{††} Catherine REED is the daughter of Lumen REED and Mary (Polly) BARKER. Lumen was the founder of The New-York Historical Society, and he was a prominent artist whose works are featured in the Lumen Reed Exhibit at the Society.

We still continue to like Florence, for its quiet and retirement—the walks about you know, are charming, and we enjoy them very much—I cannot say the same of the packing process—tho' I am becoming every day more accustomed to it.

I need not ask if you are enjoying yourself, I am quite certain that you are. How do you manage with regard to breakfast—I suppose you are always the last.

Eddie has been very much interested in getting up lectures, subscription(?) for a poor Refugee Union man, from Virginia, who narrowly escaped with his life, and his family and himself are in great poverty.

I am sorry to inform you that little Clayton met with a terrible accident on Monday the 8th. He was badly scalded, downwards from the waist by the carelessness of the servant woman bearing a tub of boiling water in the yard near the kitchen.

A letter from your Aunt yesterday assures me that he is now greatly better. Love to all. I must close to be in time for the mail.

Addis cara mia,
Mama

Daisy was apparently widowed “quite young.” Daisy and James lived in a large house with a garden, in the fashionable Park Slope section of Brooklyn. They had no children.⁶⁵

58. Edward Wesley “Eddie” “Ned”⁵ CONSTANT (*Joseph*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Silas*,² *Joseph*¹), born 2 February 1848 on 74 White Street, New York; married ———.⁶⁶

Eddie “Moved to Louisiana where his descendants still live [in 1979].” There is some evidence that he had a son Edward, and so is listed here. He had a daughter-in-law, possibly the wife of son Edward, called “cousin Lucie” who had at least two children, one boy and one girl. The girl, whose name was thought to be Susan, married a Texan named Chad Helms.⁶⁷

Child of Edward and (his wife) CONSTANT:

90. i. Edward⁶ CONSTANT.

Sixth Generation

63. Ernest⁶ BIRDSALL, Jr. (?) (*Frederick,⁵ Jane,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born *circa* 1883 in Sacramento, California; died ——— in Auburn, California; married *circa* 1904 in Sacramento, California, **Mabel BLAIR** (born *circa* 1883 in Sacramento, California). Ernest's listing as "Jr." in one reference¹ seems erroneous if his father is indeed Frederick BIRDSALL.

Children of Ernest and Mabel BIRDSALL:

- 91. i. Child⁷ BIRDSALL, born ———.²
- 92. ii. Child BIRDSALL, born ———. Apparently married.³
- 93. iii. Child BIRDSALL, born ———. Apparently married.⁴

68. Edward C.⁶ BIRDSALL (*Edward,⁵ Jane,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 29 May 1882 in Three Bridges, New Jersey; died 1 June 1951 in Montvale, New Jersey; married *circa* 1908 in Jersey City, New Jersey, **Sarah Taylor SMITH** (born *circa* 1883, of Jersey City, New Jersey).⁵

Children of Edward and Sarah BIRDSALL:

- 94. i. Child⁷ BIRDSALL, born ———.⁶
- 95. ii. Child BIRDSALL, born ———.⁷

71. Frank Swan⁶ CONSTANT (*Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 20 April 1874⁸ in Peekskill, New York;⁹ died after 1942 of an acute heart attack; married on 1 August 1900,¹⁰ **Emma LARSEN** (born 1 May 1878 in Brooklyn, New York,¹¹ the daughter of Andrew LARSEN^{§§} of Norway and ——— THOMASON;¹² died of congestive heart failure 29 December 1937 at 18 Fiske Place, Brooklyn, the home of their daughter Helen. Emma is interred in The Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.)¹³

^{§§} According to family recollections, Emma's father Andrew LARSEN was a world traveling tailor. His wife (whose first name is not remembered) was believed to be the daughter of a man of some importance in government service. Andrew and his wife lived on the West Coast, and also died there. Andrew apparently died in a fire, and some say it was in the 1906 earthquake, although a photograph in the possession of Patricia ADONETTI [No. 102] shows Andrew, daughter Emma, and her two children Helen and LeRoy [Nos. 96 and 97] when LeRoy was around 10 years old. Since LeRoy was born in 1906, Andrew must not have died in the 1906 earthquake. Andrew and his wife had three children:

- i. Alcilde LARSEN; never married. Several CONSTANT descendants remember her as "Aunt Ollie," and she lived in Brooklyn, New York. She is remembered as being meticulous, and having worn starched collars. She never married because she was told she had a heart murmur and she would die from childbirth.
- ii. Anna LARSEN, who married Mr. ——— BUCKLEY. They lived in Binnewater, Ulster County, New York. Anna was confined to a wheelchair in later life, and she was apparently addicted to heroin. They had one child, Danny BUCKLEY, born *circa* 1917. Danny attended Kingston High School, Kingston, New York. He was mischievous; it is said that he "blew up the chemistry lab."
- iii. Emma LARSEN, who married Frank Swan CONSTANT [No. 71].

According to a newspaper article (probably a Peekskill, New York paper), Frank was involved in a harrowing incident as a child:

A Lucky Escape.

Tuesday evening, the four [crossed out, with "7" overwritten by hand] year old son of Henry Constant was playing with some companions near the corner of Spring Street, at which place there [is] an unused well, which is covered over with boards.

By some means, the boards had been shoved to one side leaving the well exposed and in his play, young Constant went too near the edge and fell into the open trap.

The cries of his playmates soon brought assistance and as soon as the danger was made known, busy hands set to work for his rescue and in a short time he was taken out, thoroughly frightened, but otherwise uninjured. There is about two or three feet of water in the well and but for the prompt rescue, the child would have been drowned. So dangerous a trap ought to be securely closed to prevent a more serious future result.

Frank was a veteran of the Spanish American War, serving in the 13th Regiment, New York. Frank and Emma separated or divorced before the Fall of 1928, although they are apparently buried together in The Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. Frank was a photographer and journalist for the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper. His hobbies included carving wooden model ships, ships in bottles, and making Victorian doll house furniture. Frank took several-day trips to New England by bicycle (the ones with the big wheels). Pat ADONETTI [No. 102] remembers various photographs, now lost, that Frank took of these trips, of various family members, and of prominent New York landmarks, such as the Brooklyn Bridge.¹⁴ Carl CONSTANT [No. 104] remembers seeing his grandfather Frank. Carl received a model iceboat from him for Christmas. Frank was visiting his brother Chester in Bogota, New Jersey, in late June 1942 and Carl thinks it was that year he received the boat; it broke on the way home from visiting Frank. After Emma died, Frank lived in Garden City, Long Island, New York. In his later years, Frank lived with a woman whose name is not remembered. It is believed they never married.

Emma used to decorate hats as a craft. She was acquainted with a man who was associated with the cartoon character "Big Katrinka" when Emma and Frank lived in Woodstock, New York, in the late 1920's. She was a large woman, about 5'8", and in her later years she carried a bit of weight.

Children of Frank and Emma CONSTANT:

- + 96. i. Helen Swan⁷ CONSTANT, born 3 November 1905.
- + 97. ii. LeRoy Andrew CONSTANT, born 19 December 1906.

72. Harry Roome⁶ CONSTANT (*Henry*,⁵ *Silas*,⁴ *St. John*,³ *Silas*,² *Joseph*¹), born 5¹⁵ or 6¹⁶ November 1880 in Peekskill, New York;¹⁷ died ———; married **Lillian May "Lil" SMITH** (born in August 19—,¹⁸ the daughter of Henry J. Smith; Lil died ———).

Harry was a Chief in the Bogota, New Jersey, fire department, and he was also Overseer of the Poor, also in Bogota.

Child of Harry and Lil CONSTANT:

+ 97a. i. Ruth E.⁷ CONSTANT, born in 1908.

73. Minnie E.⁶ CONSTANT (*Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 22 June 1886¹⁹ in Peekskill, New York; ²⁰ died 28 October 1943 in San Diego, California; ²¹ married **Elfric Ethelbert EMPRINGHAM** (born 23 January 1898 in Barebrook, Canada, the son of Dr. James EMPRINGHAM and Ethel Mabel RUTTAN).

Minnie is listed in the 1900 Census index as “Winnie,” either a nickname or an enumerator’s error.²² Minnie predeceased Elfric, and he married for a second time.

Elfric and Minnie had no children.***

74. Chester Bassett⁶ CONSTANT (*Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 25 March 1897²³ in Brooklyn, New York; ²⁴ died 6 November 1951 in Bogota, New Jersey; married on 6 December 1919 in the St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York, ²⁵ **Margarita Emmarita “Rita” PECK** (born 20 November 1897 in Brooklyn, New York, ²⁶ the daughter of Frank A. PECK, a hatter whose father was a master hatter, and Louisa LAWSON, a native of Denmark; ²⁷ died 19 February 1984).²⁸

Chester enlisted in the U.S. Army 11 October 1917, earning promotions to corporal, sergeant and quartermaster sergeant.²⁹ He is described as having blue eyes, brown hair, medium complexion, and five feet six inches tall.³⁰ He was serving at Camp Cody, New Mexico (near Deming) in June 1918, and he related in a delightful letter to his father an adventurous two-day trip with friends to Elephant Butte Dam for fishing and boating.³¹ His army service in New Mexico was apparently associated with guarding the border with Mexico from the raids of Pancho Villa, the famous Mexican bandit and revolutionary leader. After his honorable discharge from the Army in April 1919 at Camp Upton, New York,³² Chester worked in a bank sorting checks. He was something of a musician, and also a Mason (he played the organ for meetings). Chester and Rita lived in Bogota, New Jersey, during their married life. With Chester off for Election Day in 1951, he went out to prune his roses, being an avid gardener. Rita looked out and saw him lying on the ground where he had died. Chester and Rita were both cremated and their ashes were scattered over the Grand Canyon.³³ Chester’s will is in the possession of his son George.³⁴

Children of Chester and Rita CONSTANT:

+ 98. i. William Chester⁷ CONSTANT, born 14 July 1921.

+ 99. ii. George Walter CONSTANT, born 26 August 1926.

83. Joseph Anthony⁶ CONSTANT (*William,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 11 January 1868; died 2 August 1897;³⁵ never married.

A biographical sketch of Joseph, written by an unknown author, provides a descriptive synopsis of his life:³⁶

*** Elfric had a brother Walter EMPRINGHAM who married Ruth CONSTANT [No. 97a], who was only recently (June 2010) identified as the daughter of Harry and Lillian Constant. Another brother, Reginald Empringham, wrote a brief, unpublished *History & Genealogy of the Empringham Family*, including the biography of Dr. James Empringham, Sr. Both of these documents are shown in their entirety in the chapter on the Empringham Family.

Joseph Anthony Constant was born at the old family country seat near Hyde Park on the Hudson on January 11th 1868. Both on his father's and mother's side, he came from very old New York families, his paternal grandfather, after whom he was named, Joseph Anthony Constant, having been County Judge of Westchester County in the early part of the last century. His mother, born Mary Fuller Allen, was the granddaughter of Luman Reid [*sic*], founder of the New York Historical Society.

In 1876, his parents moved to Overing Avenue in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. Joseph Anthony Constant prepared for college at Trinity Church School which is behind that great old downtown place of worship where his grandparents are buried. He entered the College of the City of New York in 1884.

After graduating with his class in 1889, he took a position with the firm of James Talcot, the drygoods commission merchant of Franklin Street, as salesman, with which concern he remained continuously until his death. Beginning at the bottom of the ladder he rose until he ranked third in his department.

"Every man," said Edward Everett Hale, "should have not only a vocation and an avocation but also a 'third'." Even as a boy, Joe was interested in the printer's art and his family still possess little cards, Christmas mottoes, etc., which he worked off on a little hand press when but fifteen years old. All through his college days he kept it up, having a small printing office in one of the buildings on the family place at Bay Ridge. Here, for a long time he and his brother produced the local weekly newspaper which is still being carried on. They used for this purpose one of the old style printing presses of the type familiar before the Civil War.

Later, Joe took a small office downtown and employed a few hands to carry on his chosen avocation, "the art preservation of all arts," and it was doubtless in part due to his overwork at this which undermined [*sic*] his health and weakened his non-too-robust constitution.

His 'third' was yachting. In 1887, while still at college, he and his brother purchased a small schooner yacht, the *Ella*, and in her and her successor, the sloop yacht, *Aliris*, Joe sought recreation from his self-imposed double task. He was a member and Vice Commodore of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, at that time, acting flagship of the Brooklyn Yacht Club, making it his habit to live on board the yacht the greater part of the summer. Passionately fond of yacht racing, on one occasion he won the Atlantic Yacht Club's regatta and was looked upon by his clubmates as an authority on yachting matters.

In the winter of 1896-7, he caught a heavy cold that his system could not shake off. He struggled to keep on with his accustomed activity but the system (exhausted) did not respond and it developed into consumption. Abandoning business altogether, he sought health among the hills of Sullivan County, New York, but it was too late and he finally returned home where he lingered but for a comparatively short time, passing away in August, 1897.

Though somewhat reserved, he was warmly esteemed by those who knew him. He gave his confidence slowly, yet fully and freely when his affections were aroused. He was always a clean, wholesome life. He never smoked, never drank and was free from all vices and bad habits.

84. William Sinclair⁶ CONSTANT, Jr. (William,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 12 September 1871;³⁷ died 2 November 1933³⁸ married, in December 1900 at St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, New York, Marie Isabelle TALBOT-PETERSON³⁹ (born 10 July 1875, the daughter of Peter TALBOT-PETERSON and ——— BROADFOOT; died in March 1941).⁴⁰

William attended New York University in 1897.⁴¹ He is listed in the 1900 Census for New York as a head of household. Living with him were his brother Arthur, sisters Katherine, Mary and Ellen, and Aunts Louisa B. ALLEN and Eliza KEMPTON.⁴²

Children of William and Marie CONSTANT:

- + 100. i. Beatrice Talbot⁷ CONSTANT, born 28 October 1901.
- + 101. ii. Maris Sinclair CONSTANT, born 12 December 1903.

Seventh Generation

96. Helen Swan⁷ CONSTANT (*Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 3 November 1905 in Brooklyn, New York; died 11 January 1989 in Kingston, New York; married, first, in 1928(?) or 1930(?), **Andrew “Andy” BROWN** (born ——— in Brooklyn, New York, the son of ——— BROWN and Marie ———; died 28 September 1960 (or possibly a later year)); Helen and Andrew’s marriage produced one child and ended in divorce in the late 1950s, after which Andrew remarried and lived in Connecticut. Helen married, second, — January 1960 or 61 in Kingston, New York, by a city Judge, **Edwin Everett BLANSHAN**, (born 22 August 1897 in New York;¹ died 31 March 1986 in Kingston, New York).

Helen was raised a Presbyterian but she said she was drawn to Catholicism and worked toward that end, but she waited until she was first married before being confirmed. As the eldest child of her generation, Helen was contacted by her maternal ancestors in Norway. The years leading up to World War II were good times to remove things of sentimental value from Norway, and Helen was offered a desk belonging to her mother Emma’s maternal grandfather. She didn’t accept the offer, however, because she couldn’t afford the shipping charges and she already had a desk. Helen displayed professional artistic talents, having attended Pratt Institute, New York, for studies in the arts. She drew watercolor sketches of street scenes that were made into Christmas cards that she sold. She also painted several full-sized watercolor paintings, a few of which are still in the family. One, displayed in Helen’s apartment until her death, and now in the possession of Helen’s daughter Pat, was of a prominent house on Wall Street, Kingston, New York, that was in Edwin’s family at one time. Another watercolor, also owned by Helen’s daughter Pat, is of a view from Helen and Andy’s house in the Casbah. Richard E. CONSTANT [No. 105], one of Helen’s nephews, commissioned Helen to paint a colorful scene of Richard’s mother’s family home (Wilhelmina Baehr SIMMONS) in Bearsville, New York. A fourth watercolor, in the possession of one of Helen’s nieces, Martha (Constant) BUTCHER [No. 109], is a delightful indoor Christmas scene showing Martha entwined in a ladder watching television. Another watercolor, in the possession of another of Helen’s nieces, Alice CONSTANT [No. 112], portrays Alice, her sister Martha, and brother Andy, playing in a wading pool in Forsyth Park, Kingston, New York, in 1958. The painting was mounted onto the side of a wooden box and covered with a protective sealant. The latter two pieces are shown in the *frontispiece*.

Andy’s mother purportedly ran a house of ill repute. Andy went to high school with Helen’s brother LeRoy [No. 97], and Andy apparently attended college, graduating as an electrical engineer. He worked for RCA and also worked as a walkie talkie production manager, both jobs during the war. He wasn’t accepted into the military because he was needed as a research engineer. He later was employed by Mackay Radio Corp. as a chief engineer, working on early communications satellite projects.² He was a very able man but apparently had a reputation as a womanizer. Andy frequently traveled in connection with his work, Helen sometimes accompanying him. His travels included the Casbah

(where he and Helen lived for a time), Spain and South America. They had a house at 18 Fiske Place, Brooklyn, New York. Helen's brother LeRoy CONSTANT and his wife Alberta spent their honeymoon there while Helen and Andy were living in Africa. Helen and Andy divorced after their only child Patricia was grown.

Edwin had relatives in Accord, New York, some apparently including the surname DEPUY. Edwin was previously married and divorced at an early age, the first marriage producing one child. Afterward he returned to live with his parents while his first wife retained custody of their child. Edwin and his father sold prepared horseradish as itinerant salesmen in south New York and in Matamoras, Pennsylvania.

Helen and Edwin lived for several years in Rondout Gardens, a senior housing development in Kingston, near the Rhinebeck Bridge. They eventually moved to a full-care nursing home, also in Kingston. Helen and Edwin had no children.

Only child of Helen and Andy BROWN:

+ 102. i. Patricia Constance Louisa Swan "Pat"⁸ BROWN, born 13 January 1931.

97. LeRoy Andrew⁷ CONSTANT (*Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 19 December 1906 in Brooklyn, New York; died 1 April 1988 in New Port Richey, Florida and buried in Woodstock Cemetery, Woodstock, New York; married, first, on 28 February 1929, in Kingston, New York, (although one published genealogy incorrectly shows 1 March 1930),³ **Wilhelmina Baehr SIMMONS** (born 7 April 1909 in Bearsville, New York, the daughter of Edward Baehr SIMMONS and Sarah Agnes VAN DE BOGERT;^{†††} died 7 March 1949 in Kingston, New York, of acute nephritis (kidney failure) as a result of strep throat, and buried in Woodstock Cemetery, New York). LeRoy married, second, on 10 March 1950 in the pastor's study of St. James Methodist Church, Kingston, New York, **Sarah Elizabeth "Alberta" FLEMING** (born 28 September 1917 in Paulette, Mississippi, the daughter of Alva FLEMING and Bertha Elma THORNELL; died 14 December 2005 in Ocala, Florida and buried in Woodstock Cemetery, Woodstock, New York).

LeRoy graduated from Stuyvesant High School, a technical school in New York City, in 1927. He would meet and play bridge with classmates while riding the trains on the way to and from school. He worked at a public library during and immediately after his high school years. For two summers during and after high school, he attended Citizen's Military Training Camp. He studied civil engineering during night school at City College of New York for about a year. In September 1928 he moved to Woodstock, New York, with his mother Emma. They bought a house across the road from the Woodstock Golf Course on Route 375. He applied for several jobs, including a surveying firm, the Telephone Company, and Central Hudson Gas and Electric Co. The Telephone Company wouldn't hire him because he had enlarged tonsils, but his civil engineering courses helped him get a job as a draftsman with Central Hudson, where he was employed for 43 years. At various times he read meters, made service and repair calls, and worked in sales. He also worked for a time in Central Hudson's Kingston, New York, office.

^{†††} Wilhelmina's ancestry, especially her maternal grandmother's LONGYEAR ancestors, is documented in *The Descendants of Jacob Longyear of Ulster County, New York*. Library of Congress.

As a child and teenager, Wilhelmina lived with her family outside the Kingston and Saugerties high school districts, and so would have had to pay for tuition and transportation to attend either high school. Instead, Wilhelmina went to live with her mother's sister in the Boston area where she attended high school and played field hockey. Wilhelmina didn't attend college but she may have taken some business courses. She worked in a law office in Kingston as a stenographer. When Wilhelmina's Aunt Jessie (Van De Bogert) COOPER was terminally ill, Wilhelmina occasionally cared for her to give the regular nurse a day off. Wilhelmina was 5'7" with brown hair, brown eyes, and of medium build.

LeRoy and Wilhelmina met either while riding the bus they both used for transport to their respective jobs, or at a dance in Woodstock. When they were first married, LeRoy and Wilhelmina lived in LeRoy's mother's house in Woodstock, New York. After LeRoy and Wilhelmina's first child Dorcas was born, Wilhelmina was told not to go up and down stairs more than once a day. With only one bathroom in the house, located upstairs, this wasn't practical. They moved to Wilhelmina's parents' house in Bearsville, New York, until early 1934 when they moved to Kingston. In 1942, Central Hudson granted LeRoy a three-year leave of absence, and he moved his family to Lyndhurst, New Jersey, finding employment as a supply clerk at Federal Ship Building in New Jersey. He supplemented the family income by working in a paint factory and occasionally in a men's clothing store. In 1945, LeRoy resumed employment with Central Hudson, retaining his seniority and full credit for his three years leave of absence. They returned to Wilhelmina's parents' farm in September of that year because of a housing shortage in Kingston. They lived there until about November 1946 when they rented a house on O'Neill Street, Kingston. LeRoy was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and he was a steward of the local union for many years. Wilhelmina played the piano and did some sewing (she made their daughter Dorcas's eighth grade graduation dress and a jacket and beanie for their son Doug). She belonged to the women's organization at St. James Methodist Church in Kingston, where the family belonged.

Alberta is named for her maternal grandmother, Sarah Clementine "Tina" EAVES, and her paternal grandmother Tommie Elizabeth WATTS. A cousin persuaded Alberta's father to "name the baby for her best friend Alberta," and he agreed—much to Alberta's lifelong displeasure. As an adult she had occasion to obtain a copy of her birth certificate, which she discovered showed her birth name as Sarah. Alberta left Mississippi for Washington, D.C., a few years after graduating high school. She worked for the War Department in Intelligence, aiding employees to fill out security questionnaires. She also performed general secretarial duties, part of which at one time involved paraphrasing copies of cables to obtain information for the office files which could not be obtained other wise. At one time she wrote travel orders for officers that were always properly authorized but no one wanted to sign them. This required a lot of chasing around to find someone willing to do so. She began working at the Pentagon in May or June 1942. A highlight and thrill of her wartime employment was being sent to the White House on official business-delivering orders to General Harry VAUGHAN (a high-level aide to President TRUMAN) making him a Travel Officer. Alberta had the duty of chasing from top to bottom of the Pentagon to get the necessary paperwork done and the White House visit was her reward. She recalls a "slight raise of the hair on the back of the neck" at the

sight of a secret service agent with “sharpshooter” embroidered on his shirt pocket. Alberta sometimes acted as secretary for “visiting firemen” (senior officers from other jurisdictions, often overseas) while on temporary duty to Washington, D.C.

Alberta married, first, on 26 July 1942 in Washington, D.C., **LeRoy Wilson MONROE** (born 29 September 1917 in Pelham, Westchester County, New York, the son of Albert Wilson MONROE and Fern LYON). Alberta met LeRoy MONROE in one of the Washington, D.C., service clubs, LeRoy being in the Army at the time. He was in a combat engineering regiment that landed in Sicily in World War II. Shortly after their marriage, LeRoy and Alberta moved to Port Ewen, New York. LeRoy was employed as a salesman of sanitation products for Diversity Corp. and his sales territory covered Ulster County, New York. Their marriage ended in divorce in May 1948 after producing one son, born Robert Edward “Bob” MONROE (more on him follows), who remained in Alberta’s custody. Afterward, Alberta worked in Kingston and later in Rosendale, New York. She found it a long commute from Port Ewen to Rosendale, so she sold the Port Ewen house and in the fall of 1948 she purchased the house situated next to the fire station on Main Street in Rosendale.

Alberta reentered the workforce in 1947, and was employed in the Decker & Fowler Insurance Agency in Kingston. In 1949 she worked for Schryver Lumber & Insurance Co., High Falls, New York, where LeRoy CONSTANT occasionally visited and chatted with her. A few days before Thanksgiving, 1949, LeRoy called at Alberta’s house to read the Central Hudson meter. He invited Alberta and her son Bob to Thanksgiving dinner with him and his children after Alberta had burnt her mid-day chicken dinner. Their friendship led to marriage the following March. LeRoy legally adopted Alberta’s son Bob, and he was raised as a CONSTANT, and so he is listed below as such. LeRoy and his youngest four children moved into Alberta’s Rosendale house (his eldest, Dorcas, already married, also lived there as tenants for a time with her husband and first child). LeRoy and Alberta established and operated a general insurance agency, representing some companies of the Hartford group, among others, for 15 years. In 1955, the Rosendale house was twice damaged by floodwaters overflowing the Rondout Creek, which bisects the village. As an aftereffect of the floods, in 1956 the family began a cooperative arrangement with the Albany office of the National Weather Service to take daily readings of the creek’s water level and other meteorological measurements such as rain and snowfall. Alberta later worked in a bank in Kingston for a few months, and afterward was employed with Davenport’s Gas and Oil Co. in High Falls, New York. After LeRoy and Alberta’s youngest child Alice graduated high school, they sold the Rosendale house (fully furnished) and took to the road for three years in their 28 foot trailer, traveling throughout the United States. They eventually settled (on 3 August 1977) in a senior citizen development in New Port Richey, Florida, where Alberta currently resides. Their years of travel (including several trips after they moved to Florida) took them to all 50 states, a notable achievement. Alberta enjoyed an occasional round of golf, and she frequently traveled, visiting and staying primarily with her children and stepchildren. Alberta was active in her church, St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, New Port Richey, Florida. She sang alto (and sometimes soprano or tenor) in the church choir, and she actively cared for the church’s rose bushes, a natural extension of her interest and abilities in gardening. She held several offices in the women’s

organization of the church, Presbyterian Women, and served on several session committees.⁴

Children of LeRoy and Wilhelmina CONSTANT:

- + 103. i. Dorcas Elizabeth⁸ CONSTANT, born 30 May 1930.
- + 104. ii. Carl LeRoy CONSTANT, born 22 October 1934.
- + 105. iii. Richard Edward CONSTANT, born 29 March 1936.
- + 106. iv. Eric Larsen CONSTANT, born 27 October 1941.
- + 107. v. Douglas Albert “Doug” CONSTANT, born 15 January 1945.

Only child of Alberta and LeRoy MONROE:

- + 108. i. Robert Edward “Bob” (MONROE) CONSTANT, born 11 July 1947.

Children of LeRoy and Alberta CONSTANT:

- + 109. i. Martha Claire CONSTANT, born 30 July 1951.
- + 110. ii. Charlotte Anne CONSTANT, born 1 December 1952.
- + 111. iii. Andrew Charles CONSTANT, born 18 March 1954.
- + 112. iv. Alice Jane CONSTANT, born 2 February 1956.

97a. Ruth E.⁷ CONSTANT (*Harry,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born ——— 1908 in New York;⁵ died ———; married in 1929, **Walter Ruttan EMPRINGHAM** (born ———, the son of Dr. James EMPRINGHAM and Ethel Mabel RUTTAN).^{***}

Children of Ruth and Walter EMPRINGHAM:

- 112a. i. Douglas⁸ EMPRINGHAM, born ———.
- + 112b. ii. Donald EMPRINGHAM, born ———.
- + 112c. iii. Richard EMPRINGHAM, born ———.

98. William Chester “Bill”⁷ CONSTANT (*Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 14 July 1921 in Bogota, New Jersey; died 13 January 1981 in Elkhart, Indiana;⁷ married on 16 January 1942, **Mary Jane RUNDBERG** (born ———, the daughter of John RUNDBERG, a chemist for Miles Laboratory, and Maria ———. Maria may have been previously married to a Mr. WILLIAMS).

Bill served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He participated in the first raid on Tokyo, Japan, as a gunner in a B29 bomber. Bill and Mary moved to Elkhart, Indiana, in the 1950s where they lived the rest of their lives. Bill worked for many years in a trailer factory. Mary worked for Miles Laboratory in Indiana, making Anacin pills.

Children of Bill and Mary CONSTANT:

- + 113. i. Ellen Mary⁸ CONSTANT, born 10 October 1942.
- + 114. ii. Gail Anne CONSTANT, born 29 July 1946.
- + 115. iii. William Chester CONSTANT, Jr., born 12 November 1949.
- + 116. iv. John Walter “Johnny” CONSTANT, born 4 May 1954.

^{***} See the chapter on the Empringham family.

99. George Walter⁷ CONSTANT (*Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 26 August 1926 in Bogota, New Jersey; married on 10 April 1948 in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, **Doris Regina MEEKS** (born 21 May 1923 in Fort Lee, New Jersey, the daughter of Charles MEEKS and Ethel MCCONNELL, of Scottish ancestry by way of Nova Scotia).

George served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a driver and general motor pool duty in an artillery unit in Korea. He was employed as a union sheet metal worker during his working life. After moving to Paramus, New Jersey, in 1949, George took an active interest in fire fighting, joining the Volunteer Fire Department in August 1951 and retiring in 1981. He served as Captain, Assistant Chief, and then Deputy Chief in 1964. He later helped form the Fire Prevention Bureau, which today is a full-time bureau. In November 1969, George was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness, and he is presently an Elder in the Paramus Congregation. With a strong interest in the family history, George has collected several documents relating to Constant ancestors, such as pension records, letters, a family bible, and various stories and anecdotes.^{§§§}

Doris has many years of service as a Jehovah's Witness, having been baptized in 1961. As their children came of age, they, too, were baptized.

Children of George and Doris CONSTANT:

- + 117. i. Jeffrey Charles⁸ CONSTANT, born 22 November 1948.
- + 118. ii. Douglas Walter "Doug" CONSTANT, born 5 February 1951.
- + 119. iii. Joyce Diane CONSTANT, born 12 May 1952.

100. Beatrice Talbot⁷ CONSTANT (*William,⁶ William,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 28 October 1901; died 28⁸ or 29 March 1957⁹ in Columbus, Ohio; married first, in July 1926, **Montgomery DORSEY** of Denver, Colorado; married second, on 12 June 1938, **Walter Ramsey MARVIN, Jr.** (born 15 August 1900 in New York,¹⁰ the son of Walter Ramsey MARVIN and ———; died in August 1980 in Columbus, Ohio.)¹¹ Their marriage produced one child and ended in divorce. Walter remarried.¹²

According to Beatrice's obituary, she was headmistress of the Columbus School for Girls. Walter was the former President of the Knickerbocker Federal Savings & Loan Association of New York, and they formerly resided in Larchmont, New York.¹³

Only child of Beatrice and Walter MARVIN:

- + 120. i. Miranda Constant⁸ MARVIN, born 10 March 1941.

101. Maris Sinclair⁷ CONSTANT (*William,⁶ William,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 12 December 1903 in Quincy Street, Brooklyn, New York; died ———;

^{§§§} One particular story concerns a Joseph CONSTANT (or possibly a different surname, but presumably a close relative). George recalls this Joseph occasionally visiting his family when George was young. In particular, he remembers Joseph taking him to the 1939 New York World's Fair. Joseph was apparently never married, had no children, and was regarded as the "black sheep" of the family, possibly having been in trouble with the law in some way. In the early 1940s, George recalls the Bogota, New Jersey, police department knocking on his family's door at Cane Street, Bogota, looking for Joseph. Not long after, Joseph was "found dead" in his chair in St. Joseph, Missouri. The identity of this Joseph is undetermined.

married on 27 June 1936, **Bernard Thomas JOB** (born ——— in Jersey, Channel Isles, UK; died ———).

Maris did considerable research into her CONSTANT family history, collecting numerous family documents and artifacts. After her death, her possessions passed to her niece, Miranda Constant MARVIN [No 122], who donated Maris' accumulation of family history documentation to the New-York Historical Society.^{****} Maris lived in Westmount, Quebec, Canada for the closing years of her life. Maris and Bernard had no children.

^{****} This is a treasure trove of unpublished material, consisting of hundreds of letters, several photographs, various financial receipts and documents, sketch books, poetry, and other fascinating documents. The Constant documents are part of the Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, and are focused mainly on Joseph Anthony CONSTANT and his descendants. Considerable research would be required to fully explore these documents. A few of the letters and the information they contain were communicated in letters between Maris CONSTANT and Karolyn WRIGHTSON of the Hastings Historical Society, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

Eighth Generation

102. Patricia Constance Louisa Swan “Pat”⁸ BROWN (*Helen,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 13 January 1931 in New York, New York; married on 8 April 1958, **Frank Bernard ADONETTI** (born 23 October 1933, the son of ——— ADONETTI and Anne ———).

Pat remembers that the only time she won anything was when she was ten years old and visiting her uncle LeRoy [No. 97] and his first wife Wilhelmina at Wilhelmina’s parents’ house in Bearsville, New York. A radio contest required contestants to name a song. Pat recognized the song as “The Mexican Hat Dance.” She had someone call in, and she won—a pound of coffee! Pat is a nurse. Frank works for a company that makes equipment used in the building construction industry. Pat and Frank live in Hopewell Junction, New York.

Children of Pat and Frank ADONETTI:

- + 121. i. Joseph⁹ ADONETTI, born 11 October 1958.
- + 122. ii. Anna Gabrielle “Gabi” ADONETTI, born 11 March 1960.
- + 123. iii. Francesca ADONETTI, born 18 July 1964.
- + 124. iv. Adrienne Emma ADONETTI, born 24 December 1966.

103. Dorcas Elizabeth⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 30 May 1930 in Kingston, Ulster County, New York; died 22 August 2002 in Trenton, New Jersey; married on 4 September 1948 in a YMCA in New York City, **Steve George MOHACSI** (born 15 June 1922 in Roebling, New Jersey, the son of John MOHACSI and Mary BARBAS).

Dorcas was named for her mother’s only sister, Dorcas Elizabeth SIMMONS (born 18 January 1911 and died 10 September 1922 of a ruptured appendix). Dorcas graduated from Kingston High School in 1947.

Steve joined the Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of World War II, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After basic training in Arkansas, he was attached nine months to Camp Beale, California, for training in surgical and medical procedures. He was assigned to the 204th General Hospital, Scofield Barracks, Hawaii, and he served in Guam during the Pacific Campaign. While there, he took sick with strep throat and was sent back to Scofield Barracks. After he recovered, he went back to Guam. He also served in Saipan. After a total of three years in the Pacific, Steve returned to the United States, serving at Fort Dix, New Jersey, for a few weeks before ending his enlistment. Afterward, he joined the New York National Guard, serving for three years with the 108th Howitzer Division, Kingston, New York, where he was in charge of the motor pool. Steve also went to school using his GI benefits after the war.

Dorcas and Steve met in Kingston Hospital, New York, while Steve was being treated for injuries from an automobile accident. Dorcas was working there in training to be a nurse. At the time, Steve’s parents owned a multi-car garage next to their home in Stone Ridge, New York (they having moved there after their children were grown). After

their first child was born, Dorcas and Steve built an apartment over the garage and lived there for several months. A few weeks before Christmas 1949, a fire destroyed their apartment and garage, and they had to toss their son Gregory out of a window to escape. After the fire they moved in with Dorcas' father LeRoy CONSTANT [No. 97] in Kingston, New York. For several months in the late spring of 1950, Dorcas and Steve rented an apartment in the Rosendale, New York, house owned by LeRoy's second wife Alberta. Later, while living in Ellenville, Dorcas and Steve both worked in the Ulster Knife factory assembling knives. They also lived in Kripplebush and Cottekill, New York, before moving to Trenton, New Jersey, moving into Steve's maternal grandmother's house, where they still reside. Steve worked for a time in a General Motors assembly plant in Trenton before starting his own mobile food service business, owning and operating several food service vehicles over the years.

Children of Dorcas and Steve MOHACSI:

- + 125. i. Gregory Steven⁹ MOHACSI, born 7 March 1949.
- + 126. ii. Bonnie Vivian MOHACSI, born 27 October 1950.
- + 127. iii. Mary Elizabeth MOHACSI, born 2 July 1952.
- + 128. iv. Gary John MOHACSI, born 4 March 1954.
- + 129. v. Diana Lynn MOHACSI, born 3 November 1955.
- + 130. vi. Steven Lee MOHACSI, born 30 April 1957.
- + 131. vii. Philip Tyrone MOHACSI, born 15 January 1959.
- + 132. viii. Karen Wilhelmina MOHACSI, born 18 May 1960.
- 133. ix. Alan Ladd MOHACSI, born 3 November 1961 in Trenton, New Jersey; died 8 June 1968 in Trenton, New Jersey from accidental drowning in the Delaware & Raritan Canal, across the street from the family home.
- + 134. x. Brian Keith MOHACSI, born 16 March 1964.

104. Carl LeRoy⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy*,⁷ *Frank*,⁶ *Henry*,⁵ *Silas*,⁴ *St. John*,³ *Silas*,² *Joseph*¹), born 22 October 1934 in Kingston, New York; married on 25 November 1962 in St. Thomas Church, Detroit, Michigan, **Maria LECHO** (born 2 February 1936 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Thimi "Jimi" LECHO and Olga TOLI, both from Albania).

Carl graduated from Kingston High School and attended Ohio Wesleyan University for two years with the intent of entering the ministry. He enlisted for two years in the Marine Corps where he played the bass horn with the post band at Parris Island. After his military service, in 1956 he attended University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, part-time while working for the Hartford Insurance Company. He earned a business degree from Wayne State University, Michigan, in 1965, and he earned his law degree in 1967 from Detroit College of Law. In January 1966, Carl began employment with General Motors where he worked on GM construction and real estate initiatives—32 years, and all in the same building! Carl retired in 1997, and he now practices construction law part-time.

Maria is a graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned her bachelor's, master's and later law degrees. She worked for several years as head litigator for a major bank, and on the legal staff of Border's Group, Inc. She now practices law part-time.

Carl and Maria reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Children of Carl and Maria CONSTANT:

- + 135. i. James Simmons⁹ CONSTANT, born 2 February 1964.
- + 136. ii. Peter Charles CONSTANT, born 24 October 1966.
- + 137. iii. Mark Lecho CONSTANT, born 17 September 1969.

105. Richard Edward “Rich”⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 29 March 1936 in Kingston, New York; married on 29 August 1959, **Donna Jean RITTENHOUSE** (born 24 February 1937 in Geneva, Illinois, the daughter of John Wood RITTENHOUSE and Angela CARR).

Following graduation from Kingston High School, Rich attended one year at Duke University in 1954–1955 after which he served in the U.S. Army for two years. He entered the summer term of the University of Colorado where he earned his BSEE in 1959. He worked for IBM in Kingston, New York, during the summer terms. After Rich and Donna were married, they moved to Washington, D.C. where Rich entered The George Washington University Law School full-time, graduating in February 1962. He entered the employment of the Atomic Energy Commission and worked his way up through various positions until his retirement in 1994 as the Assistant General Counsel for Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer for the Department of Energy. He has spent his retirement in legal consulting and in extensive carpentry projects, including the ambitious refurbishment of a house in College Park, Maryland with his son Rick and son-in-law George HABER.

Donna attended Beloit College for two years and the University of Colorado for two years, where she met Rich. Following their marriage, Donna worked full-time for IBM in Washington D.C. Both of their children were born while the family lived in the Washington, D.C., area. They moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in the fall of 1966 with Rich’s reassignment. There, Donna attended two years part-time at the University of New Mexico, while their children were both active in 4H and were especially active with show horses. Another job promotion for Rich brought them in the fall of 1975 to Kennewick, Washington, at the Hanford Plant, Atomic Energy Commission. The family continued their fondness for horses, raising, training and showing both English and western style. Having been active in the church along with the rest of the family, Donna was increasingly drawn toward entering the ministry. With another move to Washington, D.C. for Rich’s job transfer, Donna entered Catholic University of America in 1985, earning a bachelor’s degree in drama in 1987. She entered the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, and she was ordained an Episcopal Deacon in 1991. Donna was ordained to the priesthood in 1992, serving as Associate Rector at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Dunn Loring, Virginia, a position she held until 1994. In 1995 Rich and Donna moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where Donna was installed as Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Germantown. They lived in the church’s stately rectory for several years until Donna’s retirement from the ministry in 1998. Rich and Donna purchased a 40-acre farm near Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, where they renovated the existing farmhouse and built their retirement home in 1998. Rich and Donna enjoy collecting antiques.

Children of Richard and Donna CONSTANT:

- + 138. i. Richard Edward “Rick”⁹ CONSTANT, Jr., born 9 September 1963.
- + 139. ii. Carolyn Jennifer CONSTANT, born 25 March 1965.

106. Eric Larsen⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 27 October 1941 in Kingston, New York; married on 17 April 1965 in Augusta, Georgia, **Kathleen Lee “Kathy” DARROW** (born 28 September 1946 in Syracuse, New York, the daughter of Duane Almon DARROW and Barbara Eloise MANZER, both originally from Johnson City, New York).

Eric attended Indiana Institute of Technology 1959–1961 after graduating from Kingston High School. Afterward he enlisted in the U.S. Army, completing basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and later training at the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he met his future wife Kathy. Although a trained cryptographer, Eric was a company clerk in the Army and he served in Korea for 14 months. He was then posted at Fort Campbell, Kentucky for one year where he completed his enlistment as a chaplain’s assistant. Eric and Kathy initially settled in North Augusta, South Carolina. While there, Eric attended Augusta College, Georgia, graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in management in 1969. He worked as an accountant with various companies until the family moved to Greenwood, South Carolina, where Eric was employed with Pirelli Cable Co. from 1980 to 1998. For the last 26 years Eric has also operated his own business, providing tax and financial consultation and accounting services, which is now his full-time employment. The family lived primarily in North Augusta, South Carolina while the children were young, but they also resided in Lake Park, Palm Beach County, Florida in 1973–1974. Eric has served as assistant treasurer, treasurer, choir member, and deacon in various attended churches over the years. He enjoys automobile mechanics and restoration, specializing in Volvos.

Kathy lived in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1947–1950 when it was a closed city following World War II, her father being employed there by the Atomic Energy Commission. Afterward, Kathy was raised in North Augusta, South Carolina. She graduated from North Augusta High School in 1964 and she attended Augusta College, Georgia, for two years. Kathy is a Certified Professional Secretary and she has worked in office administration for over 15 years, including several businesses in Augusta, Georgia, West Palm Beach, Florida, and Greenwood, South Carolina. She is active in both the local and state levels of Professional Secretaries International, and in 1988 she earned the distinction of being named State Secretary of the Year. Since 1993, Kathy has been employed with VELUX-AMERICA INC. in Greenwood, South Carolina. Since 1996 she has been the manager of administrative services. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys gardening.

In 1996, Kathy and Eric moved into the home they built on Lake Greenwood, South Carolina. They are active in the West End Baptist Church in Greenwood.

Children of Eric and Kathy CONSTANT:

- + 140. i. Eric Larsen⁹ CONSTANT, Jr., born 6 August 1968.
- + 141. ii. Jeffrey Andrew CONSTANT, born 27 October 1970.
- + 142. iii. Christopher Duane “Chris” CONSTANT, born 14 December 1975.

107. Douglas Albert “Doug”⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 15 January 1945 in Passaic, New Jersey; married on 23 June 1968 in Church of the Redeemer, a Lutheran Church on Wurts Street, Kingston, New York, **Frieda HOPP** (born 29 December 1946 in Saulgau, Germany, the daughter of John HOPP, a “traktorenfuhrer” (tractor driver), and Erna STREIB).

Doug is a graduate of Rondout Valley Central High School, Stone Ridge, New York. He earned an AAS degree from Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, New York, and a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York. Doug entered the U.S. Army Reserves in 1967 and eventually went through the National Guard OCS program, resigning as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 854th Engineers Battalion. He has worked for many years for Central Hudson Gas and Electric Company in Poughkeepsie.

In 1954, Frieda sailed from Europe with her mother, three brothers and three sisters (Frieda’s father having immigrated earlier). The HOPPs were sponsored by the KNAUST family, for whom Frieda’s father worked in the mushroom caves in Malden, New York. Frieda and her family eventually settled on Hurley Avenue, Kingston. Frieda is a graduate of Kingston High School. She worked for several years as a bank proof operator. She spends a lot of time doing volunteer work for her church, Hurley Reformed Church, and day care for many of her grandchildren.

In 1999, Doug and Frieda built a new house (retirement home) in the Hurley village limits.

Children of Doug and Frieda CONSTANT:

- + 143. i. Lisa Marie⁹ CONSTANT, born 17 April 1969.
- + 144. ii. Brian Douglas CONSTANT, born 23 March 1971.
- + 145. iii. William Robert “Bill” CONSTANT, born 29 November 1972.
- + 146. iv. Marlene Alicia CONSTANT, born 29 August 1974.

108. Robert Edward “Bob”⁸ (MONROE) CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 11 July 1947 in Kingston, New York; married, first, on 9 October 1971 in Augusta, Georgia, **Jacqueline SCARBOROUGH** (born ——— in Augusta, Georgia, the daughter of John SCARBOROUGH and Cora ———); the marriage produced no children and ended in divorce in 1972. Bob married, second, on 14 March 1976 in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, **Noriko “Nori” YOSHIKAWA** (born 3 March 1948 in Miyako-shi, Iwate, Japan, the daughter of Sakai YOSHIKAWA and Isa YAMAUCHI).

After graduating from Rondout Valley Central High School, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army. His career included two tours of duty in Vietnam and four three-year assignments in Japan. In 1975, Bob took part in a back packing trek of the length of Japan, staying in local inns along the way. During this trek, Bob met Noriko at the inn owned by her parents. Bob also served for several years at Fort Benning, Georgia, Germany, and finally at Fort Ord, California, where he retired in 1989 as a master sergeant. He served the latter half of his long Army career as a chaplain’s assistant. Bob is currently manager of an automobile repair shop in Monterey, California, where he and his family reside.

Children of Bob and Nori CONSTANT:

- 147. i. Andrew Masao “Andy”⁹ CONSTANT, born 8 July 1977 in Yokosuka, Japan.
- 148. ii. Allen Norio CONSTANT, born 15 May 1980 in Okinawa, Japan.

109. Martha Claire⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 30 July 1951 in Kingston, New York; married on 11 June 1977 in Bloomington, New York, **John Edward BUTCHER** (born 29 September 1955 in Vienna, Virginia, the son of David Frederick BUTCHER II and Janis MOSIMAN, who remarried to Alan PARKER, now deceased).

Martha is a 1969 graduate of Rondout Valley Central High School, Stone Ridge, New York. She earned an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts from Ulster County Community College, New York, in 1971, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from State University of New York at Oneonta in 1976. Martha met John at a Pizza Hut district meeting in Springfield, Virginia in June 1976, both being employed with Pizza Hut at the time. Martha worked for Nationwide Insurance Co. in Syracuse from 1987 to 1991, and she was rehired when the family returned to Syracuse a year later. Martha worked variously as a claims service representative and an in-house claims adjuster in commercial properties and liabilities from April 1993 to present. Martha has been especially active as a Girl Scout leader in various councils wherever she and her family have lived since 1986, including Service Unit Manager from 1990–1991 for the Central New York Girl Scout Council, Syracuse, New York. She was an active member of the task force for organizing the 85th Girl Scout anniversary celebration. Martha is an active member in various church activities at Pitcher Hill Community Church. In her spare time she enjoys sewing, crafts, cooking, baking and gardening.

An active Boy Scout as a teen, John earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1970, and the Vigil Award in the Order of the Arrow. John is a 1973 graduate of Broad Run High School, Ashburn, Virginia. He was an assistant manager of a Revco drug store until 1982 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was posted with his family at Eielson AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska; Hancock Field, Syracuse, New York; and Shaw AFB, Sumter, South Carolina. John earned an Associate of Arts degree in logistics management from the Community College of the Air Force in 1988. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in individual studies, with emphasis in business management, from Columbia College in 1990. After leaving the Air Force in 1992, John entered the New York Air National Guard, 17th Tactical Fighter Wing. John’s military service was in the supply specialty until 1996 when he transferred to the Staff Judge Adjutant’s office as a paralegal. He currently is employed in the library at LeMoyne College, a Catholic school in Syracuse, as circulation services supervisor. John has served two terms as Deacon of Pitcher Hill Community Church, and as chair of the Christian Education Committee for six years. John is an avid golfer and softball player in his spare time.

Children of Martha and John BUTCHER:

- 149. i. Jennifer Lynn “Jen”⁹ BUTCHER, born 13 May 1980 in Jacksonville, Florida.
- + 150. ii. Janis Elizabeth BUTCHER, born 6 July 1984 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

110. Charlotte Anne⁸ CONSTANT (LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 1 December 1952 in Kingston, New York; married, first, on 27 November 1971 at the Saugerties Reformed Church, Saugerties, New York, **Jackson Roberts “Jack” HENDERSON** (born 18 July 1951 in Saugerties, the son of Coy HENDERSON and Jean ROBERTS). Charlotte and Jack’s marriage produced one son and ended in divorce in September 1976. Charlotte married, second, on 8 July 1978 in the Rochester Reformed Church, Accord, New York, **Robert Lee GAZLAY** (born 21 May 1952 in Newark, New Jersey, the son of Robert Bush GAZLAY and Doris Margaret MCGREGOR). Charlotte and Lee’s marriage produced two children and ended in divorce in 2002. Lee remarried to Peggy Jean (née KRUPOWSKI) PALMISANO.

After graduating in 1970 from Rondout Valley Central High School, Charlotte attended Ulster County Community College for about a year, during which time she worked as a waitress for Howard Johnson’s and International House of Pancakes. She accompanied her first husband Jack to Germany while he was enlisted in the U.S. Army. After completing his enlistment, Jack was employed with IBM in Kingston, New York. Following Charlotte and Jack’s divorce, Jack retained custody of, and raised, their son David, eventually moving to Raleigh, North Carolina, near Jack’s parents. Charlotte has been variously employed as a restaurant hostess and waitress and as a bank teller and customer service representative early in her marriage to Lee. She has been employed at Milwaukee Frozen Custard in Chantilly, Virginia, for over ten years. Charlotte enjoys sewing, gardening and cooking, being particularly skilled at baking.

Lee was raised in West Orange, New Jersey, until he, his parents, and his brother moved in 1968 to Kerhonkson, New York, to live with Lee’s paternal grandmother. He attended Rondout Valley Central High School where he and Charlotte met. Following graduation in 1970, Lee entered the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, where he graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and a commission as Ensign in the Coast Guard. In 1978, Lee earned a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. During his Coast Guard career, Lee was stationed in New Jersey, Washington, D.C., California, Japan, England and Virginia. He retired in 1999 after 25 years of service. He is employed as a program manager with General Dynamics Information Technology, Fairfax, Virginia. Lee works on home improvement projects, and he especially enjoys family history research, amassing a considerable collection of family documents and photographs.

Child of Charlotte and Jack HENDERSON:

- + 151. i. David Lee⁹ HENDERSON, born 20 June 1972.

Children of Charlotte and Lee GAZLAY:

- 152. i. Benjamin Constant⁹ GAZLAY, born 25 May 1984 at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Maryland.
- 153. ii. Elizabeth Grace GAZLAY, born 10 May 1992 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C.

111. Andrew Charles “Andy”⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 18 March 1954 in Kingston, New York; established a long-term relationship in 1981 with **Sandra BAUER** (born 2 October 1949, the daughter of Robert BAUER, a newspaper writer, and Erma BELISLE).

Andy is a 1972 graduate of Rondout Valley Central High School, Stone Ridge, New York. He has traveled and worked at various jobs in Alaska. By 1978 he found steady seasonal work as a seaman on tugboats sailing primarily between Whittier, Alaska, and Seattle, Washington. He continues to work on tugs from Seattle, and he has his Mate’s license.

Sandra earned a degree in education from the University of Oregon. She and Andy met in Whittier, Alaska, where Sandra was serving as cook. They settled in Seattle in 1983, and they opened a children’s clothing store, Brat Pack, in Redmond, Washington, in 1989. Building on the success of this venture, they opened a second store in 1992, which has since closed. In August 1997, they moved the original store to a new location in Redmond.

Andy, Sandra and Robbi lived for 14 years in Seattle, Washington, and they moved in 1997 to Carnation, Washington, in a house on a 50-acre lake stocked with trout and bass.

Child of Andy CONSTANT and Sandra BAUER:

154. i. Robbi Larsen⁸ BAUER-CONSTANT, born 17 August 1985 in Seattle, Washington. Robbi plays the flute, likes to ski, write stories and draw. Reading is #1.

112. Alice Jane⁸ CONSTANT (*LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 2 February 1956 in Kingston, New York; married on 12 June 1977 in Bloomington, New York, **Jeffrey Nelson “Jeff” DUNHAM** (born 21 October 1954 in Port Ewen, New York, the son of ——— DUNHAM and Peggy ———). Alice and Jeff had no children and the marriage ended in divorce in January 1980. Alice was partnered 1983 to 1993 with **Francis Marie TOWK** (born 3 March 1952, the daughter of Danny and Clare SULLIVAN, and adopted by Robert TOWK). Alice partnered in 1995 with **Julie S. JOHNSON** (born 23 June 1960, the daughter of James E. ‘Jamie’ JOHNSON and Mary ———).

Alice is named for her great aunt Alcilde LARSEN (see footnote under Frank S. CONSTANT [No. 71] and his wife Emma LARSEN).¹ Following Alice’s graduation from Rondout Valley Central High School, she earned an associate’s degree, with honors, in ornamental horticulture from Cobleskill Agricultural and Technical College, New York. Alice found employment with Valley Gardens nursery, Accord, New York, for a year until the business folded. For two years during her marriage and after, Alice worked as a medical nurse’s aid in two nursing homes. Alice moved to Gainesville, Florida, in 1978, where she was initially employed in a nursing home. She worked at Nationwide Insurance full-time from 1980–1992 in the underwriting and collections departments. Her former work in nursing homes sparked her ambition to expand her education in that field. In 1989 she attended Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, graduating magna cum laude with an associate’s degree, in preparation for pursuing a degree in therapy. She attended the University Of Florida College Of Therapy, studying

recreational therapy, and earning her bachelor's degree in May 1995. She also earned a certificate in gerontology. After graduation, Alice worked for a year for Lutheran Social Services, during which time she relocated from Ocala to St. Augustine, Florida. In July 1996, she accepted a position with Integrated Health Services of Florida at Jacksonville. Until 1998, she was the Director of Recreation for this 120 bed long-term and sub-acute health care facility. Alice now lives in Ocala, Florida. Alice is a lesbian, having had a long-term relationship from 1983–1993 with Frances TOWK and since 1995 with Julie A. Johnson. Alice is active in the Florida Recreation Park Association on a local level. She enjoys gardening, crafts, and collecting artwork.

112b. Donald⁸ EMPRINGHAM (*Ruth,⁷ Harry,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born ———; married **Barbara** ———.²

Children of Donald and Barbara EMPRINGHAM:

- 154a. i. Martin⁹ EMPRINGHAM, born ———.
- 154b. ii. Michael EMPRINGHAM, born ———.
- 154c. ii. Nancy EMPRINGHAM, born ———.
- 154d. ii. Mathew EMPRINGHAM, born ———.

112c. Richard EMPRINGHAM (*Ruth,⁷ Harry,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born ———; married **Virginia 'Ginger'** ———.³

Children of Richard and Virginia 'Ginger' EMPRINGHAM:

- 154e. i. Richard⁹ EMPRINGHAM, born ———.
- 154f. ii. Carmalita EMPRINGHAM, born ———.

113. Ellen Mary⁸ CONSTANT (*William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 10 October 1942 in Hackensack, New Jersey; married on 28 May 1960 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, **Wendell Ray RIDENOUR** (born 1 November 1942 in Elkhart, Indiana, the son of Leonard RIDENOUR and Vera Lucille WATERMAN).

Ellen ran a business for many years selling dried flowers and herbs. She and Ray moved to Elkhart, Indiana (Ray's hometown) after living for several years in Williamsburg, Virginia. Ellen has been busy in the ministry, she and her family being Jehovah's Witnesses. Ellen has also taken up art, at present belonging to three different art groups, and displaying the artistic talents of several CONSTANT ancestors.

Ray is an electrical contractor and a licensed pilot. In his spare time he built an airplane.

Children of Ellen and Ray RIDENOUR:

- + 155. i. Jeanette Ann⁹ RIDENOUR, born 27 March 1961.
- + 156. ii. Brian Lee RIDENOUR, born 9 July 1962.
- + 157. iii. Kelly Sue RIDENOUR, born 31 July 1963.
- + 158. iv. Stephen Ray RIDENOUR, born 29 January 1965.

114. Gail Anne⁸ CONSTANT (*William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 29 July 1946 in New Jersey; married on 24 August 1962, **Mitchell “Mitch” BENTLEY** (born ———).

Children of Gail and Mitch BENTLEY:

- 159. i. Corianne Ann⁹ BENTLEY, born 1 February 1963.
- 160. ii. Scott Mitchell BENTLEY, born 18 January 1966.
- 161. iii. Jeffrey Allen BENTLEY, born 8 April 1971.

115. William Chester⁸ CONSTANT, Jr. (*William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 12 November 1949 in New Jersey; married, first, on 17 December 1974, **Sharon WILLIAMS** (born ———). William and Sharon’s marriage produced one child and ended in divorce. William married, second, **Joanna** ——— (born ———). William and Joanna have had no children together.

Child of William and Sharon CONSTANT:

- 162. i. William Chester⁹ CONSTANT III, born ———.

116. John Walter “Johnny”⁸ CONSTANT (*William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 4 May 1954 New Jersey; married **Shirley** ——— (born ———).

Children of Johnny and Shirley CONSTANT:

- 163. i. Casey Matthew⁹ CONSTANT, born 15 December 1975. Casey attends college as a music major.
- 164. ii. Katie Dawn CONSTANT, born 10 January 1980. She is a high school student.

117. Jeffrey Charles “Jeff”⁸ CONSTANT (*George,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 22 November 1948 in Paterson, New Jersey; married on 25 April 1970 in Passaic, New Jersey, **Deborah ESPOSITO** (born 20 October 1949 in New York City, the daughter of Frank ESPOSITO and Julia STROBH).

Jeff is the shop foreman for Blumenthal Sheet Metal Co., Houston, Texas. He is the presiding overseer of the Woodlands, Texas, Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, just north of Houston.

Deborah works as a secretary at Betz, a chemical manufacturer.

Children of Jeffrey and Deborah CONSTANT:

- + 165. i. Jeremy James⁹ CONSTANT, born 5 October 1971.
- + 166. ii. Seth Adam CONSTANT, born 11 August 1977 in Westwood, New Jersey. Seth works as a draftsman in Conroe, Texas.

118. Douglas Walter “Doug”⁸ CONSTANT (*George,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 5 February 1951 in Englewood, New Jersey; married on 24 November 1972 in Mahwah, New Jersey, **Dorothy Ruth “Dot” SEIFERT** (born ———, the daughter of Hans SEIFERT and Helga ———).

Doug is a locksmith and is owner/operator of Constant Security Co. Doug and family belong to a Jehovah's Witness Congregation near Paramus, New Jersey, where they live.

Children of Doug and Dorothy CONSTANT:

167. i. Daniel James⁹ CONSTANT, born 7 September 1978. Daniel graduated high school in 1996.
168. ii. Sarah Ruth CONSTANT, born 31 December 1979. Sarah graduated high school in 1997.
169. iii. Samuel James CONSTANT, born 14 October 1982.
170. iv. Naomi CONSTANT, born 15 April 1986.

119. Joyce Diane⁸ CONSTANT (*George,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 12 May 1952 in Teaneck, New Jersey; married on 28 November 1981 in Nyack, New York, **Allen Ray RICO** (born 17 March 1950 in Houston, Texas, the son of Jesse RICO and Esther RAMIREZ).

Joyce is an office manager for a certified public accountant. Allen drives a truck as a wine expediter for Opici Wine Co., a distributor in Hawthorn, New Jersey. Both Joyce and Allen served at the World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witness in Brooklyn, New York, for several years, Allen working in the print shop on mat layouts, and Joyce as a housekeeper. They belong to the Paramus Congregation, Jehovah's Witness, where Allen serves as an elder. Joyce and Allen live downstairs in her parents' house. They have no children.

120. Miranda Constant⁸ MARVIN (*Beatrice,⁷ William,⁶ William,⁵ Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 10 March 1941 in New York, New York.

Miranda is a 1963 graduate of Bryn Mawr, magna cum laude with honors. She earned her Ph.D. in classical archaeology from Harvard in 1973. Since 1971, Miranda has held the position of Director, Inter-departmental Program in Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Wellesley College, Massachusetts. She has been a professor of Art and Classics there since 1980. Miranda conducted excavations in Greece, Israel and Cyprus in the 1960s and 1970s, and she has published numerous articles and publications on archaeology, classical art and historical topics. Honored as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar at ten colleges and universities, Miranda has lectured widely in the U.S. and internationally. She resides in Wellesley, Massachusetts.⁴

Ninth and Tenth Generations

121. Joseph⁹ ADONETTI (*Patricia,⁸ Helen,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 11 October 1958; married on — October 1985, **Carol GIBSON** (born —). Their marriage ended in divorce.

Joseph lives in Mexico.

Child of Joseph and Carol ADONETTI:

171. i. Kayla¹⁰ ADONETTI, born 18 December 1986.

122. Anna Gabrielle “Gabi”⁹ ADONETTI (*Patricia,⁸ Helen,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 11 March 1960.

Gabi is unmarried and lives on Long Island, New York.

123. Francesca⁹ ADONETTI (*Patricia,⁸ Helen,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 11 July 1964; married on 1 October 1988, **Timothy “Tim” WILDER** (born —).

Children of Francesca and Tim WILDER:

172. i. Crystal Rose¹⁰ WILDER, born 27 February 1989.

173. ii. Nancy WILDER, born 12 November 1990.

174. iii. Timothy “Tim” WILDER, Jr. , born 19 September 1993.

124. Adrienne Emma⁹ ADONETTI (*Patricia,⁸ Helen,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 24 December 1966; married on 5 September 1992, **Richard MICHELI** (born —). They live in Orlando, Florida.

Child of Adrienne and Richard MICHELI:

175. i. Damon¹⁰ MICHELI, born 25 January 1996.

125. Gregory Steven “Greg”⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 7 March 1949 in Kingston, New York; married on 15 January 1983 in Ewing Township, New Jersey, **Betty COLE** (born 6 October 1954 in Turtlecreek, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Cyril COLE and Dorothy TOTTEN).

Betty brought to the marriage a daughter from a previous marriage, Tara VAN PATTEN (born 4 March 1976). Tara has a son, John — IV, born 27 July 1999. Greg is an E-8 and a helicopter mechanic in the Army National Guard, and Betty works in the delicatessen owned by Greg’s sister Mary Comisky [No. 127]. Greg and Betty reside in Bordentown, New Jersey.

Children of Greg and Betty MOHACSI:

176. i. Shannon Marie¹⁰ MOHACSI, born 26 February 1982.

177. ii. Gregory Steven MOHACSI, Jr., born 8 March 1987.

178. iii. Erin MOHACSI, born 15 December 1988.

126. Bonnie Vivian⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 27 October 1950 in Ellenville, New York; married on 24 May 1986 in Trenton, New Jersey, **Scott PAPSZYCKI** (born 30 November 1956 in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Anthony PAPSZYCKI and Kyleen WHITE).

Bonnie is an accountant at Trenton Pipe and Nipple Company. She is on a lady's bowling league and she likes to travel. Scott is a restaurant manager. Scott, Bonnie and their children live in Morrisville, Pennsylvania.

Children of Scott and Bonnie PAPSZYCKI:

179. i. Shaun¹⁰ PAPSZYCKI, born 14 October 1986.
 180. ii. Kevin PAPSZYCKI, born 7 December 1987.

127. Mary Elizabeth⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 2 July 1952 in Kingston, New York; married, first, on 4 April 1970, **John SCOTT** (born 29 April 1947 in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of John SCOTT and Miriam FARLEY). John is a mechanical engineer. John and Mary's marriage produced three children and ended in divorce, Mary retaining custody of the children. Mary married, second, on 1 July 1981 in Hightstown, New Jersey, **James D. "Jim" COMISKY** (born 6 March 1950 in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of George M. COMISKY and Elizabeth L. RICE).

Mary works at a nursery owned by Jim's brother. Jim is a self-employed housing contractor, having built many houses in the Trenton and Allentown area, often in cooperation with several of his brothers who also work in the construction business. Mary and Jim also own Farnsworth Delicatessen in Bordentown, New Jersey, where Mary also works. They reside in Allentown, New Jersey.

Children of Mary and John SCOTT:

181. i. Michael J. "Mike"¹⁰ SCOTT, born 11 July 1970. He works for a security alarm company.
 182. ii. James K. SCOTT, born 2 December 1971. He graduated in February 1994 from Trenton State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed with iSTAT as an engineer.
 183. iii. Donna SCOTT, born 5 July 1976. She attended college for several years and she enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in April 1999. She is stationed in the state of Washington while attending survival training.

Child of Mary and Jim COMISKY:

184. i. Angela¹⁰ COMISKY, born 13 January 1983.

128. Gary John⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 4 March 1954 in Trenton, New Jersey; married on 17 January 1976 in Yardley, Pennsylvania, **Christine Anne STILWELL** (born 31 July 1957 in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Donald STILWELL and Lillian NOWALINSKI).

Gary is a tool and die journeyman and he enjoys home improvement projects. Christine is a certified dental/orthodontic assistant. They reside in Yardley, Pennsylvania.

Child of Gary and Christine MOHACSI:

185. i. Thomas Donald¹⁰ MOHACSI, born 15 August 1983.

129. Diana Lynn⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 3 November 1955 in Trenton, New Jersey; married on 28 February 1976 in Levittown, Pennsylvania, **Donald Barry “Don” WALKER** (born 6 November 1952 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the son of Donald WALKER and Margaret YACHOVICH).

Diana is a chef by schooling but she worked at Macy’s department store as a clerk for several years. Don and Diana own and operate two gas stations. Don is studying for his ASC Technician certification. They have traveled extensively to the islands—Bermuda, Aruba and The Bahamas. They reside in Levittown, Pennsylvania.

Children of Donald and Diana WALKER:

186. i. Donald Barry¹⁰ WALKER, born 2 March 1990; died in February 1991 of infections following multiple surgeries.
 187. ii. Daniel WALKER, born 27 January 1992.
 188. iii. Jennifer Margaret WALKER, born 30 July 1996.

130. Steven Lee⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 30 April 1957 in Trenton, New Jersey; married, first, on 2 July 1977 in Trenton, New Jersey, **Doreen BASFORD** (born 26 January 1959 in Trenton, New Jersey, the daughter of Edward BASFORD and Elizabeth ———); Steven and Doreen’s marriage produced no children and ended in divorce. Steven married, second, on 10 October 1981 in Trenton, New Jersey, **June DALE** (born 13 June 1961 in Trenton, New Jersey, the daughter of Richard DALE and Dawn Coralie OSTERSTUCK). Their marriage produced five children and ended in divorce.

Steven has worked for 18 years for the National Guard, the last 11 years as a full-time mechanic.

Children of Steven and June MOHACSI:

189. i. Amanda Lynn¹⁰ MOHACSI, born 1 December 1982.
 190. ii. Steven Anthony MOHACSI, born 15 June 1984.
 191. iii. April Elizabeth MOHACSI, born 13 May 1987.
 192. iv. Ashley Dawn MOHACSI, born 27 July 1990; died 31 December 2005 by a hit-and-run driver while walking with friends to a New Year’s Eve party. She was a student at Bordentown Regional High School.
 193. v. Allen Gregory MOHACSI, born 24 April 1994.

131. Philip Tyrone⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 15 January 1959 in Trenton, New Jersey; married on 21 June 1980 in Weare, New Hampshire, **Suzann Carole “Sue” FARMER** (born 1 January 1960 in Fort Worth, Texas, the daughter of Robie FARMER and Maxine SMITH).

Philip is an electrical engineer in the U. S. Air Force, having entered in July 1977. From basic training he went to Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany as a carpenter. After a year in Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1980–1981, he was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. While there he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina. In September 1986 he attended Officer Training School, San Antonio, Texas. After graduating in December 1986, Philip was assigned to Los Angeles Air Force Station. He was stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico for several years, and they now live in Titusville, New Jersey. Philip worked for several years at the nearby Lockheed Martin facility where he oversaw production of a weather satellite contract. He is now a Major and assigned to Fort Dix, New Jersey, as the Chief of Education and Training for assigned Air Force personnel.

Sue is a graduate of the University of New Mexico where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in special education and a Master of Arts degree in learning disabilities. She is a kindergarten teacher in Rockbrook School, Princeton, New Jersey.

Philip and Sue enjoy outdoor activities, including bicycling and camping.

Children of Philip and Sue MOHACSI:

194. i. Nicholas Philip¹⁰ MOHACSI, born 7 March 1985.

195. ii. Terri Elizabeth MOHACSI, born 16 June 1990.

132. Karen Wilhelmina⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 18 May 1960 in Trenton, New Jersey; married, first, on 16 June 1980 in Bordentown, New Jersey, **Vince SUOZZO** (born 26 June 1958 in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Joseph SUOZZO and Rosemary ———); Karen and Vince's marriage produced one child and ended in divorce in 1989. Karen married, second, on 15 October 1992, **Victor SMIRNIW** (born 19 May 1940 in the Ukraine). Karen and Victor's marriage produced no children and ended in divorce. Karen is engaged to **Stuart Robert "Stu" BIRD** (born 6 December 1948 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of Stuart BIRD and Rosa LEONE).

Karen works at Carteret Café as a waitress. Karen and her daughter Rachel reside in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Stu worked as a welder for several years and currently works in the construction business.

Child of Karen and Vince SUOZZO:

196. i. Rachel¹⁰ SUOZZO, born 11 December 1980. She is a student in Lawrence High School, and she works at the delicatessen owned by her aunt and uncle, Jim and Mary COMISKY [No. 127]. She is attending Mercer County Community College.

134. Brian Keith⁹ MOHACSI (*Dorcas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 16 March 1964 in Trenton, New Jersey; married on 4 September 1994 in Trenton, **Sandra Ann "Sandy" SWINGLER** (born 17 December 1963 in Trenton, New Jersey, the daughter of Eric SWINGLER and Ray NAPOLEON).

Brian works as a landscaper. Sandy worked for several years at First Union bank as a head teller. They reside in Levittown, New Jersey.

Child of Brian and Sandra MOHACSI:

197. i. Brian Keith¹⁰ MOHACSI II, born 3 June 1996 in Levittown, New Jersey.

135. James Simmons⁹ CONSTANT (*Carl,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 2 February 1964 in Detroit, Michigan; married on 13 September 2000 in Sonoma, California, **Shannon Lea UDOVIC** (born 20 September 1970, the daughter of Michael Luke UDOVIC and Janna Rae SODEN).

James was active in the Boy Scouts as a teenager, and he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended the University of Michigan where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1986 and his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1990. James completed his surgical residency at the University of California at San Francisco where he has benefited from a research grant from the National Institutes of Health, specializing in oxygen and wounds. He is now a practicing surgeon in Santa Clara, California.

Shannon earned a Bachelor of Psychology degree from the University of California at Berkley in 1992, and in 1998 she graduated from the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) medical school. She is currently a pediatric resident at UCSF.

James and Shannon live in Mill Valley, California.

136. Peter Charles⁹ CONSTANT (*Carl,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 24 October 1966 in Detroit, Michigan; married on 11 May 1991 in Farmington Hills, Michigan, **Karen FIGURSKI** (born 29 September 1968 in Warren, Michigan, the daughter of Don FIGURSKI and Constance “Connie” KOKOWICZ).

Peter was an active Boy Scout, earning his Eagle Scout rank. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of Michigan, majoring in economics. He is currently a Vice President for Metris Companies.

Karen is a 1989 graduate of the University of Michigan Business School and a Michigan Certified Public Accountant. She is a happy stay-at-home mom and has a twin sister, Sharon Lynn SZCZEPANIK.

Peter and Karen reside in Medina, Minnesota, near Minneapolis.

Child of Peter and Karen CONSTANT:

198. i. Lauren Marie¹⁰ CONSTANT, born 19 March 1998 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

137. Mark Lecho⁹ CONSTANT (*Carl,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 17 September 1969 in Detroit, Michigan; married on 1 June 1996 in Stanford Memorial Chapel, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, **Valerie Christine WHARTON** (born 26 October 1967 in Miami, Florida, the daughter of Christopher WHARTON and Louise LANYON).

Mark earned his Eagle Scout rank as a teenager. He earned his undergraduate degree in economics in 1991 from Stanford University. He worked as an equity analyst and vice president for Merrill Lynch in San Francisco, California, from 1991 to 1999, and now works for Lehman Brothers. Mark was recognized in the Wall Street Journal’s “Best on the Street Analysts Survey” in June 2001 as a top securities analyst in the

country, one of only three analysts who took top honors in both the stock picking and earnings forecasting categories.¹

Valerie earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1989 and an MBA degree from Stanford University in 1995. She worked for a year as a product manager for Del Monte in San Francisco, and later as a product manager with Tri-Valley Growers in San Francisco. She is now a happy housewife and mother. Valerie has an identical twin sister named Stacey Lanyon WHARTON.² Mark and Valerie live in San Mateo, California.

Child of Mark and Valerie CONSTANT:

199. i. Cole Wharton¹⁰ Constant, born 25 August 1999 in San Mateo, CA.

138. Richard Edward “Rick”⁹ CONSTANT, Jr. (*Richard*,⁸ *LeRoy*,⁷ *Frank*,⁶ *Henry*,⁵ *Silas*,⁴ *St. John*,³ *Silas*,² *Joseph*¹), born 9 September 1963 in Washington, D.C.; married 14 March 1996 in McLean, Virginia, following a ten year relationship, **Theresa Iola CORLESS** (born 3 October 1961 in Boston Massachusetts, the daughter of James Thomas CORLESS and Inga BAER). Rick and Theresa divorced around 2000. Rick married, second, 11 January 2001 after a long term relationship, **Raquelli (née BARATZ) GANEL** (born in 1962 in Israel, the daughter of Jacob BARATZ and Charlotta “Lotti” ———; Raquelli was previously married to Opher GANEL, with whom she had two children, a son Orri GANEL, born in 1989, and a daughter Rotem GANEL, born in 1991).

After earning a business degree in personnel management from Eastern Washington University in 1986, Rick worked for several years for REI, a company specializing in outdoor recreational products. He is an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying bicycling, kayaking and volleyball. For a while, Rick operated his own business, Constant Gutter Services, installing roof gutter systems. He is the president of Winston’s Gutter Services, providing cleaning, installation and repair of gutters and serving the Maryland region around Washington, D.C.

Theresa was named for her maternal grandmother, Theresia Adler BAER and her Irish paternal grandmother Iola Cummings CORLESS. Theresa earned her Bachelor of Science degree in natural resource management from the University of Maryland in 1991. She is working on her Master of Science degree in marine, estuarine and environmental sciences. Theresa is a natural resources planner with the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Maryland.

Raquelli earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1987 from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, her Master of Science degree from the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel, and her Ph.D. (in neuro-pharmacology) from Texas Tech Health Science Center. She also completed six years of post-doctoral fellowship (doing brain research) at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

Raquelli currently works with Rick at the family business Winston’s Gutter Service.
Children of Rick and Raquelli CONSTANT:

200. i. Matthew¹⁰ GANEL-CONSTANT, born ——— 2004.
201. ii. Jonathan GANEL-CONSTANT, born ——— 2004, twin.

139. Carolyn Jennifer⁹ CONSTANT (Richard,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 25 March 1965 in Washington, D.C.; died 25 November 2008 in Chesapeake, Virginia;³ married, on 30 May 1992 in Arlington, Virginia, **George David HABER** (born 29 July 1965 in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, the son of George Michael HABER and Jill Ellen MILLER).

Carolyn graduated from Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Washington, in 1989, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. Carolyn was also a graduate of George Mason University, Virginia, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, cum laude, in 1993. She was a registered nurse and she worked for several years as the nurse coordinator at an ambulatory clinic affiliated with Arlington Hospital. Carolyn was a member of the Golden Key National Honors Society for nurses.

George is a graduate of George Mason University, Virginia, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in recreational service business administration in 1990. He earned a Master of Science degree in special education in 1998 from George Mason. He worked for several years as a special education teacher teaching children with emotional disabilities. George was a member of the faculty at Pennsylvania State University where his work included investigating new programs for the school. While there, he earned a Ph.D. in workforce education and development in 2002. George was later employed as an assistant professor at Kent State University, and is currently an assistant professor at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

Carolyn and George lived in a home in Vienna, Virginia, that they purchased and extensively remodeled, earning a community award for their efforts. They relocated in August 1998 to Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, occupying the farmhouse on the property owned by Carolyn's parents. George and Carolyn, along with Carolyn's parents, greatly remodeled and expanded the farmhouse. After living in Kent, Ohio, for a few years, George and Carolyn eventually relocated to Chesapeake, Virginia.

Child of George and Carolyn HABER:

- 202. i. George Richard¹⁰ HABER, born 15 July 1998 in Reston, Virginia.
- 203. ii. John Ely HABER, born 12 March, 2002 in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.
- 204. iii. Jeffrey Michael HABER, born 4 November 2003 in Akron, Ohio.

140. Eric Larsen "Rick"⁹ CONSTANT, Jr. (Eric,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹), born 6 August 1968 in Augusta, Georgia; married, first, on 16 January 1993 in Greenwood, South Carolina, **Patti Raye CROWE** (born 12 September 1970 in Greenwood, South Carolina, the daughter of Ray CROWE and Bonnie ROCHESTER). Rick and Patti's marriage ended in divorce in the spring of 1996. Rick married, second, on 27 March 1999 in Greenwood, South Carolina, **Brandi La Chelle WEAGHINGTON** (born 3 June 1975, the daughter of Robert WEAGHINGTON and Sharon ———).

Rick graduated from Greenwood High School in 1986. He attended Lander University for a year and Piedmont Technical College, also for a year, majoring in engineering graphics technology. Rick worked for Defiance Metal Products, a manufacturer of machine parts, for a time, and he as the treasurer and business manager for Roper's, Inc., a local bar establishment. Rick now works as a drafting specialist at

VELUX-GREENWOOD, Inc. He is again attending Piedmont Technical College, majoring in engineering technology.

Brandi brought two children from a previous relationship, Keifer and Tanner, into her marriage with Rick. Brandi works for Farmer's Furniture as the officer manager.

Children of Rick and Brandi CONSTANT:

205. i. Larsen¹⁰ CONSTANT, born 10 May 2002 in Greenwood, South Carolina.

206. ii. Trista CONSTANT, born 23 July, 2006 in Greenwood, South Carolina.

141. Jeffrey Andrew "Jeff"⁹ CONSTANT (*Eric,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 27 October 1970 in Augusta, Georgia; married, on 19 June 1994 in Ninety Six, South Carolina, **Mary Kathrine HENDERSON** (born 16 January 1971 in Greenwood, South Carolina, the daughter of David Lander HENDERSON and Betty Jo WELLS).

Jeff graduated from Greenwood High School in 1988, and in 1993 he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina, where Mary Kathrine's father is the dean of the College of Education. Jeff is employed at Lander University as Assistant Director of Admissions.

Mary Kathrine is a 1989 graduate of Ninety Six High School, where she was active as a cheerleader, yearbook editor, and a member of the student government. She graduated in 1993 from Lander University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education, with a triple major in early childhood, elementary education and special education. She earned her Master of Education degree in elementary education from Lander University in 1996. She is a member of Zeta Tan Alpha's Iota Omicron Chapter. Mary Kathrine is presently working as a kindergarten teacher. In February 1995 she received a long-awaited liver transplant to correct her autoimmune hepatitis. She currently enjoys excellent health.

Jeff and Mary Kathrine live in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Adopted child of Jeff and Mary Kathrine CONSTANT:

207. i. Lauren Elizabeth¹⁰ CONSTANT, born 3 June 1996.

142. Christopher Duane "Chris"⁹ CONSTANT (*Eric,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 14 December 1975 in Augusta, Georgia.

Chris earned his Eagle Scout rank as a teenager, achieving Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. He graduated from Greenwood High School in 1994. He is attending Lander University, Greenwood, South Carolina. His declared major is sociology with emphasis in law enforcement. Chris is an E-4 in the U.S. Army Reserve serving with the 391st Engineers, having trained as an engineering specialist at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He also received training at Fort Benning, Georgia, at the U.S. Army Paratrooper School where he earned his Jump Wings. He was employed for a time as a sales clerk at J.C. Penny's department store, and now works in the restaurant and bar at a local country club.

143. Lisa Marie⁹ CONSTANT (*Douglas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 17 April 1969 in Kingston, New York; established a long-term relationship with **Davis MANNELLO III** (born 19 April 1969 in Kingston, New York, the son of Davis MANNELLO II and Joyce BRANDT).

Lisa graduated from Kingston High School in 1987. She works as a department manager for Super K-Mart.

Davis is a wholesale distributor for Herzog, a building supplies company. His territory covers a large region of southern New York.

In 1996, Lisa purchased a home on Petticoat Lane, Hurley, New York, across the street from her parents' former house.

Child of Lisa CONSTANT and Davis MANNELLO:

208. i. Melissa Lynn¹⁰ MANNELLO, born 22 June 1987.

144. Brian Douglas⁹ CONSTANT (*Douglas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 23 March 1971 in Kingston, New York; married on 29 June 1996 in Meredith, New Hampshire, **Kimberly Anne "Kim" JONES** (born 9 March 1969 at St. Albans Naval Base, Jamaica, New York, the daughter of Robert JONES and Pauline Lorraine PADILLA).

Brian graduated from Kingston High School, New York, in 1989. He is a graduate of Russell Sage Junior College, Troy, New York. Brian worked as a Pharmacy Technician at Albany Medical Center, Albany, New York. He is now an assistant funeral director in Fair Haven, Vermont.

Kim graduated from Meredith-Interlakes High School, New Hampshire, in 1987. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1992. She was employed as a pharmacy secretary in the administrative office of Albany Medical Center.

Both Brian and Kim enjoy golf and working out at the gym, and they live in Fairhaven, Vermont.

Child of Brian and Kim CONSTANT:

209. i. Samantha Anne¹⁰ CONSTANT, born 22 October 1998.

145. William Robert "Bill"⁹ CONSTANT (*Douglas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 29 November 1972 in Kingston, New York.

Bill is a 1990 graduate of Kingston High School and he earned a degree as a radiology technician at Hudson Valley Community College. He was currently employed as a waiter and bartender in Albany, New York, and he now works at Albany Medical Center in the radiology department. He is studying to be an echo cardiologist, and he lives in Albany.

146. Marlene Alicia⁹ CONSTANT (*Douglas,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 29 August 1974 in Kingston, New York; married in January 1993 in Rosendale, New York, **Felix LEMUS** (born ——— in El Salvador). Marlene and Felix divorced in 1996.

Marlene worked part-time as a maid at a Holiday Inn and is currently working in the Trailways bus terminal in Kingston, New York. Marlene and her children live in Hurley, New York.

Felix is a restaurant cook, and he lives in the Kingston, New York, area.
Children of Marlene and Felix LEMUS:

- 210. i. Calvin Godfrey¹⁰ LEMUS, born 9 December 1993 in Kingston, New York;
- 211. ii. Kristine Dianna LEMUS, born 9 December 1993, twin.

Third child of Marlene LEMUS:

- 212. i. Kyle Scott CONSTANT, born 17 April 1997 in Kingston, New York.

150. Janis Elizabeth⁹ BUTCHER (*Martha,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 6 July 1984 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska; married on 5 June 2010 in Schenectady, New York, **Joel Alan MONTGOMERY** (born in 1986, the son of Jay Ellis MONTGOMERY and Sue Kay STERLING).

Janis and Joel are both students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

151. David Lee⁹ HENDERSON (*Charlotte,⁸ LeRoy,⁷ Frank,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 20 June 1972 in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; died 23 December 1993 in Knightdale, North Carolina; married in October 1993 in Wilmington, North Carolina, **April Belinda SHIPP** (born 10 April 1971 in Enfield, North Carolina, the daughter of Aubrey B. SHIPP, Jr., of Enfield North Carolina, and Nellie HUDGINS (who remarried to a Mr. INSCOE) of Durham, North Carolina); April died 23 December 1993 in Knightdale, North Carolina).

After age five, David lived with his father in Kingston, New York, and later they moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, near David's paternal grandparents. He displayed artistic talents throughout his teenage years. After graduating high school, David worked as a taxi driver for a time, and he also sold vacuum cleaners.

April graduated from Enfield Academy, a private school, and worked at a Rose's department store in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

David and April lived in Kure Beach, North Carolina, after their marriage, but they had no fixed residence at the time of their death.⁴ Although their obituaries in *The Evening Telegram*, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, indicates that both died on 26 December 1993,⁵ the actual date of death was established officially as 23 December.⁶ David and April were buried on 28 December 1993 in Elmwood Cemetery, Enfield, North Carolina. They had no children.

155. Jeanette Ann⁹ RIDENOUR (*Ellen,⁸ William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 27 March 1961 in Elkhart, Indiana; married in 1981, **Robert LIEVORE** (born ———).

Children of Jeanette and Robert LIEVORE:

- 213. i. Matthew¹⁰ LIEVORE, born ——— 1985.
- 214. ii. Samuel LIEVORE, born ——— 1986.

156. Brian Lee⁹ RIDENOUR (*Ellen,⁸ William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 9 July 1962 in Germany; married **Lisa DICKS** (born ———).

Children of Brian and Lisa RIDENOUR:

215. i. Joshua¹⁰ RIDENOUR, born ——— 1982.

216. ii. Krystal RIDENOUR, born ——— 1990.

157. Kelly Sue⁹ RIDENOUR (*Ellen,⁸ William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 31 July 1963 in Germany; married on 6 January 1982, **Harold OLDS** (born ———).

Children of Kelly and Harold OLDS:

217. i. Ryan¹⁰ OLDS, born 4 January 1984.

218. ii. Daniel OLDS, born 22 August 1985.

219. iii. Keven OLDS, born 23 March 1988.

158. Stephen Ray⁹ RIDENOUR (*Ellen,⁸ William,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 29 January 1965 in Texas; married **Mary Ann DIETRICH** (born ———).

Child of Stephen and Mary Ann RIDENOUR:

220. i. Janice¹⁰ RIDENOUR, born — July 1991.

165. Jeremy James⁹ CONSTANT (*Jeffrey,⁸ George,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 5 October 1971 in Westwood, New Jersey; married on 15 October 1994 in Hawthorn, New Jersey, **Felicia Susan MURPHY** (born 1 August 1974 in Texas).

Jeremy is a draftsman for a small company associated with the oil pipeline industry. He and Felicia live in Houston, around the corner from Jeremy's father.

166. Seth Adam⁹ CONSTANT (*Jeffrey,⁸ George,⁷ Chester,⁶ Henry,⁵ Silas,⁴ St. John,³ Silas,² Joseph¹*), born 11 August 1977 in Westwood, New Jersey; married on 8 November 1997 in The Woodlands, Texas, **Misty PERKINS** (born ——— in Texas).

Seth works as a draftsman in Conroe, Texas.

Empringham

Reginald Ruttan EMPRINGHAM (brother of Elfric Ethelbert EMPRINGHAM; see No. 73) drafted a brief History and Genealogy of the Empringham Family, and the biography of Dr. James EMPRINGHAM Sr. The surviving revision bears the date 14 August 1983.

These previously unpublished documents are shown here with some formatting changes, typographical errors corrected, and dates expressed with the months spelled out for clarity. Also, generation numbers, consistent with the rest of the Constant family history, are added in superscript to clarify the relationships of the family members. Other clarifying additions are shown in square brackets [].



History & Genealogy of the Empringham Family

James⁴ Empringham was a barrister and gentleman farmer. He and his wife, the former Elizabeth Edwards, lived at Chatteris, Isle of Ely, in the East Anglia part of England. Later they moved to Terrington, St. Clements, Norfolk, England, where they had a large estate known as Balaclava Farm. They had two children, Elizabeth and James. The daughter never married. She became a nurse and at one time lived in the vicinity of Bournemouth on the south coast of England. Their mother died about 1880 and the father then married Martha Slate, the daughter of a furrier, on 21 February 1882. They had one child, Edgar Ernest⁵ [Empringham], who was born 26 October 1885. He married his first wife in 1911 when he was 26. She died in 1946. In 1947, he married Jean ———. They lived in St. Albans, Hertshire. He was a vicar in the Church of England. He passed away a few years ago.

James⁵ Empringham [son of James⁴ and Elizabeth] emigrated to Canada about 1889 or 1890. He married Ethel Mabel Ruttan, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Baillie Ruttan and Adeliade Wacket (Wychoff?) of Wellington, Canada. James Empringham was born at Chatteris, Isle of Ely, England, on 12 June 1869. He died in Los Angeles, California, 17 February 1945. Ethel was born in Canada. Her birthday was 12 July but the year is not known. She never told her age and it was not on the tombstone where she was buried at Hillier Cemetery at Wellington, Canada. She passed away in 1938. James and Ethel had five sons:

Walter Ruttan⁶, born 17 January 1896 at Manatic, Canada.

Elfric Ethelbert, born 23 January 1898 at Barebrook, Canada (deceased).

Reginald Ruttan, born 2 October 1900 at Bullville, New York.

Cyril King, born 17 November 1904 at Syracuse, New York (deceased).

James Oswald, born 12 April 1912 at Syracuse, New York.

Walter married Ruth Constant and they had three sons. Douglas⁷ is a bachelor and lives in San Mateo, California. Donald⁷ married Barbara ——— and they have

four children: Martin,⁸ Michael, Nancy, and Mathew. They live in California. Richard⁷ married Virginia (Ginger) ——— and they have two children: Richard⁸ and Carmalita. They live in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ruth has passed on and Walter lives alone in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Elfric⁶ married Minnie [E.] Constant (she is the niece of Ruth Constant).^{††††} Minnie has passed on. Elfric then married “Georgia” ———. They had resided in Lubbock, Texas. Elfric has passed on and Georgia lives in Houston, Texas.

Reginald⁶ married Evelyn Marguente Rech on 10 December 1921 at Onieda, New York. They had one son, Reginald James⁷, born 8 April 1923. He now lives with his wife “Lu” at Chittenango, New York. Evelyn died of scarlet fever on 20 May 1923. Reginald⁶ then married Mary Hasbrouck 5 September 1925 at Salt Point, New York. She passed on 18 June 1977. She is resting in the family plot at Salt Point, New York. They had one child, Mary-Elizabeth,⁷ who married Ronald Atkins at Wappingers Falls, New York. They have two sons, Peter Herrick⁸ Atkins and Timothy Barnard Atkins, and a daughter, Suzanne Elizabeth Atkins.^{††††}

Cyril⁶ married Myra ——— and they had two sons, Dana⁷ and Todd. Cyril has passed away. Myra still lives at Centerpoint, Long Island, New York.

James Oswald⁶ married Pauline Rosebrook. They have no children of their own. They adopted Pamela⁷ and Dana. Pamela is divorced. She has a son, Jason,⁸ and a daughter, Lisa. Dana⁷ married Linda ———. They have a son, Scott,⁸ and a daughter, Julie. They live in San Diego, California. James Oswald⁶ and Pauline live at West Lake Village, California.

After the passing of Ethel Mabel⁵ [Ruttan] Empringham in 1938, her husband married Marguerita Flez (Fleiz?). They had one child, Antoinette Fleur,⁶ present address is not known.



^{††††} The identity of this Ruth Constant was only recently (June 2010) identified as the daughter of Harry Room Constant and Lillian Smith, who were previously believed to have had no children. Ruth and her parents are shown in the 1920 census in Bogota, New Jersey. She is the same Ruth Constant who married Walter Ruttan Empringham, brother of Elfric Empringham. The notation that Minnie is “the niece of Ruth Constant” is inverted; Ruth is actually the niece of Minnie.

^{††††} Mary-Elizabeth “Betsy” Empringham provided the following information on her family:

Mary-Elizabeth Empringham was born 17 October 1934 in New York City, the daughter of Reginald Ruttan Empringham and Mary Hasbrouck Empringham. She married, on 23 June 1956 in Poughkeepsie, New York, Ronald Raymond Atkins (born 8 March 1933). Their children:

- i. Peter Herrick Atkins, born 23 April 1962 in New York City. He married, on 1 June 1991, Julia Coyle.
- ii. Timothy Barnard Atkins, born 20 August 1963 in New York City. He married, on 17 December 1983, Heidi Sigmund. They have a child, Christa Robin Atkins, born 17 July 1984.
- iii. Suzanne Elizabeth Atkins, born 12 October 1965 in Mt. Kisco, New York.

The Biography of Dr. James Empringham Sr.

Dr. Empringham was born in Chatteris, Isle of Ely, Cambridge, England, on 12 June 1869, the son of James Empringham and Elizabeth Edwards. During his infancy and early childhood he was a chronic invalid. During that period his mother passed away. The family felt that the boy could be better brought up in the ancestral home of his grandparents on the south coast of England. With him went his sister who was a nurse. It is believed that the home was in the vicinity of Bournemouth, England. Young James lived there until he was fourteen. The home was in a remote area and the boy had to travel four miles to school. The family had excellent stables and the boy had his own pony to go back and forth. In the mean time his father married Martha Slate and they made their home at Terrington, Norfolkshire, England. At about sixteen, James went to work for a chemist where he was bound out for his room, board, and expenses. Later he entered the University of London where he majored in bio-chemistry, analytical chemistry and micro-biology. He received degrees of B. S., D. Sc. D. M., and Ph. D. He was a professor of micro-biology at St. Margarets in London, and also was the director of the Kensington Laboratories in London.

In the early 1890s, he emigrated to Canada where he married Ethel Mabel Ruttan, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Baillie Ruttan and Adelaide Ruttan of Wellington, Ontario, Canada. James had secured a job as a medical missionary to the lumber jacks in the lumber region north of Ottawa, Canada. The bride and groom moved to this area and in 1895 made their home in Manatic, a suburb of Ottawa. In 1898 they moved to Barebrook, Canada. About this time, he changed jobs and became a lecturer on the Chautauqua circuit in New York State. Dr. Empringham covered various areas in the state. He lectured on such subjects as medicine, religion, the Holy Land, Egypt, and archeology, and temperance. About 1900 the family moved to Bullville, New York, in the Catskills. On weekends he served as lay leader and minister's assistant in the local protestant churches in the area. In 1902 they moved to Prattsville, New York, where he served in a similar fashion. In his spare time he took courses at the theological seminary to get a degree of Doctor of Divinity. About 1903 he received a call from the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York to serve as the minister of the Free Church of St. Andrews at Onondaga Valley, New York. This was an auxiliary church of St. Paul's Cathedral of Syracuse, New York. During his ministry there the attendance grew considerably. He was then assigned to preach at St. Paul's Cathedral with similar results. In 1906 he was transferred to St. Paul's Church to be assistant to the Rev. Almon A. Jaynes. In 1907, Dr. Jaynes was transferred to other work in the Diocese, at that point, Dr. Empringham was named Rector, with an all time high salary of \$3000 per year plus an allowance for living expenses. At that time there was much controversy in the various Diocese of the church as to whether it should be a "high" or "low" church. The "high" church group wanted to use the various customs and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church, while the "low" church insisted that they were a part of the "reformation" and that their church [follow] the customs of the Protestant movement. Dr. Empringham was "low" church and insisted on using the customs of that group. While at St. Paul's, he did much research on the subject. He wrote two books on the subject. They were "Dangerous Deceits Exposed" and "The Episcopal Church, For Which She Does Stand" which were published in 1914.

Some members of St. Paul's Church, including the Vestry, were "high" church. In 1916, the matter came to a head and at a Vestry meeting Dr. Empringham resigned his post. During his ten-year stay at St. Paul's Church, he was known as a forceful speaker and held his audience spellbound. During his tenure at St. Paul's Chancellor Day, Syracuse University awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

During the family stay in Syracuse, they lived at 152 Hopper Street (now known as Greenwood Place), and also at 617 S. Crouse Avenue, and later at 615 S. Crouse Avenue. In 1916 he signed on as a lecturer on temperance for the "Anti-saloon League" in New York City. He was not satisfied with their method of operation and, after a few months, resigned from the job. He was offered the post of director of the "Church Temperance Society" of the Episcopal Church. After the passing of the Prohibition Amendment, the church decided that there was no longer any need for the Society. Dr. Empringham then decided to go back to his original occupation of health work. He organized the "Health Education Society" in New York City, and then in the late 1920s moved his operations to Los Angeles, California.

In 1916, the family moved to 39 Willow Avenue in North Pelham, Westchester, New York. They were there for about a year and a half, and then moved to 22 Arden Place, Greystone Park, Yonkers, New York. Later they moved to 1649 St. Nicholas Avenue in the Ft. George section of New York City.

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Several documents are cited extensively in these endnotes. The following abbreviations are used for these documents:

- “*Journal*” *The Journal of the Reverend Silas Constant*, by Emily Warren Roebling; Edited by Josiah Granville Leach, LL.B., originally published for private circulation by J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1903. Republished in 1976 by the Somers Historical Society, Somers, New York; 1984 edition co-sponsored by the Bank of New York.
- “1835 Bible Notes” Five pages of handwritten notes written in the front of a family Bible, containing names and vital statistics of the families of Rev. Silas Constant, St. John Constant and Nathaniel Hyatt. Accompanying the pages are the title page and photo plate of the Bible, “The new Testament of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; According to the Authorized Version; With the References and Marginal Readings of the Polyglott Bible, and Numerous Additions from Bagster’s Comprehensive Bible,” First Edition. New York: E. P. Peaslee, 1835. Original of the Bible Notes in the possession of George Constant [No. 99]
- “JAC Biography” Copy of unsigned and undated biography on Joseph Anthony Constant, found among receipted tax bills paid from his estate after his death. Transcribed by Maris Constant Job [No. 101], January 1981. Original and transcription located at The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents.
- “Index Cards” A file of index cards created by Maris Constant Job [No. 101], a compilation of facts from various sources. The cards vary in detail, from simply an individual’s name, to various vital statistics, spouse and children’s names. Original located at The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents.
- “1802 Bible Notes” One page of handwritten notes that appear to be from a family Bible. The notes contain the names of various family members, with birth, marriage and/or death dates. The page includes the inscription, “Published at Philadelphia, PA, Printed by Matthew Carez, No. 118 Market St., October 25, 1802.”
- “Peekskill Ledger” Entries in a ledger located at the Peekskill Historical Society. The ledger appears to be an official document that records vital statistics and biographical information about various individuals, including Constant family members.
- “Constant Family History (Draft)” Constant Family History (draft), written by Maris Constant Job [No. 101]. This is an extensive narrative of Constant relatives and in-laws, and includes numerous anecdotes and personal information. Original at The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 6, Folder “Constant Restricted.” This document is labeled “restricted” by the NYHS because it apparently contains details of people who may still be living.

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- ¹ *Journal*, page xi

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- ¹ *Journal*, page xi
² 1802 Bible notes.
³ Notes from author's visit to the two churchyards associated with the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, New York, on 2 July 1996.
⁴ *New York Weekly Museum*, 3 September 1808, No. 1020, pg 3, col. 3. Microfilm 3043, Library of Congress, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room, Madison Building.
⁵ *Journal*, page xiv.
⁶ 1802 Bible Notes.
⁷ Notes from author's visit to the two churchyards associated with the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, New York, on 2 July 1996.
⁸ *Journal*, page xiv.
⁹ *Journal*, page xx
¹⁰ Letter from Maris to Carolyn Wrightson, 8 March 1979.
¹¹ *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 55, No. 2, April 1924, page 150, citing Abstracts of Wills Recorded at White Plains, Westchester County, NY, Subsequent to May 1, 1787; Library of Congress, Local History and Genealogy Reading Room. As recorded in author's Notebook No. 2, 5 March 1986.
¹² *Arts & Crafts in New York 1800-04*, by Rita Susswein Gottesman (1965, NY Historical Society), page 192 ff; as recorded in notes dated 2 March 1979 by Carolyn Wrightson, page 6, during her research at the NY Historical Society Library 14 February 1979, photocopy attached as enclosure (3) to a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995 from Mary Allison, Archivist, Hastings Historical Society, Hastings on Hudson, New York.
¹³ Undated notes by Carolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1) to a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
¹⁴ 1820 Census, New York. Roll 75, National Archives. As recorded in author's notebook #2, 11/29/84.
¹⁵ 1830 Census, New York. Roll 112, National Archives. As recorded in author's notebook #2, 11/29/84.
¹⁶ Last Will and Testament of Jane Constant dated 26 November 1830, with Codicil dated 1 January 1831. Photocopy of transcription.

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- ¹ *Journal*, page xv
² 1835 Bible Notes
³ *Journal*, page 204.
⁴ *Journal*, page 202.
⁵ 1835 Bible Notes
⁶ *Journal*, page 202.
⁷ 1835 Bible Notes
⁸ *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 111, No. 2, April 1980, page 86; Library of Congress, Local History and Genealogy Reading Room; as recorded in author's Notebook No. 2, 5 March 1986.
⁹ *Council of Appointment, Military Records 1784-1821*, Vol. 1-4, page 604; F118.N53, Library of Congress; as recorded in author's notes of 27 December 1984.
¹⁰ *Journal*, page 204, footnote 251.

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- ¹¹ *Peekskill, a Friendly Town*; by Chester A. Smith, 1952, pages 21, 197, 203. As recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, photocopy attached as enclosure (1) to a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995 from Mary Allison, Archivist, Hastings Historical Society, Hastings on Hudson, New York.
- ¹² 1835 Bible Notes
- ¹³ 1835 Bible Notes
- ¹⁴ 1835 Bible Notes
- ¹⁵ *Journal*, page 205, continuation of footnote 251.
- ¹⁶ 1835 Bible Notes
- ¹⁷ 1835 Bible Notes
- ¹⁸ *Journal*, page 205, continuation of footnote 251.
- ¹⁹ *Journal*, page 205.
- ²⁰ 1835 Bible Notes
- ²¹ 1835 Bible Notes
- ²² *Journal*, page xv.
- ²³ Visit to the Hillside Cemetery by George and Doris Constant
- ²⁴ *New York Weekly Museum*, 8 June 1805. Index to Marriages and Deaths, as recorded in undated notes written by Karolyn Wrightson, page 3 of 9; consisting of extracted entries of numerous documents. The Index is also available on the Internet at <http://users.itsnet.com/~pauld/cgi-bin/nymnd>.
- ²⁵ "Mr. Constant's Ancestors, Mother's Side," undated, unsigned note. The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 6.
- ²⁶ JAC Biography.
- ²⁷ *New York Evening Post*, March 6, 1807, page 3, column 3; Microfilm 3043; Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Current Periodical Room.
- ²⁸ *Council of Appointment, Military Records*, page 449.
- ²⁹ *Correspondence of the Van Cortlandt Family of Cortlandt Manor 1800-1814*, edited by Judd, pg 48; as recorded in undated notes written by Karolyn Wrightson, page 7.
- ³⁰ *Council of Appointment, Military Records*, page 465; As recorded in author's notebook #2, 27 Dec 1984.
- ³¹ *Council of Appointment, Military Records*, page 490.
- ³² *Council of Appointment, Military Records*, page 588.
- ³³ *Journal*, page xv.
- ³⁴ *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 88, No. 2, April 1957, page 75; Vol. 88, No. 4, Oct 1957, page 222; Library of Congress, Local History and Genealogy Reading Room; as recorded in author's Notebook No. 2, 5 March 1986.
- ³⁵ *Memorial History of the City of New York, From Its First Settlement to the Year 1892*, Wilson, James G., Ed., Volume 3, page 166; F 128.3.W74; as noted in Karolyn Wrightson's notes of 2 March 1979, enclosure (1), page 8, to a letter to the author 23 February 1995.
- ³⁶ *Memorial History of the City of New York, From Its First Settlement to the Year 1892*, Wilson, James G., Ed., Vol. 3, pages 104 and 166; F 128.3.W74; as noted in Karolyn Wrightson's notes of 2 March 1979, Enclosures (1) and (3) to a letter to the author 23 February 1995.
- ³⁷ *Sheriffs of Westchester County*, as noted in Karolyn Wrightson's notes of 2 March 1979, enclosure (3) to a letter to the author 23 February 1995.
- ³⁸ *Sheriffs of Westchester County*, page 814.
- ³⁹ JAC Biography.
- ⁴⁰ 1810 Census for New York.
- ⁴¹ Index of Wills for New York County, 55/281; in notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 3, in a letter to the author 23 February 1995.
- ⁴² JAC Biography, page 1.
- ⁴³ *New York Evening Post*, 6 March 1807, page 3. Microfilm. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodical Reading Room. As recorded in author's notebook #8, page 4.
- ⁴⁴ Conversation with Miranda Constant Marvin, 12 June 1996. As recorded in author's notebook #6, page 66.
- ⁴⁵ Notes from information obtained from the Frick Art Reference Library by Karolyn Wrightson, 2 March 1979, enclosure (3) to 23 Feb 95 letter to the author.

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- ⁴⁶ *Journal*, pages 201, 376.
⁴⁷ *Journal*, page xv.
⁴⁸ Bible Notes
⁴⁹ 1802 Bible Notes
⁵⁰ *Journal*, page 201, 416.
⁵¹ 1802 Bible Notes
⁵² Notes from author's visit to the two churchyards associated with the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, 2 July 1996.
⁵³ *Journal*, page 201.
⁵⁴ 1802 Bible Notes
⁵⁵ *Journal*, page 201.
⁵⁶ 1802 Bible Notes
⁵⁷ *Journal*, page 277, footnote 304.
⁵⁸ Notes from author's visit to the two churchyards associated with the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, New York, 2 July 1996.
⁵⁹ Social Security Death Index.
⁶⁰ 1802 Bible Notes
⁶¹ *Journal*, page 202.
⁶² 1802 Bible Notes
⁶³ 1802 Bible Notes
⁶⁴ *Journal*, page 202.
⁶⁵ 1802 Bible Notes
⁶⁶ *Journal*, page 202.
⁶⁷ 1802 Bible Notes
⁶⁸ *Journal*, page 202.
⁶⁹ Notes from author's visit to the two churchyards associated with the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, on 2 July 1996.
⁷⁰ 1802 Bible Notes
⁷¹ Notes from author's visit to the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, and its main and East church yards, on 2 July 1996.
⁷² *Journal*, page 202.
⁷³ Notes from author's visit to the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, and its main and East church yards, on 2 July 1996.
⁷⁴ *Journal*, page 194, footnote 245.
⁷⁵ Notes from author's visit to the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, and its main and East church yards, on 2 July 1996.
⁷⁶ Notes from author's visit to the First Presbyterian Church, Yorktown.
⁷⁷ *Journal*, pages xv, 194, 382.

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- ¹ IGI, New York.
² 1835 Bible Notes
³ Visit to the Hillside Cemetery by George and Doris Constant
⁴ *Journal*, page 204, footnote 251, and page 416.
⁵ *Council of Appointment, Military Records*, pages 1915 and 2095; as recorded in author's notebook #2, 27 Dec 1984.
⁶ *Journal*, page 204, footnote 251.
⁷ IGI Addendum, Family History Library; as recorded in author's notebook #6, page 88.
⁸ Peekskill Ledger
⁹ IGI Addendum, Family History Library; as recorded in author's notebook #6, page 88.
¹⁰ Peekskill Ledger
¹¹ Peekskill Ledger

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- ¹² Peekskill Ledger
- ¹³ IGI Addendum, Family History Library; as recorded in author's notebook #6, page 88.
- ¹⁴ Peekskill Ledger
- ¹⁵ IGI Addendum, Family History Library; as recorded in author's notebook #6, page 88.
- ¹⁶ Peekskill Ledger
- ¹⁷ Peekskill Ledger
- ¹⁸ Peekskill Ledger
- ¹⁹ Peekskill Ledger
- ²⁰ Peekskill Ledger
- ²¹ 1835 Bible Notes
- ²² *Journal*, page 205, continuation of footnote 251.
- ²³ Family Finder Search Utility, www.familytreemaker.com
- ²⁴ Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society.
- ²⁵ Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society.
- ²⁶ 1835 Bible Notes
- ²⁷ *Journal*, page 258, footnote 295.
- ²⁸ Ancestral File, CD ROM; Family History Library, Annandale, Virginia. Submitter: Owen J. Cook, 11794 Eaton Drive, Grand Terrace, California 92313.
- ²⁹ Ancestral File.
- ³⁰ Ancestral File.
- ³¹ 1835 Bible Notes
- ³² *Journal*, page 205, continuation of footnote 251.
- ³³ 1835 Bible Notes
- ³⁴ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (1), part A, page 4.
- ³⁵ 1835 Bible Notes
- ³⁶ *Journal*, page 204, continuation of footnote 251.
- ³⁷ "Constant, Copied from papers in Peekskill N.Y." Page 4 of undated notes comprising enclosure (1), part A, of a letter to the author dated 21 November 1994 from the Somers Historical Society, Somers, New York. Pages 1-3 of these notes are hand-copied from "Bible Notes" (see). The source of the notes on pages 4 and 5 is unknown. Hereinafter referred to as "Somers Historical Society letter 21 November 1994, enclosure (1), part A."
- ³⁸ Page 5 of untitled and undated notes comprising enclosure (3) of a letter to the author dated 21 November 1994 from the Somers Historical Society, Somers, New York. Hereinafter referred to as "Somers Historical Society letter 21 November 1994, enclosure (3)."
- ³⁹ Visit to the Hillside Cemetery by George and Doris Constant
- ⁴⁰ IGI and IGI Addendum, CD ROM; Family History Center, Annandale, Virginia. Recorded in author's notebook no. 6, pages 85-89.
- ⁴¹ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
- ⁴² Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
- ⁴³ *New York Evening Post* Death Records, Volume 28, page 28; F128.25.B27, Library of Congress; as recorded in author's Notebook #2, November 1984.
- ⁴⁴ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
- ⁴⁵ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
- ⁴⁶ *New York Evening Post* Death Records, Volume 20, page 41; F128.25.B27, Library of Congress; as recorded in author's Notebook #2, November 1984.
- ⁴⁷ JAC Biography, page 1.
- ⁴⁸ *New York Evening Post*, Obituary Index, 22 March 1860; as recorded in undated notes written by Carolyn Wrightson, page 7.
- ⁴⁹ *10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York 1772-1834*. Fred Q. Bowman. Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., Baltimore MD 1987. VREF 929.3747 Bowm, page 55. As recorded in author's notebook #8, pg. 12.
- ⁵⁰ Letter from Eliza Sinclair Constant to father William Sinclair, Paris, 13 August 1852. The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Document #186.
- ⁵¹ *New York Weekly Museum*, 28 December 1811. Index of Marriages and Deaths, as shown on the Internet, <http://users.itsnet.com/~pauld/cgi-bin/nymnd>.

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- ⁵² List of Documents (“Key”) for the Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society, entry for document #197.
- ⁵³ *New York Weekly Museum*, 28 December 1811. Index of Marriages and Deaths, as shown on the Internet at <http://users.itsnet.com/~pauld/cgi-bin/nymnd>.
- ⁵⁴ *History of Westchester County*, Scharf, J. Thomas, 1886; as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 1, in a letter to the author 23 February 1995.
- ⁵⁵ Abstract of Title, Gisbert Flanz; as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 2, and enclosure (2), page 2, in a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
- ⁵⁶ Letter from Maris Constant Job to Karolyn Wrightson, 8 March 1979.
- ⁵⁷ *The History of Several Towns, Manors, and Patents of the County of Westchester*, by the Rev. Tobert Bolton, 1881, Vol. I, p. 272; as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, page 7.
- ⁵⁸ Hastings Historical Society Newsletter, Spring 1979.
- ⁵⁹ Hastings Historical Society Newsletter, Spring 1979.
- ⁶⁰ List of Documents (“Key”) for the Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society, entries for documents #159-164.
- ⁶¹ Abstract of Title, Gisbert Flanz; as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 2, and notes dated 13 February 1979, enclosure (2), page 2, in a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
- ⁶² *Life and Letters of Washington Irving*, Pierre M. Irving, Vol. III, N.Y., 1863, pages 116-117; as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 6, in a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
- ⁶³ Letter from Maris Sinclair Constant Job to Karolyn Wrightson dated 8 March 1979.
- ⁶⁴ List of Documents (“Key”) for the Lumen Reed, et al, collection, New-York Historical Society, entry for document #182.
- ⁶⁵ *The Enterprise*, Hastings on Hudson, New York, 10 December 1981, page 13.
- ⁶⁶ *Selected Letters About Sunnyside*, Volume I, 1835-53. as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 7, in a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
- ⁶⁷ *Selected Letters About Sunnyside*, Volume I, 1835-53. as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, enclosure (1), page 7, in a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
- ⁶⁸ Hastings Historical Society Newsletter, Spring 1979.
- ⁶⁹ *Washington Irving History, Tales and Sketches*, James W. Tuttleton, Editor, Literary Classics of the United States, Inc., New York, NY, 1983; Editor’s notes on the texts, page 1105.
- ⁷⁰ *Doggett’s New York City Directory 1850-51*. F128.21.A 1850
- ⁷¹ *Trow’s New York City Directory 1862-63*. F.28.25T7
- ⁷² *The History of Several Towns, Manors, and Patents of the County of Westchester*, by the Rev. Tobert Bolton, 1881, Vol. I, p. xv; as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, page 7.
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- ⁷⁴ List of Documents (“Key”) for the Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society, entry for document #193.
- ⁷⁵ Unsigned, undated obituary of Eliza S. Constant. Document #198 of the Lumen Reed, et al, collection, New-York Historical Society.
- ⁷⁶ As recorded in notes by Karolyn Wrightson dated 13 February 1979; enclosure (2), page 2, of a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995.
- ⁷⁷ Index Cards.
- ⁷⁸ Index Cards.
- ⁷⁹ Index Cards.
- ⁸⁰ Index Cards.

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¹ Ancestral File, CD ROM, Family History Library, Annandale, Virginia.

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- ² Ancestral File.
 - ³ Ancestral File.
 - ⁴ Ancestral File.
 - ⁵ *The New York Times*, 4 October 1908, page 9, column 5. Microfilm. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room.
 - ⁶ *The New York Times*, 17 November 1859, page 5, column 5. Microfilm. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room.
 - ⁷ Ancestral File.
 - ⁸ Ancestral File.
 - ⁹ Ancestral File.
 - ¹⁰ Ancestral File.
 - ¹¹ Ancestral File.
 - ¹² Ancestral File.
 - ¹³ Ancestral File.
 - ¹⁴ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
 - ¹⁵ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
 - ¹⁶ *The New York Times*, 20 March 1899; Microfilm, Library of Congress Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room. As recorded in author's Notebook #8, page 5.
 - ¹⁷ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 5.
 - ¹⁸ *Roster of Union Soldiers 1861-1865, New York, Aab, George to Culyler, James*, Pg 431. As recorded in author's notebook #8, pg. 13.
 - ¹⁹ 1880 New York Census Index, Roll 32, National Archives, as recorded in author's Notebook #2, 7 November 1984.
 - ²⁰ *Brooklyn City Directory, 1880-81 and 1899-90*.
 - ²¹ 1900 Census Index for New York, Roll 124, National Archives, as recorded in author's Notebook #2, 7 November 1984.
 - ²² Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), page 4.
 - ²³ 1900 Census Index for New York, Roll 124, National Archives, as recorded in author's Notebook #2, 7 November 1984.
 - ²⁴ Henry Constant's Civil War pension records, Pension #11556677. Copies in possession of George Constant.
 - ²⁵ 1900 Census for New York, Roll 1061, National Archives; as recorded in author's Notebook #2, 29 November 1984.
 - ²⁶ Henry Constant's Civil War pension records.
 - ²⁷ Henry Constant's Civil War pension records.
 - ²⁸ Letter from Somers Historical Society, enclosure (3), page 5.
 - ²⁹ 1900 Census for New York, Roll 1061.
 - ³⁰ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, with enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ³¹ 1900 Census for New York, Roll 1061.
 - ³² Henry Constant's Civil War pension records.
 - ³³ 1880 Census for New York, Roll 945, page 53B, National Archives; as recorded in author's Notebook #2, 29 November 1984.
 - ³⁴ 1900 Census for New York, Roll 1061, National Archives; author's Notebook #2, 29 November 1984.
 - ³⁵ 1880 Census for New York, Roll 945, page 53B, National Archives; author's Notebook #2, 29 November 1984.
 - ³⁶ Henry Constant's Civil War pension records.
 - ³⁷ Henry Constant's obituary, from an undated newspaper clipping. Newspaper is probably the *Bergen Evening Record*.
 - ³⁸ *The New York Times*, 3 March 1913, page 9. Obituary for Minnie (Constant) Edminster. Microfilm. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room. As recorded in author's notebook #8, page 6.
 - ³⁹ Somers Historical Society letter of 21 November 1994, enclosure (3), pages 4 and 5.
 - ⁴⁰ *The New York Times*, 25 September 1901, page 9, col. 7. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room. As recorded in author's notebook #8, (loose page).

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- ⁴¹ *The New York Times*, 25 September 1901, page 9, col. 7. Library of Congress, Madison Building, Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Room. As recorded in author's notebook #8, (loose page).
- ⁴² Index Cards.
- ⁴³ Marriage Certificate, William Sinclair Constant and Mary Fuller Allen. The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 6.
- ⁴⁴ JAC Biography.
- ⁴⁵ List of Documents ("Key") for the Lumen Reed, et al, collection, The New-York Historical Society, entry for document #80.
- ⁴⁶ 1880 Census for New York, Roll 857, page 514B, as recorded in author's Notebook #2, 29 November 1984.
- ⁴⁷ List of Documents ("Key") for the Lumen Reed, et al, collection, The New-York Historical Society, entries for documents #90, 91 and 92.
- ⁴⁸ Letter from Maris to Karolyn Wrightson 27 January 1981, page 2.
- ⁴⁹ *City Directories*, New York Public Library, microfilm, as recorded in undated notes by Karolyn Wrightson, page 5 of 9
- ⁵⁰ 1900 Census Index for New York, Roll 124, enumerated as "Si[ster]" with Constant, William H.; recorded in author's Notebook #2, 7 November 1984.
- ⁵¹ Letter from Beatrice Job to Karolyn Wrightson 28 Marcy 1980; New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 5, Folder "Constant Current".
- ⁵² Letter from Maris to Karolyn Wrightson, 8 March 1979, page 3.
- ⁵³ Index Cards.
- ⁵⁴ BA Degree Certificate; The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 6.
- ⁵⁵ Index Cards.
- ⁵⁶ Conversation with Miranda Constant Marvin, 12 June 1996. As recorded in author's notebook #6, page 66.
- ⁵⁷ Index Cards.
- ⁵⁸ Conversation with Miranda Constant Marvin, 12 June 1996. As recorded in author's notebook #6, page 66.
- ⁵⁹ Index Cards.
- ⁶⁰ List of Documents ("Key") for the Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society, entry for document #126.
- ⁶¹ Index Cards.
- ⁶² 1900 Census Index for New York, Roll 124, enumerated as "A[unt]" with Constant, William H.; recorded in author's Notebook #2, 7 November 1984.
- ⁶³ Photograph of James C. Kempton (reverse). The New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 5, Folder "Misc. Photos".
- ⁶⁴ Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, The New-York Historical Society.
- ⁶⁵ Constant Family History (Draft)
- ⁶⁶ Constant Family History (Draft)
- ⁶⁷ Constant Family History (Draft)

SIXTH GENERATION

- ¹ Ancestral File, CD ROM, Family History Center, Annandale, Virginia.
- ² Ancestral File.
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- ⁴ Ancestral File.
- ⁵ Ancestral File.
- ⁶ Ancestral File.
- ⁷ Ancestral File.
- ⁸ Letter from Somers Historical Society, enclosure (3), page 5.
- ⁹ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.

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- ¹⁰ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ¹¹ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ¹² Notes from conversation with Alberta Constant, in author's Constant notebook.
 - ¹³ *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, 30 December 1937, page 9; as recorded in author's Notebook No. 8, page 7.
 - ¹⁴ Conversation with Pat Adonetti, as recorded in author's Notebook No.6, page 74.
 - ¹⁵ Letter from Somers Historical Society, enclosure (3), page 5.
 - ¹⁶ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ¹⁷ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ¹⁸ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ¹⁹ Henry Constant's Civil War pension records. Pension #115667.
 - ²⁰ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ²¹ California Death Index 1940-1997, rootsweb.com
 - ²² 1900 Census for New York, Roll 1061.
 - ²³ 1900 Census for New York, Roll 1061.
 - ²⁴ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ²⁵ Marriage certificate for Chester Constant and Margarita Peck. Original in the possession of George Constant, Paramus, NJ.
 - ²⁶ SSDI.
 - ²⁷ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ²⁸ SSDI.
 - ²⁹ Letter from George Constant to the author, 10 October 1996, enclosure showing vital statistics for Henry, his wife and children.
 - ³⁰ US Army Honorable Discharge Certificate, 7 April 1919, for Chester B. Constant. Original in possession of George Constant.
 - ³¹ Letter from Chester Constant to his father Henry Constant, 10 June 1918; original in the possession of George Constant, Paramus, NJ; copy sent to the author, February 1977.
 - ³² US Army Honorable Discharge Certificate, 7 April 1919, for Chester B. Constant. Original in possession of George Constant.
 - ³³ Notes from author's interviews with George Constant, 15 February 1997 and August 1998.
 - ³⁴ Last Will and Testament of Chester Bassett Constant 10 June 1936. In possession of George Constant.
 - ³⁵ Index Cards.
 - ³⁶ JAC Biography
 - ³⁷ Index Cards.
 - ³⁸ Index Cards.
 - ³⁹ Letter from Maris Constant to The Archivist, Trinity House, Town Hall, London, UK, 25 January 1980; New-York Historical Society, Reed/Allen/Constant Documents, Box 5, Folder "Constant Current."
 - ⁴⁰ Index Cards.
 - ⁴¹ Constant Family History (Draft).
 - ⁴² 1900 Census Index for New York, Roll 124, listed as Head of Household; recorded in author's Notebook #2, 7 November 1984.

SEVENTH GENERATION

- ¹ Social Security Death Index, CD ROM, Family History Library, Annandale, Virginia.

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- ² Conversation with Pat Adonetti 16 November 1996; as recorded in author's Notebook No. 6, page 74.
 - ³ *The Descendants of Jacob Longyear of Ulster County, New York*, compiled by Edmund J. Longyear, Los Angeles, CA, 1942, The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, New Haven, CT; Library of Congress, Local History and Genealogy Reading Room.
 - ⁴ Notes from author's interviews with Alberta Constant, 7 April 1988 and other dates.
 - ⁵ 1910, 1920 and 1930 Census.
 - ⁶ Westchester County, New York marriage records 1908-1930, personal name index
 - ⁷ Social Security Death Index.
 - ⁸ *The New York Times*, 30 March 1957. Microfilm, Mercy College Library. As recorded in notes dated 2 March 1979 by Karolyn Wrightson, page 2; photocopy attached as enclosure (3) to a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995 from Mary Allison, Archivist, Hastings Historical Society, Hastings on Hudson, New York.
 - ⁹ Social Security Death Index.
 - ¹⁰ Social Security Death Index.
 - ¹¹ Social Security Death Index.
 - ¹² Conversation with Miranda Constant Marvin, 12 June 1996. As recorded in author's notebook #6, page 66.
 - ¹³ *The New York Times*, 30 March 1957. Microfilm, Mercy College Library. As recorded in notes dated 2 March 1979 by Karolyn Wrightson, page 2; photocopy attached as enclosure (3) to a letter to the author dated 23 February 1995 from Mary Allison, Archivist, Hastings Historical Society, Hastings on Hudson, New York.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Note: All information in this generation was provided by the individuals during personal interviews with the author, except as otherwise noted.

- ¹ Electronic Mail from Miranda Marvin to the author 22 June 1996.
- ² Empringham family history, shown in the last chapter.
- ³ Empringham family history, shown in the last chapter.

NINTH AND TENTH GENERATIONS

Note: All information in this generation was provided by the individuals during personal interviews with the author, except as otherwise noted.

- ¹ *The Wall Street Journal*, New York, New York, 26 June 2001; online edition.
- ² Letter from Mark Constant to the author, October 1996.
- ³ Obituary, fredricksburg.com
- ⁴ *The News & Observer*, Raleigh, North Carolina, Durham Edition, 28 December 1993; microfilm, Library of Congress, Madison Building.
- ⁵ *The Daily Telegraph*, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Col. 83, No. 72, 28 December 1993.
- ⁶ Social Security Death Index.