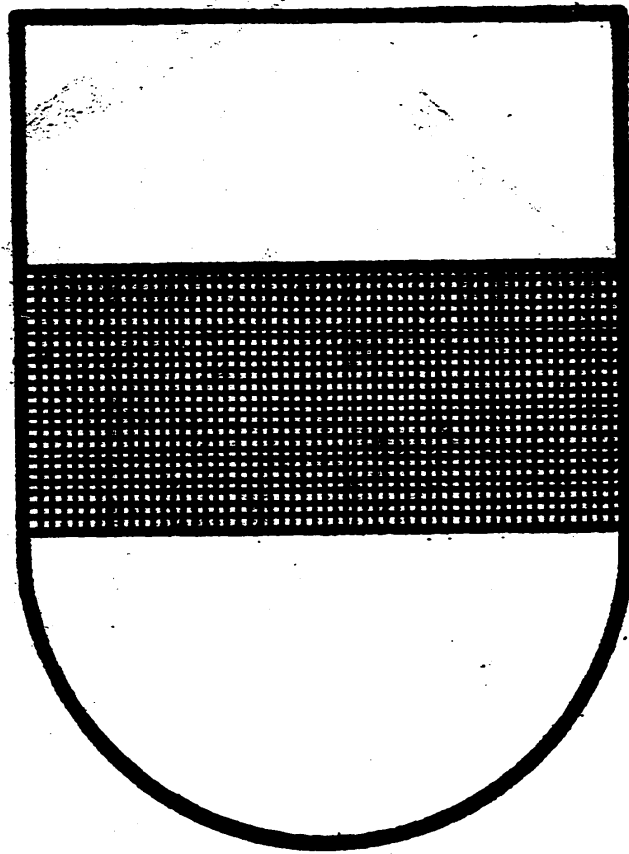


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## HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

D'arg. A la fasce de sa. C.: un panache de plumes en forme de pomme de pin, aux armes de l'ecu.

## ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Arms—Argent, a fesse sable.

Crest—A plume of feathers in the form of a pine-cone, charged with the arms of the shield.

# HAUS

## SYMBOLIC DESCRIPTION

The shield is silver: in heraldry this denotes purity, justice and peace.

The family jewel is the pearl.

The fesse represents the girdle worn over the armor by officials of rank at certain important court functions. It symbolizes solidity and strength. The feathers of the crest indicate the idea of will to bend but not break; "No force can alter the armsbearers decision, the same as the feather, which cannot be shaken in to disorder by the wind."

# **THE HOUSE FAMILY**

OF

## **THE MOHAWK**

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**Dedicated to My Beloved Wife**  
**L. Josephine Smith Shaver**  
**a Member of the House Family**

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Without whose aid this work would not  
have been compiled.

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## Foreword

The following of the House Family in its journey with the Palatinate refugees from Germany to England, and with the assistance of Good Queen Anne and the Rev. Kocherthal to America, and its genealogical lines since reaching these shores in years 1708 to 1710 has been a more momentous undertaking than I anticipated when beginning this task.

The early history of the family was taken from records found in the archives of the Mohawk Valley; the later history from members of the present generation.

Errors there may be and omissions also, but these must be excused as only the data which each branch or member thereof furnished could be used in the records.

With gratitude to those who in any way assisted in the gathering of the records, I submit them for your approval.

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# The House Family of the Mohawk

## CHAPTER I

In order to find the progenitor of the House lines who live in or have descended from the Mohawk Valley families, we must go back to the period of 1708-1709. Among the Palatinate refugees who came from England to America with the Rev. Joshua Kocherthal was one Christian Hauss. We find also in the church records of the Rev. Kocherthal the following: Married Sept. 27, 1710, Christian Hauss, widower, a carpenter of Alten-Staden, near Welzlar in the ducy of Solms, to Anna Catherine, widow of the late Johann Becker of Durnberg, near Deitz in the sovereignty of Schomberg.

It is supposed that Christian Hauss' first wife as well as Johann Becker died on the voyage over, or soon after reaching these shores, as history of that period tells us that sickness and privations took many lives, both on the voyage over and the winter following. In the census of 1713-1714 it is shown that Christian Hauss and wife Maria Catherina together with eight children are living at Neu-Heesburg on the Hudson River. It can be easily seen that most of these children were by the first wife and bears out a tradition in the House family, "that six brothers came from England to America together." The names of these six sons of Christian House will be given later in this writing. There is a record of Christian Houys being naturalized October 11, 1715. At the present time we have been unable to learn whether Christian Hauss left any children by his second marriage and we are sorry to say we have been unable to find a record of the name of his first wife, the mother of the children he brought to America with him.

In Governor Hunter's list of Palatines who received assistance (ration list) was the name of John Christian Haus, identical with the Christian Haus mentioned above as the given names John and Christian were many times coupled together and have so come down through the generations.

In the year 1725 on August 26, we find in the Albany County records a transfer executed by Harmonas Wendell of a parcel of land, being part of Harrison's Patent and lying near the mouth of Little Canada Creek, to Christian Haus and Hendrick Klock, Albany County deeds, Book 7, page 87, etc. The record of this transaction was taken from the St. Johnsville Reformed Church Book.

Of course Christian Hauss may, and probably did, have children by his second wife, as we have drawn from the records the names of six sons and two daughters and the name of one other male whom we have been unable to place. The names of these six sons are as follows: Reinhard, Johannes, George, Harmonas, Conrad and Peter. The two girls were named Maria Margaretha and Elizabeth. There is also a male named Elias who is mentioned as follows: "Harmon Van Slyke Patent, map of tract of land granted to Harmon Van Slyke by letters patent dated September 1, 1716, given to 32 persons of whom No. 23 was Elias House." Elias may have been one of the first six and Peter by the second marriage. We have no proof that Elias was a son of Christian, but from the early date of the above transaction we might safely say that he was.

Reinhard married Anna Elizabeth —, and we find a record of two

children, Johann Henrick, born November 5, 1715 at Yonkers, N. Y.; and Christian, born August 2, 1722 at Tappan, N. Y. A Johannes Haus was naturalized August 27, 1721 and we have no further record of him. Neither have we any record of Harmonas, Conrad and Peter, but we do know that from the Hudson the Palatines emigrated to other points, some to Connecticut, some to Pennsylvania and other parts, so it is fair to assume that the Houses in these several sections all sprang from this one parent stock.

The branch of the family in whom we are most interested was the ones who journeyed up the Hudson, went west along the Mohawk until they reached the settlement in what is usually termed the Mohawk Valley.

It is a little confusing to connect the genealogical lines from the time the Palatines came to America to the time of the American Revolution, as the records are incomplete. During that period the families, and different branches thereof moved to other localities and settled. Moreover the different branches of families used the same names for their children and at times we may find several Georges or other given names attached to one surname and perhaps all of about the same age and in the same locality. The sons and daughters were generally sponsored by the grandparents or a brother or sister, sometimes by a neighbor or friend and given the name of the sponsor. In that way the name is spread throughout the family.

It is to be assumed that the children who came to America with Christian Hauss soon became of marriageable age and made homes for themselves. Christian Hauss and some of these children soon reached the Mohawk Valley and others settled elsewhere. Before following him up the Mohawk we will list some records as found along the Hudson river and in Schoharie County.

Early Hudson River church records: "Parents, Reinhard House and Anna Elizabeth; son John Heinrich born November 5, 1715 at Yonkers,

baptized on Pentecostal Sunday, 1716 at New York City; sponsors, John Marcels Konig, John Heinrich Gussinger and wife Anna Elizabeth.

Parents Reinhard House and wife Anna Elizabeth; child Christian born August 2, 1721 at Tappan, baptized August 5, 1722 at Hackensack; sponsors, Philip Zerba and Christina Velden (Felton)."

In the Hudson valley records is also the following:

"Married July 11, 1736 Johann Heinrich Haus, an unmarried young man, born at Phillipsburg, son of Rheinhard Haus and wife Anna Elizabeth to Anna Catherine Jonger (Young) an unmarried young girl born in Dutchess county, a daughter of John Eberhard Jong and wife Gertrude, both living in Dutchess county."

Schoharie Lutheran Church: "Parents, Conrad Rickart and Elizabeth House; child, Johannes baptized May 19, 1728; sponsors Johannes Schaffer and Anna Maria." This Elizabeth was a daughter of Christian. "Parents, Conrad Rickart and Elizabeth House; children, Johan George and Conrad, twins, born July 7, 1729; sponsors George Zimer, Johannes Layer (Lawyer,) Maria Eliza Zimer and Elizabeth Layer."

Also the following: "Elizabeth Schaffer died March 28, 1749 aged 85 years. Census of Palatines on the Hudson river 1713-1714; Elizabeth Schaeffer, widow with three children lived at Queensburg.

"Parents, Conrad Rickert and wife Elizabeth Haus; child, Christian, born April 25, 1736; sponsors Norman Haus and Barbara Warner."

Schoharie Reformed Church: "Parents, Conrad Rickert and Elizabeth Haus; child, Anna Eva, born September 15, 1731; baptized in Schoharie Lutheran church October 5, 1732; sponsors, William Fox and wife.

"Parents, Conrad Rickert and Elizabeth Hous: child, Elizabeth, born March 19, 1733; sponsors, Johannes Layer and Elizabeth Schaffer.

"Parents, George Hauss and wife Maria Catherina; child, Maria Elizabeth; baptized, October 30, 1734;

sponsors, Maria Elizabeth and Herman Hous.

"Parents Jurrian Hauss and wife Catherine Earhart; child, Maria Dorothea, baptized, January 7, 1736; sponsors, Hendrick Kneskern and Maria Dorothea Warner.

"Parents Jurrian Haus and Catherine Earhart; child, Johan George, baptized November 8, 1737; sponsors John Juria Ecker and Elizabeth Margaret Warner."

The names Jurrian and Jurrie are George. We find no House record at Schoharie after 1737.

Stone Arabia Reformed Church: "Married January 20, 1761 George House, George House's single son to Maria, James Gamel's single daughter."

Our line of the House family as we believe prior to the American Revolution, although we are lacking in some church records, is as follows:

Christian (1) and first wife, name unknown.

George (2) and Maria Catherine Ecker.

Conrad (3) and Engelga (last name unknown.)

Johnathan (4) and Lena Van Slyke.

We believe from our studies that the above George and Conrad both took part in the Revolutionary War. Conrad and his wife Engelga were parents of a large family and at the time of his death were living near Schuyler Lake. He had several sons and many took part in the war. Three are prominently mentioned as living on the south side of the Mohawk River in the town of Canajoharie and vicinity after the war, namely, Johnathan, Nicholas and George. Johnathan lived at Indian Castle during the war. Besides the three mentioned above there was one brother Harmonas who was a Tory.

We have good reason to believe that Capt. Christian House was also a brother of those mentioned above.

Johnathan, Nicholas and George were all members of Capt. Jost Dygert's company in Col. Clyde's regiment of 1st Canajoharie Militia. Whether all were present at the Battle of Oriskany we do not know, but we do know that Johnathan was present at that battle and assisted in placing General Herkimer on the saddle under the beech tree after the General was mortally wounded, and from which position he directed the battle. We have affidavit that he made that claim. It has always been tradition in our family and our genealogist says there is no doubt of the truth of his claim, as history shows that John House was a private in the company of Jost Dygert, who was in command of General Nicholas Herkimer's front guard in the battle of Oriskany and would have been in a position to be near the General when he fell. The military service of John House has been accepted by the Daughters of the American Revolution and he believes that all members of Capt. Jost Dygert's company are entitled to have their names placed upon the Oriskany monument.

History also shows that Johnathan, Nicholas and George were all at some period made prisoners of war.

In Governor Clinton's papers reference is made to the capture of John House by Chief Joseph Brant and his subsequent release and the service he did the colonies at that time.

The House family was very large, and that it was very patriotic is shown by the fact that in the Revolutionary records we find the name mentioned over sixty times, many re-enlisted several times as emergency presented itself and their services were needed.

## CHAPTER II

The following is a list of the members of the House family who participated in the American Revolution:

**TRYON COUNTY MILITIA****First Regiment**

Captain Joseph House, Commander.  
Private George House.  
Private Jacob House.  
Private John House.  
Private Joseph House.  
Private Jost C. House.  
Private Nicholas House.  
Private Peter House.

**Second Regiment**

Captain Christian House, Commander.  
Private Adam House.  
Private Elias House.  
Private Frederick House.  
Private Harmon or Adam House.

**Third Regiment**

Col. Fisher, Commander.  
Private Jacob House.

**The Rangers**

Capt. John Winn, Commander.  
Private Elias House.  
Private George House.  
Private Johan Jost House.  
Private John House.  
Private Peter House.

**THE LINE****First Regiment**

Colonel Shaick, Commander.  
Private John House.  
Private Jacob House.  
Private Christian House.  
Private John House.

**Second Regiment**

Col. Van Cortland, Commander.  
Private Anthony House.  
Private Henry House.  
Private Lapheria House.

**THE LEVIES**

Col. Harper, Commander.  
Private Cornelius House.  
Private Jesse House.  
Private Peter House.

**COL. CLYDE'S REGIMENT**

Capt. Jost Dygert's 1st Canajoharie Company.  
Private John House.  
Private Nicholas House.  
Private George House.

**THE LINE****Third Regiment**

Private John House.

**Fourth Regiment**

Col. Holms, Commander.  
Private Jacob House.  
Private Zachariah House.

**Fifth Regiment**

Col. DuBois, Commander.  
Private Henry House.

**Green Mountain Boys**

Col. Ethan Allen, Commander.  
Private Johnathan House.

**The Levies Under Col. Weissenfol**

Private Seth House.  
Private Cornelius House.

**The Levies**

Col. Pawling, Commander.  
Private Cornelius House.  
Private William House.  
Col. Willet, Commander.  
Private George House.  
Private Henry House.

**ALBANY COUNTY MILITIA****Second Regiment**

Col. Wample, Commander.  
Private Jon George House.  
Private Peter House.

**Fourth Regiment**

Col. Van Rensselaer, Commander.  
Private Peter House.

**DUTCHESS COUNTY MILITIA****Sixth Regiment**

Private John House.

**ORANGE COUNTY MILITIA****Second Regiment**

Private Cornelius House.



Private John House.  
 Private Richard House.  
 Private Rinard House, Sr.  
 Private Rinard House, Jr.

#### ULSTER COUNTY MILITIA

##### Second Regiment

Private John House.  
 Col. Wyncoop's Regiment  
 Lt. Jacob House.

#### ALBANY COUNTY MILITIA

##### Land Bounty Rights

Nathaniel House.  
 Nicholas House.

##### Ninth Regiment

Capt. Hogoboom, Commander.  
 Nathaniel House.

#### TRYON COUNTY MILITIA

##### First Regiment

##### Land Bounty Rights

Johannes House.  
 Yost House, under Col. Stevens.  
 Cornelius House, under Malcolm.  
 Seth House.  
 Cornelius House.

#### ALBANY COUNTY MILITIA

##### Ninth Regiment

Col. Van Ness, Commander.  
 Private Thomas House.

#### ALBANY COUNTY MILITIA

##### Fourteenth Regiment

Col. Knickerbocker, Commander.  
 Private John House.

The name of Conrad House, which is not listed in any of the foregoing companies, has been placed upon the Oriskany monument as well as that of Captain Christian House and Lt. Jost House. Nelson Greene in his "Story of Old Fort Plain," says Lt. John Joseph House was taken prisoner at the Battle of Oriskany.

"New York in the Revolution," supplement page 118 mentions aid given to family of John House, family of 4, dated March 28, 1780, signed Christopher P. Yates, supervisor of Palatine District, County of Tryon.

"Public Papers of George Clinton" first governor of New York mentions

among other prisoners taken by the Tories near Fort Plank in Tryon County, August 2, 1780 the following: "Belonging to the widow of Henry House, Christiana age 16, Elizabeth age 11 and Conrad age 7, Wife and children of Hanyose House. Elizabeth 21, Christina 4, Jacobus 9 months. Also Elizabeth, daughter of George House, and Conrad, son of Adam House." Those prisoners were taken to Canada in March, 1781, and on page 724-725 of Vol. 6 is an account of Gov. Clinton demanding their return under threat of reprisal.

In the "Story of Old Fort Plain" by Greene: "Lt. John Joseph House of Minden killed." In Simms' "Frontiersmen of New York," Vol. 1, page 573-574 under title of "Fort Plank," mention is made of Capt. Joseph House of militia who was living with Plank and usually commanded the post in the absence of field officers. "Facts from Lawrence Gross and Abraham House." The latter named was residing in 1846 on the old Plank farm.

On the wall of the Van Rensselaer Club, Canajoharie, N. Y., "Number of days that officers and men of my company have been on duty since the 8th day of July, 1780, to the 28th day of May, 1781, these names appear: Captain Joseph House, Jost C. House, Pillerst Haus, Henrick Haus and Geo. Haus.

We also have a copy of a letter from Pension Department, Washington, D. C., giving war record of a Christian House (not Captain Christian) who served with Captain Jacob Siner's Reg., Capt. John Winn's Capt. Robert McKean's, etc.

In the early records of the Schoharie Reformed Church, we find the following: "October 18, 1732: Parents, Lambert Sternberg and Catherine Feller; child, Christina; sponsors Coonraad Haus and Christina Walraad."

Stone Arabia Lutheran Church: "Parents, Johannes Mehr and wife Christina; child, Coonrad; sponsors, Coonraad Haus and Engelga his wife."

In the Rev. Somers' Register of

Baptisms performed at "Cani-Sco-hare and Stein Raby" 1743-1750 is the following:

"A little girl of Herman Haus baptized Oct. 1, 1749.

A little girl of Jurgen Haus baptized Oct. 9, 1749."

Without a doubt the same Harman Haus and Jurrie Haus mentioned in Schoharie church records in or about 1737, they having come to the Mohawk soon after that date. We also find a Hans George Haus and wife Sophia sponsors for Johan George Rosner, born April 17, 1755, a son of Johan George Rosner and Maria Catherina Wagner his wife. We also find an Elizabeth Haus named as sponsor for Catherine Elizabeth Wagner September 10, 1718, a daughter of Peter Wagner and his wife Anna Margaret. Peter Wagner and Margaret Haus were also sponsors at the baptism of a daughter to George Saltsman and Catherine Elizabeth Wagner. Again we find Peter Haus and Barbara Krantz as sponsors at the birth of Peter Saltsman, February 8, 1758. We also have other records which show the Wagner and House families very closely connected down through the early church records and our genealogist, Mr. Frank D. Deuel, says, "There seems to be no doubt that Peter Wagner's wife was Maria Catherine Haus instead of Maria Catherine Loucks, the error taking place in misinterpreting the spelling of that period." Personally, I am unacquainted with the Wagner genealogy and am making no attempt to discredit any records or claims they may have, but feel that Mr. Deuel has good grounds for the position he takes.

We will now leave the early history of the House family and take up the war record of Johnathan, one of the brothers mentioned previously. In a list of Capt. Jost Dygert's company in Col. Clyde's Regiment under payroll certificate No. 11199 as published in the St. Johnsville Enterprise and News of May 1, 1929, we find the name of John House, private.

In "New York State Revolution-

ary War Manuscripts," John House was a private in the company of Capt. Jost Dygert who was in command of General Nicholas Herkimer's front guard in the battle of Oriskany August 6, 1777, as per Jost Dygert's pension papers. John House listed as private in a company of Tryon County Militia by Col. Campbell and Col. Cox. John House listed as private in a company of Tryon County Rangers.

Also "Public Papers of George Clinton," Vol. 5, page 188: "General Sullivan's Expedition, Camp Jacunas Farm, twenty miles by land from Lake Otsego, August 10, 1779. I enclose an account given me by a certain John House who was brought into camp by one of my scouts the day before I left the lake. This information I am inclined to credit as the particulars are chiefly confirmed by Col. Klock in a letter dated the 7th inst. "By James Clinton to George Clinton."

Volume 5, page 189-190: "Deposition of John House."

John House in account given by himself saith, That on the 2nd instant he was taken prisoner by Joseph Brandt and a party of twelve Indians and Tories who conveyed him some miles into the woods when Brandt and four Indians went off, leaving him in charge of the others, and after an absence of about four days they returned bringing Brandt on horseback, wounded in the ball of the great toe by a swan shot; That a bullet and several swan shot had passed through his coat and breech clout; That he understood from one of the Tories they had made an attack upon some of the inhabitants of the Mohawk river near the Little Falls where the said House lived; That they had taken one prisoner whom being closely pursued they killed and narrowly escaped with the loss of their blankets and plunder, that even after they discovered a party of our people which put them to flight; House being lame by being tied at night and marching without shoes, which with the greater part of his clothing they took from

him, they determined to kill him, but being an acquaintance of Col. Butler he was permitted to return after taking an oath of neutrality, a certificate of which Chief Brandt gave him written in the Indian language, signed by himself; That they also informed said House that they lately came from Minisink where they had an action with our people and in which they took about thirty-four prisoners, among whom were some officers, and also killed several; That they then proceeded to the river, where they carried on to the second inst. the day they took House, which was about twelve days from the action at Minisink.

It is also stated that information which House gave Brandt regarding the strength and maneuvers of our people prevented an attack by Brandt and the Tories upon Clinton's army.

Page 269, "The Old New York Frontiers" by Frances Whitney Halsey: "Chief Brandt's letter adds that on reaching Oghwaga he learned that General Sullivan perhaps by this time may be at Shimong where I have sent my party to remain until I join them." He himself was just setting out with eight men for the Mohawk river in order to discover the enemy's motions.

General Clinton was still at the foot of Otsego Lake with ten days longer to remain. Brandt proceeded up the Unadilla river to the Mohawk where they captured a man named John House.

House became lame from marching and the Indians prepared to kill him, but Brandt ordered that he be released on a promise of neutrality. One of General Clinton's scouts afterwards found House and the day before the departure from the lake brought him into camp. House had particulars of the threatened invasion from Canada by the way of Buck Island, Fort Schuyler was to be attacked. From John House's further activities in the Revolution it would not seem that he took his oath of neutrality seriously."

I will not dwell here longer on John House's Revolutionary record but

will pass on to a later period in history and take up his further military activities. I quote:

"Council of Appointments" New York State Military Records, years 1784-1821. Page 795, year 1805—"John House appointed Ensign, Vice John J. Fealing appointed Captain Vice Command Helager, moved."

"Montgomery County 1805. Lt. Col. Andrew Gray's Regiment."

In the same publication page 1182, Vol. 2, year 1811: "Ensign John House appointed Lieutenant, Vice John J. Klock resigned."

Page 1327, Vol. 2, year 1812, "Lieutenant John House promoted to captain in Lieutenant Jacob Snell's Regiment, Brigade commanded by Brig. Gen. Richard Dodge."

Page 1480, Vol. .... year 1814. "Captain John House resigned and Thomas Wilbur appointed. Nineteenth Regiment, Andrew Zabriske, Lt. Col. Vice, Jacob Snell appointed Sheriff."

Captain John House, as we must now call him and as he has always been called down through the history and tradition of the family, had a long and honorable military career during the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and as a training officer of the militia. Tradition says that he was exceptionally tall and that when any trouble arose among his men in training, he merely laid his hand upon their heads and said, "Boys, be quiet!" and the trouble stopped.

Capt. John House was born in the year 1760. In the year 1822 he visited his son Abraham at Parish, Oswego county and at that time gave his age as sixty-two years. As to the brothers and sisters of John, we can quote the following as positive. Nicholas who married Catharine Spohn; George who married Maria Mabie; Harmonas, a Tory who is referred to on page 177, Vol. 2 "Frontiersmen of New York" by J. R. Simms; Lea who married John Kelly of Canajoharie Castle; Catharina who married James Woodard. Captain Christian House was undoubtedly a brother as he lived near the other sons of Conrad, and Conrad and

Engelge are mentioned as sponsors at the birth of some of Captain Christian House's children, one of whom was named Conrad. There were without doubt others whom we have been unable to place. Conrad House and wife, together with James Woodard and wife, are mentioned in the census of 1790, page 106, as living at Schuyler Lake in the town of German Flatts. These two families were either living together or on adjoining property.

James Woodard and Catharine House had a daughter Angeligne baptized in 1790 with Conrad House and wife Angeligne as sponsors. John Kelly and wife Lea House had a daughter Angel baptized in 1792 with Conrad House and wife Angel as sponsors. John Kelly and wife Lea had a daughter Maria baptized July 2, 1793. George House and wife Maria, sponsors.

The census of 1790 gives Johnathan, Nicholas and George as living at Indian Castle which was on the south side of the Mohawk river between Little Falls and St. Johnsville. Whom Harmonas married we do not know but believe his wife's first name to have been Margretha. History and family tradition say he was a Tory and Capt. John House often mentioned him with regret. The census of 1790 mentions as neighbors of the House's at or near Indian Castle the Mabies, Walraths, Herkimers, etc. That the Houses and Herkimers were great friends is shown by records that George House was a witness to the signing of the will of General Nicholas Herkimer.

One of John's sons was named for and sponsored by Abraham Herkimer, a son of Henry who was a brother of Nicholas. Catharine Rosencrantz, a daughter of the Rev. Abraham Rosencrantz was also a sponsor.

We have been unable to find a record of the marriage of John House and Lena Van Slyke, as the records between 1771 and 1787 seem to be very few, and some records of about that period were destroyed by raids, but we know it was about 1778. Of

the children of John House and his wife Lena we have the following:

Rev. Abraham Rosencrantz, German Flatts Church record, Vol. 1, page 36. "Parents John House and Lena his wife. Child John born August 1, 1779, baptized September 1, 1779. Sponsors John Van Slyck and wife Margaret." Vol. 1, page 54, "Gerrit born January 24, 1782, baptized February 6, 1782, sponsors Henrich Uhly and Engelge Van Slyck." Vol. 1, page 84, "Engelge born June 6, 1784, baptized June 13, 1784, sponsors Conrath Hauss and wife Engelge." Vol. 1, page 108, "Abraham, born April 25, 1786, baptized May 1, 1786. Sponsors Abraham Herkimer and Catharine Rosencrantz, whose mother was a sister of General Herkimer." Vol. 1, page 130, twins, names not given, born May 14, 1788, sponsors Johannes Smidt and George Hauss."

From other records we have or by deduction it is assumed that the names of these twins were George and Nicholas. Conrad, born June 6, 1783, according to Bible record. Could find no church record of this or the following: Mary, who married Benjamin Churchill and moved to Parish, Oswego county, and there died in old age and is buried in the Bidwell cemetery, leaving no children who lived to maturity.

Conrad married Betsey Hazard and also settled in Oswego county and is buried in the Bidwell cemetery. Abraham married Nancy Mabie and moved from the Mohawk valley to Parish about the year 1817, bringing three children with them.

Capt. John House was married a second time. His second wife's name was Rhoda. (Last name unknown.) By this second marriage he had the following children of record: Solomon, wife's name unknown; Johnathan married Matilda Hoke; Nancy married William Bonesteel and Ebenezer who died November 11, 1862, aged 62 years, 5 months and 19 days. It is with this Ebenezer that John lived at the time of his death. Ebenezer's wife was Eve Starrin. These last all settled in Otsego county and

many of their descendants are there now living.

#### Ebenezer House Line

Alonzo House, born July 23, 1832, married Lydia Rice. Children:

Homer J. born July 18, 1860, died April 12, 1933, married February, 1884 Martha Morrison, died February 22, 1939.

Jerome born 1874, died April 21, 1940, married Jennie Rice.

Eva married Chapman.

Frederick.

Homer J. House married Martha J. Morrison.

Children:

Bessie E. born October 28, 1889, married September 27, 1911. E. B. Miller who died April 8, 1926; married 2nd May 29, 1930 Howard Bronk.

Leula born April 9.... married February 21, 1919 Francis Foster.

Lowell M. born October 1, 1891, married Stella Comer born June 18, 1894.

Jerome House married Jennie Rice. No record.

Bessie E. House married 1st E. B. Miller.

Children:

Paul born September 21, 1912, married February 2, 1931 Harriet Hicks.

Leula House married Francis Foster. Children:

Homer Frederick born May 27, 1927.

Lowell M. House married Stella Comer. Children:

Charlotte born February 18, 1917.

Lois born November 28, 1914, married September 2, 1939 William Bryan.

Lois House married William Bryan. Children:

Denis born July 16, 1941.

Paul Miller married Harriet Hicks. Children:

Edwin born November 7, 1932.

William born July 16, 1934.

Philip born August 8, 1936.

In his later years Captain John House took up a tract of land on what is called, "Twelve Thousand," near Richfield Springs. The title to the land could not be obtained until after the death of one of the heirs.

Capt. John died and is buried in a private cemetery on the farm where he lived. The title to the farm was finally given to the son Ebenezer. The transfer of title was given in 1831 to "Ebenezer House who had occupied the farm for some time." One of Captain John House's great grandsons has made affidavit to the location of the grave which he saw many times when a boy but the markers have been obliterated by time.

Many stories are extant regarding the life doings of Capt. John House. These traditions have come down through the generations for over one hundred years and many have been lost by the wayside, but others have been handed from mouth to ear and from generation to generation until the present day. Among these is the following as given to me by one of his great grandsons, Howard H. House of Richfield Springs. "In the early days of the settlement of "Twelve Thousand" or "McCormack's Patent.. (afterwards called Cooper's Patent), which lies between Lakes Canaderaga and Otsego, John House was one of the first to settle in the northern part of the present town of Otsego. He at one time had saved the life of an Indian (name unknown) who afterwards was a firm friend of John's. They hunted and trapped together and the Indian lived with John until his death. Once they were carrying a deer home through the woodland when it became dark and they found themselves surrounded by wolves, so they placed their backs to a large tree and stayed there until morning, then carried home the deer, as the wolves left at daylight."

Again he says, "This Indian knew of some places where he could get lead for their bullets. He would take John to a certain tree and then go out of sight. After a time he would return with his buckskin shirt filled with chunks of lead which he had cut off with his knife. Dividing the load, they would then carry it home. There seemed to be an understanding of honor between them that the location of the lead should remain a secret."

Again he tells that, "At one time they discovered a bee tree which they robbed, the Indian refusing to leave until they obtained all of the honey, although stung so badly that he could not see and John had to lead him home."

Captain John House was a very religious man and one night when his family returned home from attending a gathering at a neighbor's, they found him kneeling at his bedside in an attitude of prayer, but his spirit had flown. Thus he died in the year 1824.

### CHAPTER III.

#### JOHN HOUSE LINE

The first child born to Captain John House and Lena Van Slyke was named John and undoubtedly died in infancy, as we find no record of him except of his baptism.

Gerrit, born January 24, 1782, was often spoken of by the older members of the family as Uncle Gerrit, but those older ones have now passed on and we have no record of whom he married or where he made his home.

Of Engelge, Dorothea and Peter we have little or no record, but we have good reason to believe that Peter at one time lived in the town of Columbia, Otsego County.

George (wife's name unknown) lived in South Columbia and Nicholas settled in West Amboy, Oswego County, and some of his descendants are now living there.

Conrad, born June 6, 1783, married Betsey Hazard and had the following children who lived to maturity: Lana married Amasa Robertson, lived in Chicago at the time of the great fire in 1871 and, as she was never heard from afterwards, it is supposed that she perished at that time. James was married twice and after his second marriage moved to Iowa and later to Nebraska where he died. Nancy married Caleph Sherman and lived in Parish, N. Y. John married Miranda Hall and had the following: James, who died as a young man and Anthony, Aaron and Nettie now living at or near Morrisville, N. Y. Alexander married Julia Miller, lived in Parish and had one daughter Ada.

Abraham, son of Conrad, married Catharine Mowers and also settled in Parish. Their children were Emily

Pitcher, Mary Malitta, James Wallington, Dollie A., Ella I., Edwin C., Eliza A., Peter and Allen.

Abraham, another son of John House and Lena Van Slyke, married Nancy Hannah Mabie, a daughter of David Mabie and Nancy Freymeyer, who is said to have lived near Stone Arabia. A David Mabie was in Captain Jost Dygert's company in Col. Clyde's regiment. Abraham House and Nancy Mabie were parents of the following: Andrew, who married Elizabeth Scriber. Elizabeth Scriber's mother was a Mary Walrod or Walrath. Her father was Philip Scriber. We think from information we have that Mary Walrod was a daughter of Henry Walradt whose affidavit was published in the Enterprise and News of May 1, 1929.

Other children of Abraham House and Nancy Mabie are Philena Hannah, died in infancy; Simon married Pamela Rowe; Caroline married first Amos Martin, second George Sherman; Abraham married first wife's name Vaness, second wife Mary Orr; Alonzo married Maria House; Leonard married Catherine Westover; Norman went to Chile, South America, and there married and died; Conrad married Sarah Robinson; Emily married Philip Westover.

All of these children except Norman settled in Oswego county. As mentioned previously John and Lena had a daughter Mary who married a Benjamin Churchill and lived in Oswego county.

Captain John House and his second wife Rhoda had the following children: Solomon. Johnathan. Nancy and Ebenezer. Solomon (wife's

name unknown) operated a fleet of boats on the Erie canal. He had children, Wilson and Harriet. Wilson lived in Frankfort or Ilion. No trace of Harriet. Johnathan married Matilda Hoke. Had children Dalavan, Hiram and Ann and lived near Six Mile Point (Otsego Lake.) Dalavan's son Fred was a criminal lawyer in New York City. Nancy married William Bonesteel and had children: Caroline, Irene and Philander, of whom we have no trace.

Ebenezer married Eve Starrin and had the following children, Caroline and Lester, died young.

Alonzo, born July 23, 1832, died in 1911 had a grandson Homer House living near Rome N. Y. and also a grandson Jerome living at West Winfield. Joel at one time lived in Camden, N. Y. No living descendants. Menzo, no living descendants. Sarah married first Miner and they had one son Leroy. Her second husband was Henry House and they had a son Alvin. Katherine no children. Herman married Alice Margaret Taylor. Had Howard, now living near Richfield Springs. J. Taylor now deceased who left two daughters, Alice and Katherine.

#### CHAPTER IV.

This history of the House family has particularly to do with Captain John House and his descendants. We will take up the family of his son Abraham who was born April 26, 1786 and who married Nancy Mabie, born September 26 1790.

About the year 1817, they with other families from the Mohawk Valley settled in Parish Oswego County, N. Y. where they raised their large families and where many of their descendants are now living. Abraham died May 20, 1865 and Nancy, his wife preceded him, having died October 4, 1856. Both are buried in Bidwell Cemetery, Parish, N. Y. Follow is a record of their descendants to the fourth generation:

Abraham House, February 22, 1809, married Nancy Mabie. Their descend-

ants:

Andrew born March 16, 1810 married Elizabeth Scriber.

Philana Hannah born November 14, 1811 married Phillip Westover.

Joseph born September 17, 1813 married Eliza Rice.

David born May 17, 1815 married Sophia Pierce.

Simon born May 17, 1817 married Pamela Rowe.

Caroline born August 6, 1819 married 1 Amos Martin, 2 George Sherman.

Abraham W. born May 18, 1821 married 1 Vaness 2 Mary Orr.

Alonzo\* born March 17, 1823 married Maria House.

Leonard born March 1, 1826 married Catherine Westover.

Norman born April 10, 1829 married, wife's name unknown.

Conrad born July 11, 1831 married Sarah Robinson.

Emily Catherine born April 30, 1835 died unmarried.

\* See Andrew House line.

#### Descendants of Andrew House and Elizabeth Scriber

Maria House married Alonzo House.

Abraham T. House married Louisa White.

Albert House married 1 Julia Welch, 2 Anna Bonner.

Amos J. House married Mary Brauer.

Sarah H. House married Elijah J. Smith.

Alva House married Viola C. Gilbert.

Andrew G. House married Delilah Gilbert.

Addison S. House married Julia Allen.

—  
Maria House and Alonzo House.

Children:

Xystus married Serena Holbridge.  
No children.

Clyne E. married Anna Wild.

Children:

Alta Ruth born November 15, 1888,  
died January 18, 1892.

Vern Alonzo born February 19, 1894

died May 23, 1895.

Owen born March 23, 1896 married Nellie Bristol.

Gladys born December 21 1901 married James Barnard.

Owen House and Nellie Bristol.  
No children.

Gladys House and James Barnard.

Children:

Verna Almeda born April 17, 1920, married Arnold Edgar Armstrong.

Clara Anna born September 19, 1925.

Eleanor Alice born October 5, 1927.  
James Bryan born June 28, 1934.

#### **Descendants of Abraham T. House And Louisa White**

Josephine married Keppe Carr.

Cora E. married Willard Richards.

Menzo L. married Anna Whaley.

Mary A. married William M. Woods.

William A. married Nellie O'Brien.

Louis D. married Mae Loomis.

Josephine House and Keppe Carr.

Children:

Cora born March 7, 1881 married Oatley Walker.

Henry born January 4, 1883 married Laura Gilhooley.

Clara born August 15, 1890 married Earl Noble.

Cora Carr and Oatley Walker.

Children:

Lyndon E born June 1, 1904 married Yvonne Ballou.

Vernon M. born July 9, 1907 married Rosalind Galumbacker.

Arden M. born Sept. 12, 1908 married Agnes Hilton.

Merrille C. born Nov. 12, 1912 unmarried.

Lyle K. born March 16, 1914 married Ortha Baird.

Henry Carr and Laura Gilhooley.

Children:

Vivian born June 2, 1912 married Merle Jones.

Lula born Sept. 28, 1914 married

Edd Stinson.

Harvey born Sept. 16, 1917 unmarried 1942.

Verna born Sept. 26, 1919 married Orin Colvin.

Eleanor born July 9, 1925 unmarried 1942.

Clara Carr and Earl Noble.

Children:

Rex born May 11, 1922.

Rhea born Nov. 25, 1925.

Malcolm born March 7, 1930.

Lyndon E. Walker and Yvonne Ballou.

Children:

Merrille Fay born Jan. 29, 1941.

Lynda Lou born May 12, 1942.

Vernon M. Walker and Rosalind Galumbacker.

Children:

Vera Marie born March 12, 1930.

(Josephine House)

Arden M. Walker and Agnes Hilton.

Children:

Mildred born Oct. 2, 1929.

Lyle K. Walker and Ortha Baird.

No children.

Vivian Carr and Merle Jones.

Children:

Aldreen born August 6, 1931.

Ronald born July 25, 1940.

Lawrence born Jan. 17, 1942.

Lula Carr and Edd Stinson. No children.

Verna Carr married Orin Colvin. No children.

Harvey Carr unmarried 1942.

Eleanor Carr unmarried 1942.

(Cora E. House)

Cora E. House and Willard Richards.

Children:

Major born Jan. 4, 1885 married Lena Cook.

Anna born May 21, 1887 married Charles F. Kellogg.

Belle born April 5, 1889 married Leslie Gray.



Carl born March 17, 1891 died July 25, 1917.

Major Richards and Lena Cook. Children:

Virginia born April 17, 1908 married Glenn E. Truax.

Lucy born March 9, 1911 married Fletcher T. Smith.

Norman born August 1, 1913.

Louise born Jan. 24, 1916.

Carl born August 26, 1920 unmarried 1942.

Anna Richards and Charles F. Kellogg. Children: Karl J. b. April 7, 1916; d. Aug. 6, 1936; Rhea Belle b. Aug. 7, 1917; m. Donald A. Windsor.

Belle Richards and Leslie Gray. Children:

James Leslie born March 17, 1916. Willard Richards born June 27, 1920.

Anna Belle born Oct. 30, 1929. All unmarried 1942.

Virginia Richards and Glenn E. Truax. Children:

Nancy Lou born August 8, 1933.

Lucy Richards married Fletcher T. Smith. No children 1942.

Rhea Belle Kellogg married Donald A. Windsor. No children 1942.

(Menzo L. and Mary A. House)

Menzo L. House and Anna Whaley. Children:

Verna married Clarence Van Horn. No record of children.

Mary A. House and William M. Woods. Children:

Robert born Dec. 12, 1894 married Irene Edwards.

Chauncey born July 3, 1900 married Cecile Reese.

Roberts Woods and Irene Edwards. Children:

James born Jan. 12, 1918 unmarried 1942.

Mary Lou born Sept. 12, 1922 unmarried 1942.

Chauncey Woods married Cecile Reese. No children.

(William A. House

William A. House and Nellie O'Brien. Children:

Carl born June 22, 1904 married Dorothy Horning.

Lois born Dec. 3, 1905 married Harlan Owens.

Charles born March 1, 1907 married Marian J. Slocum.

Elmer born Dec. 28, 1909 unmarried 1942.

Martha born Feb. 13, 1913 married Harry Johnson.

William born July 9, 1915 unmarried 1942.

Marian born March 1, 1916 married Rowlan Beley.

John born August 14, 1924 unmarried 1942.

Carl House and Dorothy Horning. Children:

Margaret Carol born May 5, 1932.

Abram Russell born June 14, 1936.

Lois House and Harlan Owen. Children:

Bernard William born Dec. 20, 1928, died June 26, 1936.

Ellen Maude born July 3, 1930.

Grace Louise born May 8, 1932.

Charles House and Marian J. Slocum. Children:

Edgar born 1939.

Melvin born 1940.

Martha House and Harry Johnson. Children:

Sue Ann born 1939.

David born 1941.

Marian House and Rowlan Beley. Children:

Ward Charles born Jan. 9, 1936.

Elmer, William and John unmarried 1942.

(Louis D. House)

Louis D. House and Mae Loomis. Children:

Richard born April 13, 1910 married 1 Anna G. Taylor, married 2 Virginia Wilcox.

Mary Louise born May 3, 1917 married Frank E. Parker.

Richard House and Anna G. Taylor. Children:

Lewis Taylor born August 4, 1933.

Nancy Jane born April 7, 1935.  
 Mary Louise House and Frank E. Parker. Children:

David E. born Oct. 24, 1940.  
**Descendants of Albert House and Julia Welch (1)**

Children:  
 Alza F. born Dec. 5, 1857 married Harmon Dubois.  
 Ellen A. born Sept. 14, 1864 married Frank Talcott.  
 Anna born Oct. 16, 1869 married Ernest Groot.  
 Edward born Jan. 8, 1862 died Oct. 17, 1868.  
 William B. born Jan. 19, 1868 died April 29, 1872.

Alza and Harmon Dubois.  
 Children:  
 Arthur born Jan. 12, 1874. No record.  
 George born Sept. 25, 1876. Buried in Parish, N. Y.

Ellen A. House and Frank Talcott. Children:  
 Flossie Ellen born Jan. 26, 1886 married J. Lee Putnam.  
 Hazel born May 11, 1889 unmarried.  
 Emogene unmarried.

Anna House and Ernest Groat (1). Children:  
 Edward born Feb. 26, 1890 married name unknown.

Georgia W. born Feb. 22, 1892 married George Gallager.  
 Georgia had two children, boy and girl. Boy dead and husband dead.

Anna House married Walter Edris (2).

**Descendants of Albert House and Anna Bonner (2)**

Maud born Jan. 30, 1878 married Clarence Larned.

Mary born Sept. 7, .... married Edward Stevens.

Frances born April 4, .... married Ernest Boyle.

Maud House and Clarence Larned. Children:

Doris Ruth born August 24, 1902 married Howard Foster.

Benjamin Albert born April 14, 1905 married Etta Ouderkirk.

Allen House born Feb. 23, 1903 married Mildred Fairchild.

Frances Anna born Dec. 18, 1911 unmarried.

Mary Esther born Dec. 5, 1920 unmarried.

Doris Ruth Larned and Howard Foster. Children:

Janet Ruth born May 17, 1923 unmarried.

Thomas Howard born Oct. 31, 1926.  
 Ira Allen born March 25, 1933.

Clarence Elias born Jan. 30, 1935.

Benjamin A. Larned and Ella Ouderkirk. Children:

Jean Barbara born July 4, 1931.

Allen H. Larned and Mildred Fairchild. Children:

Allena Mildred born August 10, 1934.

Mary House and Edward Stevens. Children:

Howard married unknown.  
 Howard had one son Willard. married.

Frances House and Ernest Boyle. Children.

Marian died two years of age.  
 Mildred born September, 1910 married Lee Hemingway.

**Descendants of Amos J. House And Mary Brauer**

Almeda born April 7, 1863 married 1 Owen W. Riley, married 2 D. L. Dewey.

Jay Amos born July 10, 1874 married Emily Van Schaick.

Dewitt died at age of 3 years, 8 months.

Almeda House left no descendants.

Jay A. House and Emily Van Schaick. Children:

Arlene Elizabeth born Dec. 23, 1900 married Elon B. Adsitt.

Helen Almeda born April 23, 1904 married Jay J. Blanchard

Marion Laura born April 23, 1906 married Kenneth T. Hoyt.

Arlene E. House and Elon B. Ad-

sitt. No descendants 1942.

Helen Almeda House and Jay J. Blanchard. Children:  
Douglas Jay born March 1, 1932.  
James D. born April 7, 1940.

Marion L. House and Kenneth T. Hoyt. No descendants 1942.

Maurice Arden and Alma Lanier Children:  
Roderick L. born March 11, 1940.

Jay A. House married a second time, Maud B. Sanford June 20, 1917. No children.

**Descendants of Sarah H. House and Elijah J. Smith**

E. Lyman Smith born April 22, 1862 married Jessie Holmes.

Georgiana born April 7, 1864 died March 19, 1867.

S. Joanna born Nov. 9, 1867 married Frank W. Fenton.

L. Josephine born Feb. 23, 1872 married Melvin R. Shaver.

E. Lyman Smith and Jessie Holmes. Children:

Frank L. born Feb. 6, 1888 married Belle Graves.

Mildred born June 29, 1889 married Stanton Upton.

Myrtis S. born April 30, 1892 married Carlos Brown.

Holland H. born July 24, 1895 married Emma Brandies.

Mary G. born April 16, 1900 unmarried 1942.

Frank L. Smith and Belle Graves. Children:

Douglas born May 30, 1915 unmarried.

Helen born Sept. 28, 1917 married Campbell Carmichel.

Mildred Smith and Stanton Upton. Children:

Edward S. born June 16, 1926.

Mary E. born Jan. 18, 1930.

Myrtis Smith and Carlos Brown. Children:

Barbara J. born Feb. 24, 1922.

Carlos U. born August 31, 1926.

Myrtis G. born Nov. 10, 1931

Holland H. Smith and Emma Brandies. Children:

Mary E. born August 1, 1929.

(Joanna S., L. Josephine Smith)

Joanna Smith and Frank W. Fenton. Children:

E. Melvin born June 17, 1891 married May Loomis. No descendants.

L. Josephine Smith and Melvin R. Shaver. Children:

Rhodes born Nov. 21, 1892 died Nov. 24, 1892.

Irving Albert born Nov. 18, 1894 married May K. Warner.

Elton Frank Smith born Nov. 29, 1904 married Marjorie Chapel.

Irving Albert Shaver and May K. Warner. No descendants.

Elton Frank Smith Shaver and Marjorie Chapel. Children:

Patricia Anne born Sept. 18, 1933.

Carol Sue born Jan. 1, 1938.

**Descendants of Alva House and Viola C. Gilbert**

Stella, born June 23, 1866, married William B. Harter.

Ida, born July 17, 1896, married Forest Houghton.

Lloyd, born December 28, 1881, married Alice Exton.

Stella House and William B. Harter.

Children:

Glenn, born January 5, 1887, married Grace Mosher.

Beryl, born February, 1896, married Clara Tourot.

Wells, born April 7, 1898, married Mina Larabee.

Glenn Harter and Grace Mosher.

Children:

Margaret M., born June 17, 1920.

Dorothy L., born November 23, 1921.

Beryl Harter and Clara Tourot.

Children:

William F., born February 4, 1922.

Janet B., born January 23, 1923.

Robert W., born July 25, 1925.

Wells Harter and Mina Larabee.

Children:

Gretchen S., born March 4, 1928.  
 Donald W., born March 18, 1930.  
 Richard B., born July 4, 1931.  
 Stella House Harter married Frank Obetts October 23, 1934.

(Alva House and Viola C. Gilbert.)  
 (Ida House-Lloyd House.)  
 Ida House and Forest S. Houghton.  
 Children:

Maude V., born October 10, 1890, married Edwin Van Epps.

Daisy A., born February 12, 1899, unmarried.

F. Harold, born September 12, 1901, married Helen A. Juron.

Maude V. Houghton and Edwin Van Epps.

Children:

Roger H. born February 13, 1912, married. No record.

F. Harold Houghton and Helen A. Juron.

Children:

Marylyn A. born May 30, 1934.

Lloyd House and Alice Exton.

Children:

Elizabeth V. born December 12, 1913, married Ray A. Burnham.

Lloyd R. born December 29, 1916, unmarried.

Glenn R. born March 3, 1919, unmarried.

#### **Descendants of Andrew G. House And Delilah Gilbert**

Celia I. born November 4, 1867, died November 15, 1867.

Gilbert W. born April 17, 1869, died September 18, 1884.

Edith born April 16, 1874, married 1. Max Vincent; married 2. George Peabody.

D. Andrew born March 4, 1884, married Sarah Exton, died March 19, 1942.

Florence born October 12, 1885, married Roy Washburn.

Edith House and Max Vincent (1).

Children:

Gilbert Vincent House married Hazel Weeks.

Edith House and George Pea-

body (2).

Children:

David born June 19, 1901, married Bertha Frost.

D. Andrew House and Sarah Exton.

Children:

Barbara E. born February 19, 1924.

Argento D. born October 22, 1925.

Mary A. born June 12, 1929.

Florence House and Roy Washburn.

Children:

Harold A. born July 31, 1914, married Eilene Graves.

Leta C. born October 18, 1920, unmarried 1942.

David Peabody and Bertha Frost.

Children:

Norma born February 9, 1926.

David, Jr. born January 11, 1929.

Patricia born October 3, 1931.

#### **Descendants of Addison S. House And Julia Allen**

Elizabeth born September 13, 1880, married John Haffenden.

Earl born July 20, 1883, married Millicent Springer.

Addie born October 6, 1885, married Irving Haffenden.

Blanche born December 19, 1888, married Duane Skellinger.

Elizabeth House and John Haffenden.

Children:

Edith A. born January 7, 1910, married Robert Wilkinson.

Elmer G. born May 2, 1912, married Gertrude Blanche Campbell.

John Allen born May 29, 1914, married Olive Phelps.

Earl House and Millicent Springer.

Children:

Marian born May 27, 1904, married Carl Mitchell.

Luella born January 3, 1906, married Kenneth Clark.

Norma born June 21, 1907, died June 29, 1924.

Gertrude born December 9, 1909, married Donald Bain.

Addie House and Irving Haffen-

den.

Children:

Edwin born July 29, 1907, married Florence Olcott.

Doris born January 13, 1911, married Robert Puffett.

Cora born February 5, 1916, married Paul Edgar Page.

Blanche House and Duane Skellinger. No descendants.

Edwin Haffenden and Florence Olcott.

Children:

Shirley Mae born August 7, 1930.

Beverly Anne born August 1, 1933.

Joyce Mary born May 15, 1936.

Edwin Roswell born July 10, 1942.

Doris Haffenden and Robert Puffett.

Children:

Robert Irving born July 23, 1936.

Margaret Emma born June 7, 1940.

Cora Louise Haffender and Paul Edgar Page.

Children:

Marion Louise born December 23, 1940.

Edith Anne Haffenden and Robert Wilkinson.

Children:

Barbara Ann born October 9, 1935.

Robert May born March 2, 1937.

John Newell born November 14, 1939.

Kenneth Charles born July 19, 1942.

Elmer G. Haffenden and Gertrude Blanche Campbell. No descendants.

John Allen Haffenden and Olive Phelps.

Children:

James Allen born May 6, 1935.

Jean Susan born May 13, 1938.

Marion House and Carl Mitchell. No descendants.

Luella House and Kenneth Clark.

Children:

Leora born November 25, 1925.

Lloyd Addison born August 25, 1927.

Joan born February 15, 1931.

Donna Jean born October 27, 1932.

Judy Ann born July 1, 1935.

Robert Kenneth born November 4, 1937.

Patricia Lou born November 16, 1941.

Gertrude Julia House and Donald Bain.

Children:

Shirley Anne born December 4, 1930.

**Philana Hannah House**

**John House Line**

Philana Hannah House and Philip Westover.

Children:

Henry married Della Whitney.

Charles married Minnie Widger.

Henry Westover and Della Whitney.

Children. No record.

Children of Charles Westover and Minnie Widger.

Warner married. No record.

Fay married Merle Peterson.

Maud married. No record.

**Joseph House,**

Joseph House and Eliza Rice.

Children:

Stanley born January 22, 1840, married 1. Louisa M. Smith. 2. Nellie Holdridge Drake. 3. Helen Holden Frew.

Florence died in infancy.

Mary Winefred born April 10, 1848, married Theodre Gothier.

Jennie Lynn born October 18, 1850, married Lavillier Willis.

Charles W. born September 3, 1854, married Emily A. Webb.

Stanley House and 1st Louisa M. Smith.

Children:

Hattie R. House married George H. Sampson.

Fred born December 11, 1868, married Myrtie Hatch.

Laura E. born April 28, 1872, married 1st. Arch G. Harter. 2nd. Frank Ewerts.

Nellie A. born October 11, 1875, married Ralph C. Thomas.

Hattie R. House and George H. Sampson.

Children:

Harold B. born April 16, 1889, married Vera Whitmarsh.

Royal H. born June 12, 1891, married Mary Carlson.

Mildred L. born January 19, 1894, married 1st. Anthony Loner. 2nd. Charles Holmes.

Fred House and Myrtie Hatch.

Children:

Hazel born December 4, 1892, married 1st. William Weaver. 2nd. Roscoe Stanard.

Harry born January 7, 1898, married Vina Carlton.

Laura House married 1st. Arch G. Harter. 2nd. George Sampson.

No descendants.

Nellie A. House and Ralph Thomas.

Children:

Stanley C. born May 7, 1903, married Julia Moritz.

Carl A. born March 23, 1906, married Ellen Hennesy.

Harold B. Sampson and Vera Whitmarsh.

Children. No record.

Royal H. Sampson and Mary Carlson. Children. No record.

Mildred L. Sampson and Anthony Loner.

Children:

Harriet L. born March 24, 1917.

Bette Jean born February 7, 1922.

Mildred married 2. Charles Holmes.

Hazel House married 1st. William Weaver.

Children:

Curtis born September 17, 1912, married Elizabeth Lynch.

Hazel House Weaver married 2nd. Roscoe Stanard.

Children:

Roscoe born November 28, 1924.

Dawn born December 22, 1927.

Harry House and Vina Carlton.

Children:

Grace born December 25, 1919.

Harold born February 17, 1927.

Stanley C. Thomas and Julia Moritz.

Children:

Stanley C. born February 15, 1928.

Carl A. Thomas and Ellen Hennesy.

Children:

John C. born August 16, 1935.

Mary Winefred House and Theodore Gothier.

Children:

Maude married Burdette Snyder.

Minnie born 1870, died March 23, 1890.

Mable married Edward Quintel.

Maude Gothier and Burdette Snyder. No record.

Mable B. Gothier and Edward Quintel.

Children:

Theodore. No further record.

Jennie Lynn House and Lavilier Willis.

Children:

Mary L. born November 20, 1870, married Augustus L. Larned.

Charles W. born March 14, 1874, married Alice Welden.

Flora born June 2, 1881, married Leverett Buck.

Elizabeth born August 5, 1889, married. No record.

Martin born September 5, 1892, married Louise Hagen.

Mary L. Willis and Augustus L. Larned.

Children:

Blanche L. born March 23, 1894, date of death unknown.

Elizabeth born August 28, 1896, married Ralph Shumway.

Warner born April 15, 1898, died April 28, 1898.

Harry G. born June 6, 1900, married Ruth Nicholay.

Wayland born June 7, 1902, died January 15, 1906.

Elizabeth Larned and Ralph Shumway.

**Children:**

Robert born August 14, 1925.  
 Jennie M. born October 10, 1929.  
 Blanche born November 16, 1930.  
 John born March 18, 1932.

Harry G. Larned and Ruth Nicholay.

**Children:**

Janet born March 20, 1926.  
 David born June 28, 1928.  
 Nancy born July 25, 1929.

Charles Willis and Alice Welden.

**Children:**

Theodore born September 12, 1902, married Pearl Russell.

Clara born September 13, 1905, married Guy Chorley.

Esther born September 19, 1917.

Theodore Willis and Pearl Russell.

**Children:**

Alice born July 4, 1931.  
 Mary born December 29, 1932.  
 Clara Willis and Guy Chorley.

**Children:**

Franklin born August 14, 1930.  
 Sarah born September 20, 1933.

Flora Willis and Leverett Buck.

**Children:**

Cecelia born June 3, 1915, married. No record.

Donald born May 7, 1918, married. No record.

Martin Willis and Louise Hagen.

**Children:**

Kenneth born January 10, 1924.

Charles W. House and Emily Webb.

**Children:**

Ethel L. born June 1, 1883, married George Young.

**Children:**

Elizabeth L. born August 20, 1906, married Donald H. Gorham.

Genevieve E. born August 24, 1908, married. No record.

Robert L. born January 27, 1913, married. No record.

Elizabeth Young and Donald H. Gorham.

Children. No record.

**David House, John House Line**

David House and Sophia Pierce.

**Children:**

Alonzo born October 2, 1838, married a Spanish lady.

Cornelius born November 29, 1839, died in infancy.

Julia A. born November 25, 1840, married Burroughs Penfield.

Mary born January 7, 1842, married 1st. Holland. 2nd Haller.

Melissa born February 12, 1844, married. Unknown, Died young.

Joseph born September 6, 1845, died unmarried, 1864.

Warren E. born June 1, 1847, married Clara Haller.

Norman born June 2, 1848, died unmarried April 5, 1875.

Alice born October 18, 1849, married Harmon Langraff.

Alonzo D. House married a Spanish lady.

No children.

Children of second marriage:

David Pierce, born 1881.

Daughter, name unknown, born 1883.

Alonzo D. died in Valparaiso, Chili in April, 1890.

Julia A. House married Burroughs Penfield.

**Children:**

Alice born January, 1872, married Almond Pease.

**Children:**

Julia. No further record.

One son. Died young.

Mary House married 1st. Holland. 2nd. Haller.

No children.

Melissa, Joseph and Norman died young without issue.

Alice House an Harmon Langraff.

No children.

Warren E. House and Clara Haller.

**Children:**

Ruth E. born February 27, 1888, married Carl Acome.

Mae E. born March 27, 1895. Unmarried.

- Ruth E. House and Carl Acome.  
Children:  
Warren E. Acome married Dorothy Lapoint.  
Lawrence C. Acome married Esther Bennett.
- Warren E. Acome and Dorothy Lapoint.  
Children:  
Clara Elizabeth born March 12, 1929.  
Lawrence C. Acome and Esther Bennett.  
Children:  
Jean Arlene born February 12, 1932.  
Phyllis Juneta born June 11, 1933.  
Laverne Carl born May 26, 1934.
- Simon House Line**  
Simon House and Pamela Rowe.  
Children:  
Cornelius married 1st. Webb. 2nd. No record.  
Byron married, unknown.  
Mary born May 6, 1846, married Homer A. Ludington.  
Millard married Alta Rowe.  
Henry married 1st. Mary Jennings. 2nd. Sarah House Miner. 3rd. Alice A. Babcock.  
Alice born January 31, 1854, married Walter Edick.  
Cornelius House and Webb.  
Children:  
Walter, married. No record.  
Grace, married Griswold.  
Cornelius House married 2nd. Wife's name unknown.  
Children:  
Lillian. Unmarried.  
Byron House married. Wife's name unknown.  
Children:  
Maurice, married. Unknown.  
Clara, married Obermeier.  
Ella, married. Unknown.  
James married. Unknown.  
Roy married. Unknown.  
Carl married. Unknown.  
Dorothy married. Unknown.  
Mary House and Homer A. Ludington.
- Children:  
Franklin G. born February 1, 1872, married Jessie I. Miller.  
Alice born June 19, 1880, married William A. Manning.  
Franklin G. Ludington and Jessie I. Miller.  
Children:  
Gerald born September 6, 1895, married Margaret L. Lawrence.  
Vivian born December 21, 1897, married Chauncey Roberts.  
Homer born May 5, 1903, married Marjorie Ramsey.  
Alice Ludington and William A. Manning.  
Children:  
Marion L. born November 23, 1912, married Niles Beley.  
Bernice J. born December 9, 1917, married. No record.  
John W. born April 8, 1923. No record.  
Gerald Ludington and Margaret L. Lawrence.  
Children:  
John L. born November 30, 1920.  
Jane I. born May 3, 1923.  
Vivian Ludington and Chauncey Roberts.  
Children:  
C. Homer born February 8, 1922.  
Homer Ludington and Marjorie Ramsey.  
Children:  
Vivian S. born August 24, 1924.  
Ramsey G. born February 8, 1927.  
Marion L. Manning and Niles Beley.  
No record of children.  
Millard House and Alta Rowe.  
Children:  
Fred. No further record.  
Henry House married 1st. Mary Jennings.  
No children.  
Henry House married 2nd. Sarah House Miner.



Children:  
 Alvin E. House married Ida Dimon.  
 Henry House married 3. Alice Babcock.  
 Children:  
 Byron H. married Addie Snyder.  
 Simon M. married 1. Edna. 2. Mable Salem.  
 Pamela married Herman Moore.  
 Victor died at age of 3 years.  
 Lydia married. No record.  
 Alvin E. House married Ida Dimon.  
 Children:  
 Alvin J. married 1. Wilhelmina Osgood. 2. Wife unknown.  
 Alvin J. House and Wilhelmina Osgood.  
 Children:  
 Alvin Jr.  
 Paul.  
 Alvin J. House had two boys by second wife. No further record.  
 Byron H. House married Addie Snyder.  
 Children:  
 Keith, unmarried.  
 Hugh, unmarried.  
 Max, unmarried.  
 Simon H. House married 1st. Edna 2nd. Mable Salem.  
 Children:  
 Agnes. No further record.  
 Hilda A. No further record.  
 Pamela (Millie) House and Herman Moore.  
 Children:  
 Dean Arthur born November 8, 1919. Unmarried.  
 Vivian Isabelle born August 21, 1923. Unmarried.  
 Marylyn Ida born November 6, 1928.  
 Alice House married Walter Edick.  
 Children:  
 Forest born 1889, married Florence Sanford.  
**Caroline House, John House Line**  
 Caroline House married 1. Amos Martin.  
 Children:  
 Nancy married William Emerson.

Mary married William Smith.  
 Frank died unmarried.  
 Caroline House married 2. George Sherman.  
 No descendants.  
 Nancy Martin married William Emerson.  
 Children:  
 Arthur. No record.  
 Mary Martin married William Smith.  
 Children:  
 Anna died young.  
 Amanda died young.  
**Abraham W. House, John House Line**  
 Abraham W. House married 1. .... Vaness. 2nd Orr.  
 Children:  
 Maud married Smith.  
 Luella married Alonzo Frost.  
 Ada married Stearns.  
 William born May 17, 1848 married Lorana Jennings.  
 No further record of Maud, Luella and Ada.  
 William House and Lorana Jennings.  
 Children:  
 Elizabeth born July 9, 1876 married 1. Charles Parmenter, 2. Amos La Robadier.  
 Clara born September 9, 1878 married Charles Hammaker.  
 Lora born May 9, 1882, married Frank Hayner.  
 Evah born May 30, 1884, married Tracy La Robadier.  
 George born February 4, 1886, married Alice Hughes.  
 Elizabeth House and Charles Parmenter.  
 Children:  
 Rose born November 29, 1897, died February 2, 1920.  
 Louis born June 22, 1899.  
 Clara born February 27, 1901, married 1. Leonard Lumb, 2. Larrie Mallon.  
 Charles W. born October 17, 1905.  
 Clara House and Charles Hammaker.  
 Children:  
 Vernon J., born November 6, 1911,

married Madelina Scranton.

Lora House married Frank Haynor.

Children:

Juanita born March 21, 1900, married Herbert H. Knop.

James born November 20, 1903, died April 29, 1919.

Evah House and Tracy La Robodiere.

Children:

Donald born September 17, 1910.

Janet born March 5, 1921.

George House and Alice Hughes.

Children:

Anna L. born January 24, 1911, married Floyd Duger.

James V. born April 27, 1912, died June 22, 1932.

George R. born December 21, 1915.

Ella H. born May 19, 1917 married Francis Olmstead.

Clara Parmenter and Leonard Lumb.

Children:

Richard born December 17, 1921.

Juanita Hayner married Herbert H. Knop.

Children:

Frank H. born February 3, 1921.

Anna L. House married Floyd Duger.

Children:

Carol H. born February 5, 1927.

**Leonard House, John House Line**  
Leonard House and Catherine Westover.

Children:

Salome born January 28, 1854, married George Henry Jennings.

Chauncey born July 1, 1856, died March 1, 1857.

Louis P. born August 5, 1858, married Orra Anna Baird.

Herbert L. born January 25, 1860, married Delphina.....

Catherine married second James Brown.

Salome House and George Henry Jennings. No descendants.

Louis House and Orra Baird.

Children:

Katherine born December 20, 1894, married Kenneth M. Smith.

Clifford E. born February 9, 1882, married Edna V. Wilkins.

Henry Earl born April 20, 1890, married Winefred H. Young.

Katherine House and Kenneth M. Smith.

Children:

Elizabeth Catherine born January 9, 1918.

Barbara Louise born March 28, 1920.

Howard Byron born November 29, 1920.

Margaret Patricia.

Clifford E. House and Edna V. Wilkins.

Children:

Clifford W. born March 8, 1907, married Therma Smercina.

Virginia E. born October 8, 1911, married Arthur Bryant.

Harry E. House and Winefred H. Young.

Children:

Harry E., Jr., born September 2, 1918.

Louis Philip born September 27, 1921.

Clifford Wilkins House and Therma Smercina.

Children:

Frances Edna born December 6, 1934.

Herbert L. House and Delphina.....

Children:

Delphina born June 10, 1903, married Vincent Bickelhaupt.

Norman House married a Chilean woman.

No descendants of record.

Died in Chile, S. A.

**Conrad House—John House Line**

Conrad House and Sarah Robinson.

Children:

Emma born 1853, married Joseph LaCroix.

Septimus married Atta Davey.

Dennis, unmarried.

Homer born 1868, married Mary Smith.

Lillie married 1. Judson Harter, 2. George Hicks.

Emma House and Joseph LaCroix.  
Children:

Clayton born 1875, married Maud Lynch.

Pearl born 1879, married Charles Alsever.

Clyde born 1882, married Julia Tovey.

Septimus House and Atta Devoy.  
Children:

Burton born April 28, 1883, died September 26, 1912. Unmarried.

Homer House and Mary Smith.

Children:

Conrad born 1903, married Nellie Huntley.

Lillie House and Judson Harter.

Children:

Clifford. No further record.

Lillie House Harter and George Hicks. No descendants.

Clayton La Croix and Maud Lynch.

Children:

Joseph Newell born 1902, married Florence French.

Pearl La Croix and Charles Alsever.

Children:

Melvin born 1905, married Ruth Wallis.

Clyde LaCroix, married Julia Tovey. No descendants.

Conrad House and Nellie Huntley.

Children:

Lawrence born 1930.

Sarah born 1932.

Emma born 1934.

Emily Catherine House. Born April 30, 1835, died unmarried March 24, 1857.

## CHAPTER VI.

### NICHOLAS HOUSE LINE

The children of Nicholas House, the brother of Jonathan and George, and Catherine Spoon his wife are as follows: Nicholas, Jr., John, Henry, Isaac, Jacob, George, Conrad, Anna, Betsy, Catherine and Nancy.

1. Nicholas Jr., baptized November 9, 1788, married Mary Snyder. Their children were Katharina (single); Josiah, married Nancy Ray; Hiram, married Nancy Fraunce; Nancy (single); Christina, married Erastus Smith of Little Falls; and Jeremiah, married a widow Sophie Humphrey. Nicholas, Jr. died August 8, 1871, aged 82 years, buried at Jordanville, N. Y.

2. John, baptized September 21, 1790, married Fannie Cheever. Their five children were: Alfred, M. D., married Sarah Harris and went west; James, married Cornelia Harris and lived in Kingdom, had a son John House who married Alice Starkweather, lived west. James House died and Cornelia married Abraham Myers of Mohawk. Lucias House, who married Velona Harris, lived in Kingdom and had a son Charley; Rosanna, who married Peter Helmer, and another married Dr. Hawks.

3. Henry, born October 25, 1784, married Maria Fikes and their eleven children were: Rhoda, married John C. Miller; David, married Mary Miller and second Angelina Spohn; Henry married Mary; Harvey married Eliza Terpening, who after his death married Damon Brown; Betsy, married James Pierce and died two or three years after; Gaylord, married Nancy Skinner; Lorenzo, married Regina Tyler; Delos, married Jane Gamwell; Sidney, married first unknown and second Katharine Gale, widow of Matthew Link; Margarette, married William Getman, and Mar-

tha, married Delevan Armstrong.

4. Isaac, born June 2, 1801, died December 25, 1884, married Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Peter Miller. Their daughter Caroline, born January 9, 1827, married James Woodford. Isaac married second Sarah Ames, daughter of Leonard Ames and Ryder. The marriage was at the home of Ezra Cleland at Jordanville, N. Y. Sarah Ames lived with Ezra Cleland's family. They were married January 2, 1831. Their children were: Sanford, born Oct. 28, 1831, died August 6, 1870; Diadama, born January 10, 1833, died young; Abbie Catharine, born February 2, 1834, married August Waldron; Isaac, born May 12, 1837, died young; Darias died young; Squire, born Dec. 4, 1838, married Cornelia Orendorf and second Mrs. Klock; Rodney, born May 28, 1840, married Emily Steele; Harriet, born March 4, 1842, married Hamilton Steel and a son, Claude A. lives in Ilion at present; Melchar, born March 18, 1846, died young; Matthew, born Oct. 23, 1848, married Nancy Casler, died March 9, 1880; Dially Ann, born December 19, 1849, married Adrian Lewis, August 7, 1867, second Adelmarr Paster.

5. George, born February 28, 1787, married Nancy Strop and kept a hotel where Mrs. Maria Schuyler now lives and later built and lived in the house across the road, for many years the home of Joseph Holden Fox. Their thirteen children were: Abraham, who married Mary Bronson and among their children were Alonzo, who married Emma Ingram; Otis, married Lana Miller and had a son, Prof. Frank House. Otis married second Miss Underwood. He married a third time, lived at Oneida, where he was killed crossing the railroad tracks. Maryetta, daughter of Abram, married Henry Balden. Frank married Benton Slade. Clara

married George Wilkerson. Nancy married unknown. Seward married unknown. Bronson married Sarah Aldridge.

Isaac, the second child of George and Nancy, married Betsy Thomas. Katy married Jacob Woleber and their children were: Stephen, Dianthe and Charley. Harriet married Orlando Hoke. Chauncey married Mary Gustin. Lafayette married Elizabeth Harter; Orville, married Adelaide Ackler; Charley, married Fannie McCreedy; Jay S., married Ella Houghton Shepherd; Clayton married Eloise Jones; Fred married Emma Ward; George married Edna Wright; Delbert married Dora Cummings and Nellie, who died young.

Mary, daughter of George and Nancy, married William Canfield. Diana married Daniel Hoke. Jane married Daniel Osterhout and Manuel died in the Civil War. George House married second Betsy Thorp of Jordanville but they soon agreed to live apart. George and Nancy were buried in the Columbia cemetery.

6. Jacob, born March 7, 1796 married Katy, daughter of John Getman and Anne Elizabeth Frank, who was the daughter of Timothy Frank and Anne Elizabeth Bellinger. Their one child, a daughter, married Dr. Hawn. Katy died and Jacob married a second time but the name of wife was accidentally destroyed by a sheet of record being torn, although this record may be it. "Jacob N. House born March 7, 1796, married widow Mary Jacques March 24, 1846." Their children were: Charles Dudley, born May 19, 1847; Catharine Augusta born June 6, 1849; Elizabeth Hawn House born August 27, 1851; Mary Anne Derthick born January 25, 1853. Jacob N. House died December 21, 1853.

Catharine born 1849, married Melvin Shaul and Elizabeth born 1851,

married Alvin Shaul and both had families. A Ralph W. Shaul lived in Sandy Creek, N. Y. in 1924 but we have no record since then and do not know whether Melvin or Alvin was his father. Charlotte, the daughter of Mary Jacques by her first marriage, married William Petrie and they were the parents of Frank N. Petrie.

7. Conrad, baptized November 9, 1788, married first Lucinda Rounds and among their children born at the Round homestead in the Kingdom were: Emeline, married Monroe Wilkerson; Sophronia, married Jefferson Green; Henry, married Mary Miller. Conrad married second Katie Battles and third Susie Brown.

8. Anne, born March 18, 1818, married a man named Harter in Herkimer. No further record.

9. Betsy, born August 17, 1817, married George Van Alstine, born 1778 and who died December 10, 1856 (son of Martin Van Alstine.) He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Among their descendants are the late Danforth Van Alstine and his son George Van Alstine, Archibald, who died in his 98th year and left sons Frank and James Van Alstine in Ilion. George and Betsy are buried in the William Christman cemetery.

10. Susanna, born November 17, 1793, married John Woodard and had four children. He went west to buy a farm and never returned. Do not know what happened regarding him.

Katy or Catherine, baptized September 21, 1790, married John D., son of John Getman and Anne Elizabeth Frank (brother of Jacob House's wife.) They had three children, Gaylord, Sophronia and another. Gaylord was father of Orrin, Andrew, Wellington, Clark, Mr. D. and Mrs. Orville Shaul. Sophronia married Jeremiah Myers and a son Newborn Myers lived in Mohawk. Harris My-

ers and Mrs. George O. Getman of Ilion are grandchildren.

The above record of the Nicholas House line was prepared several years ago by Mrs. M. A. Hatch of Richfield Springs, N. Y. who also was instrumental in proving his service in the American Revolution and having a marker erected for him.

## CHAPTER VII.

### George House Line

I regret that I have not a more complete record of George House who is very closely linked in history with Johnathan and Nicholas. Records in the archives at Albany show that he was a member of Captain Jost Dygert's Canajoharie company in Col. Clyde's regiment. The records also show that he was made captive on January 9, 1781 and was held captive until August 4, 1782, and further stating that he was a member of Capt. Jost Dygert's company when taken. Whether he joined this company early enough in the war to have participated in the Battle of Oriskany we do not know.

George House married Maria May-bee as early as 1776 but we have no record of their marriage. They were sponsors in that year at the baptism of Johannes Schmidt.

The St. Johnsville Reformed church records of July 7, 1793, volume 1, page 81, show George House and wife Maria sponsors at the baptism of Maria, daughter of John Kelly and Lea House. In the Rev. Abraham Rosecrantz German Flatts Reformed church records, Vol. 1, page 90, is this record: "George House and wife, Maria had son Nicholas born December 3, 1784, baptized December 5, 1784, Nicholas House and Dolly May-bee sponsors." In the same records, volume 1, page 116: "George House and wife Maria had daughter Christina, born December 31, 1786, bap-

tized January 2, 1787, sponsors Cobus Maybee and wife, Christina."

St. Johnsville Reformed Church record, volume 1, page 7: "George House of Canajoharie Castle and wife Maria Maybee had son Conrad baptized December 14, 1788. Sponsors Bartholomess Mebie and Margretha Freymauer." Volume 1, page 30, "George House of Canajoharie Castle and wife Maria had daughter Anna baptized January 20, 1793. Sponsors David Hess and wife."

George House and Maria Maybee were also sponsors at baptism of Wilhelm Forbes, son of Nicholas Forbes, November 13, 1781. Nicholas Forbes in the census of 1790 is given as living at Indian Falls. The census of 1790 shows George House living at Indian Castle or Canajoharie Castle as sometimes called, a near neighbor of his brothers Nicholas and Jonathan. In the same neighborhood lived the Herkimers and other prominent families of that period from whom have descended a long line of patriotic and influential citizens. George House was a witness to the will of General Nicholas Herkimer.

### CHAPTER VIII.

#### Christian House Line

We have been able to determine without any chance for contradiction the fact that Conrad and Engalge his wife were the parents of Jonathan, Nicholas, George and Harmonus House.

In this chapter we will take up another son of Conrad House and Engelge his wife. Our studies into the history of the different House lines has shown very clearly that Captain Christian House was also a brother of the four mentioned above. The Stone Arabia church records show that Christian Hauss and Christina Rightmeyer were married Sep-

tember 10, 1765. The Rev. Abraham Rosencrantz' German Flatts Reformed Church records show that Conrad House and Engelga his wife were sponsors at the baptism of several of their grandchildren, among whom were children of Jonathan, Harmonus and Christian. In volume 1, page 27, they were sponsors at the baptism of Engelga, daughter of Harmonus House and wife Margretha. In volume 1, page 82, they were sponsors for Conrad, son of Christian House and Christina his wife and on page 84 they were sponsors for Engalga, daughter of Jonathan House and Lenna his wife. In many other church records we find the same families very closely connected.

As to the family of Christian House and Christina his wife, we have a very limited record. In addition to Conrad mentioned above there was a John Christian who married Anna Bellinger. In a letter from Mrs. W. E. Hayes of St. Johnsville, January 28, 1930, she says, "My mother was Rosina House. She was a daughter of John Christian House who was a son of Capt. Christian House. John Christian House, born September 7, 1769, married Anna Bellinger, born October 22, 1772. They were married March 22, 1792. John Christian died April 13, 1853. and Anna his wife February 3, 1850. Their children were: Henry, born April 27, 1793, died September 24, 1865; Anna (Nancy) born September 11, 1795; Peggy, born August 5, 1802; John J., born November 14, 1803, died July 24, 1872; Joseph, born September 2, 1806; Julianna, born April 10, 1809, died February 23, 1893; a daughter born in 1811 who died in infancy and Rosina, born January 7, 1815 and died January 11, 1877."

Catherine House, born November 16, 1789, died March 6, 1871, mar-

ried June 11, 1808 Aaron Van Antwerp born May 27, 1788, died March 12, 1871.

Had a son Henry Nelson Van Antwerp born May 27, 1788, died March 12, 1871.

They had a son:

Henry Nelson Van Antwerp married June 29, 1848 Irene Rose Weaver (widow.)

They had a son:

Henry Rightmeyer Van Antwerp, born March 31, 1849, married January 4, 1879 Lillis Teller.

They had a daughter:

Katherine Irene born December 25, 1873, married 1. Elbert Beard Curtis; married 2. James A. Venable.

Children by first husband:

Merle Van Antwerp Curtis born April 9, 1895, died February 11, 1903.

Spencer Beard Curtis born September 8, 1898. Unmarried.

Sarah House married 1786 John Zimmerman born 1760, died 1834.

Had a son:

Daniel born 1787, died 1850; married 1812 Elizabeth Feeter.

John Zimmerman was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. No further record.

John Christian House married Anna Bellinger.

Had a son:

Christian born March 3, 1800. No record of marriage.

They had a son:

Daniel married Rosanna Hays.

They had a son:

Henry C. married Anna I. Perrine. Children:

Minnie married Calvin L. Ashley.

Lena married Jay P. Smith.

Daniel J. No record.

L. C. No record.

Victor. No record.

Minnie House and Calvin L. Ashley.

Had a son:

Calvin L. Ashley, Jr.

John J. House born November 14, 1803 married Nancy Hoffman.

Had a daughter:

Cerena House married John J. Hays and had a son.

Walter Hays married, unknown. Walter Hays was a physician at Altmar, N. Y.

John Christian House married Anna Bellinger.

Had a son:

Henry House born April 27, 1793, died September 24, 1865, married, wife's name unknown.

Had a son:

John Peter House, born November 25, 1819, died February 19, 1899. married October 17, 1844 Nancy Flanders born August 24, 1824, died February 6, 1894.

Children:

Horatio Delos House, born September 30, 1845, married Sarah Martha Kier. Children:

George Wesley House.

William C. House.

Franklin H. House.

Gideon Reese House.

Sarah House married Hiram J. Gage.

Nathan House.

Horatio Delos House and Sarah Martha Kier.

Children:

Edward Grant born October 11, 1870, married October 11, 1904 Marva E. Daniel.

Roscoe born July 26, 1879, married February 4, 1902.

Edward Grant House and Marva E. Daniel.

Children:

Edward Grant, Jr. born 1906.

James Daniel born 1911.

Elizabeth Brothers was a daughter of Nathan House.

Rosina House married Jacob Vosler.

Had a daughter:

..... Vosler married Amos Hays.

#### Harmonas House Line

Harmonas House, one of the several sons of Conrad House and Engelga—last name unknown—was a Loyalist and is mentioned in Mohawk Valley writings as being quite active during the American Revolution. After the war he was given a grant of land near Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, and most of his children who moved there with him settled there. It is believed that some of his children remained in the United States.

Of the children of Harmonas House and Margaretha we have not a full record but can show the following: George, born June 28, 1773; Joseph, John, Engelga, Maria, born in 1780; Daniel and Anna Margaret, born August 23, 1796, who married a Joseph Smith. Whom Joseph, Engelga and Maria married and where they lived we have no record. Daniel, among other children, had two sons, Amos and Levi, who later settled in the town of Porter, Niagara County, N. Y.

Whom John House married is unidentified. He had a son Lewis, born August 23, 1796, who was an American soldier in the War of 1812, was made a captive and taken to Canada, where he settled after peace was declared.

Of Joseph House, son of Harmonas, we have the following line of descent:

Harmonas House married Margaretha. Had:

Child: Joseph House married, wife unknown. They had:

Child: Phillip House married Phoebe Lampman. They had:

Child: Frederick House married Eliza Jane House. They had:

Child: Solomon House, born February 13, 1876 married Inez Gotts born February 20, 1872.

Children:

Kenneth born March 16, 1904, married Emma Wiley.

Courtman born February 1, 1908.

Harmonas House and Margaretha had:

Child: John House, married, wife unknown. They had:

Child: Cathrine House, married Lewis House. They had:

Child: Eliza House married Frederick House.

Child: Solomon House married Inez Gotts.

Children:

Kenneth born March 16, 1904 married Emma Wiley.

Courtman born February 1, 1908.

Solomon House and family are now living near Medina, N. Y.

There was also a George House, Loyalist, who assisted in the raid on Cherry Valley and later settled in Canada.

#### Scriber-House Line

In the "Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York," we find reference among others to the following prisoners captured by the Indians near Fort Plain, N. Y. on the 2nd day of August, 1780, and taken into Canada where they were held for about eighteen months and returned then, only upon demand of the Governor, accompanied by threats of reprisal if they were not returned.

Rebecca, aged 25 years, wife of Stephen Scriber, together with her three children, Elizabeth aged seven, Abraham aged four and Maria, one year.

Also that at same time were taken: Elizabeth, twenty-one years; Christina, four; and Jacobus, nine months—wife and children of John



Joseph House.

Also Maria Elizabeth, seventeen, daughter of George House and Conrad, fifteen, son of Adam House.

The Scriber line follows:

Stephen Scriber married Rebecca. Last name unknown.

Children:

Elizabeth Scriber. No further record.

Abraham Scriber married Charity House.

Maria. No further record.

Abraham Scriber and Charity House.

Children:

Stephen Scriber married Mary Walrod.

Abraham Scriber went west. No further record.

Stephen Scriber and Mary Walrod.

Children:

Elizabeth married Andrew House.  
Henry married Hannah Hoke.

Jacob married Larana Brewster.

Stephen married 1. Olive Farmer;  
2. Eliza Suites.

Abraham married Nancy Jacobson.

Lavina married 1. Jothran Jennings; 2. Smith Williams; 3. George Price.

George married Margaret Muckey.

Elizabeth Scriber and Andrew House. (See House record for descendants.)

Jacob Scriber and Larana Brewster.

Children:

Miner married Lucette Moore.  
Emily married Peter Minckler.

Henry Scriber and Hannah Hoke.

Children:

Sylvia married Orin Sherman.

George.

Stephen Scriber and Olive Farmer.

Children:

Lavina married Ross Kesselhawk.

Jacob married Harriet Walker.

William married Frances Davids.

Mary married Charles Van Bueren.

Henry married, unknown.

Lydia married John Van Bueren.

Abraham Scriber, born November 10, 1825, died January 26, 1893 married Nancy Jacobson born January 4, 1828, died March 2, 1917.

Children:

Sarah Louise born June 19, 1849, died June 11, 1857.

Alice May born June, 1857. Died in infancy.

Daniel born July 25, 1865, married Lena Williams born October 2, 1864, died August 31, 1940.

Daniel Scriber married March 4, 1885 Lena Williams.

Children:

Ida A. born July 10, 1886. Unmarried.

Edith Mary Scriber, born July 31, 1888 married June 26, 1912 Frederick G. Mahaffey.

Children:

Betty Scriber Mahaffy born April 20, 1922. Unmarried.

Lovina Scriber married I. Jothan Jennings.

Children:

Mary married Alvin Howard.

Larana married William House.

Martha married Truman Wilcox.

George married Salome House.

Melissa died young.

Alma married Frank Eno.

Lavina Scriber married a second time about 1861 Smith Williams.

Children:

Lena Williams married Daniel Scriber.

Lovina Scriber married 3rd George Price.

Children:

Charles Price married Bernice McBride.

George Scriber married Margaret Muckey.

## Children:

Stephen (Captain in Civil War)  
married, unknown.

Charley (killed in Civil War.)

Delia married 1. William DeWitt;

## 2. Tyler.

Mary married Albert Spencer.

Kate married Eugene Gates.

Jacob Scriber married Harriet Walker.

## Children:

Lucy married Nathan Gates.

Katie married Alvin House.

Lewis married Mable Butler.

Stephen married, not known.

Harvey married Winnie Brown.

We feel that here should be related some records and tradition anent the Walrath and Scriber families, from whom many of the Houses herein mentioned are descended, as are many other families who trace their ancestry to the Mohawk Valley settlers.

In Mary Riggs Deifendorf's "The Old Historic Mohawk," page 308, is this quotation:

"One of the best known ferries across the Mohawk River was the Walrath Ferry at Fort Plain, licensed as follows: 'We the Supervisors of Tryon County do hereby certify that the place of John Walrod is to be an established Ferry and at this time is highly necessary to preserve a communication between Fort Plank and Fort Paris, and do hereby recommend the said John Walrod to his Excellency for a Ferry across the Mohawk River. Signed April 6th, 1780.

John Walrod.' "

Quoting from the same source on page 240 we find Henry Walrath mentioned as a Justice of the Peace. Record and tradition in the House and Scriber families refers to Henry Walradt as at some time being a Ferryman, a Justice of the Peace and an Inn Keeper.

We quote from a letter published April 4, 1934 by Henry W. George of 1 Madison Avenue, New York City: "The first Walrod in this country was Gerhard, a Palatinate who came over in 1710-1713 and lived at East Camp, now Germantown, Columbia County, N. Y. He later moved to Schoharie. His son, or possibly his grandson, Heinrich was born in 1737 and died January 15, 1791, and is buried in the Reformed Church burial ground at Stone Arabia. Henry Walrod was married in 1730 to Elizabeth Bowman, born June 23, 1742 and died in 1808, and is said to have left fourteen children.

Our records show the following children of Henry Walrad and Elizabeth Bowman, but not in order of birth:

Mary married Stephen Scriber and settled in Oswego County, N. Y.

Nancy married Henry Moyer. Descendants living in Syracuse, N. Y.

Margaret married a Putnam and lived at Theresa, N. Y.

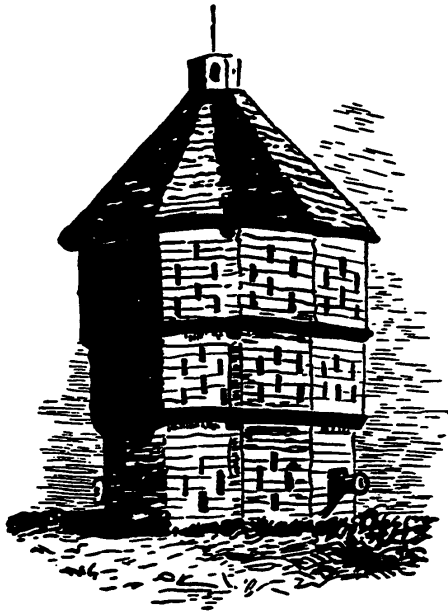
Katie married Madeline Zuller. No further record.

John married Madeline Zuller. Descendants living in Syracuse, N. Y.

Other children: Adam, Henry, Jacob, Peter, Andrew or Adolphus, Philip and Jane.

Our writing now takes up some of the tradition and stories as have come down through the years.

In the Enterprise and News under date of February 25, 1931, titled, "Women in the Revolution," is the following Walrath incident as narrated by Elizabeth Scriber House concerning her grandmother, Elizabeth Bowman, wife of Henry Walrod, who lived near Fort Plain and there operated a ferry across the Mohawk. We will use her words as she told it to her son Addison S. House and to her granddaughter, L. Josephine Shaver:

FORT PLAIN BLOCK-HOUSE.<sup>1</sup>

We quote:

"Grandmother and her family lived near Fort Plain, I think about two miles away and near the Mohawk River. There were several other families living near them, as it seems to have been a little settlement of itself. This little settlement had always been on quite friendly terms with the Indians and many times they had stopped at Grandmother Walrod's door for food and were never refused.

Quite often the women and children of the settlement were left at home alone when the men were busy with the duties of the farm or were under arms fighting for the independence of the colonies.

One day an Indian, whom Grandmother had befriended many times, stopped at the house and sat down on the doorstep. He was very silent and Grandmother asked the cause, as she could see that his mind was troubled. At last he spoke, first exacting her promise never to reveal what he was about to tell her as having come from him. This she readily agreed to and he told her that the Indians were already on the warpath

and were about to raid the settlement and for her to flee while there was yet time. Again imploring secrecy as to his part in her escape, as his life would be forfeited if his tribe found out he had revealed their plans, he disappeared into the forest.

Mrs. Wendover, a neighbor, accompanied by her two children and her dog was calling on Grandmother Walrod when the Indian gave the alarm. The two women soon gathered their children about them and started to seek safety. Two children were missing but they soon found them gathering nuts nearby. As they left home they could see the smoke and flames issuing from the buildings at the other end of the settlement. The Indians were already at work on their deadly mission, as the whole settlement was burned and the stock driven away.

The two women together with their children hid under the roots of an upturned tree while the Indians passed over the creek on a log bridge nearby. They were unseen by the Indians and Grandmother Walrod often commented on the silence of the dog during the time of their hiding.

After the Indians had gone it was necessary for the two women to ford the river and carry their children to safety at the Fort, where other women were stationed during their husband's absence. There was one old man and a boy of about twelve years of age at the Fort. The women put on men's coats to make it appear that there were men at the garrison, loaded what guns there were and placed themselves under the command of the old man. They awaited the approach of the Indians until they got very close to the Fort. When the command to fire was given, the women fired, killing and wounding several. The remainder of the Indians fled, leaving their dead and wounded. One Indian who feigned death was killed by the boy.

The burning of the settlement did not destroy Grandmother Walrod's wonderful oven, which was very substantially built, and as she was an expert horsewoman as well as a good baker, she used to ride back and forth, a distance of about two miles, to bake the bread for those staying at the Fort. On one occasion she was surprised to see a band of Indians coming in the distance. She quickly placed the loaves in sacks and, throwing them across the horse's shoulders, she raced back to the Fort. Upon arrival there it was discovered that the horse's shoulders were blistered from the heat of the bread.

After peace was restored and new buildings replaced those which had been destroyed, Grandmother Walrod was at home caring for the Inn of which she was hostess, the men being absent about their duties, and with her was only her little daughter Mary (afterwards the wife of Stephen Scriber.) She was amazed to hear them tell of the burning of the settlement and the naming of a white man—a Tory—who joined in the destruction of their home."

#### Record of Another John House

John House, born prior to 1740. We believe him to have been a son of George House and Catherine Ecker. We have no record of his wife's name but he had a son Adam, born 1759 or 1760, and died August 26, 1835.

Adam House married Magdalena Starring, born 1756-57, died February 2, 1832. Children:

Nancy married .... Rosbuck.

Joseph married Nancy.....

Magdalena married ..... Gray.

Jacob, born February 14, 1793, married Catherine Snell, born September 11, 1797.

Catherine born 1798 married John Petrie.

Of Nancy, Joseph and Magdalena

we have no record, but record the record of the children of Jacob House who married Catharine Snell.

Elijah married 1850 Lina Catherine Snell.

Levi, no record.

Mary, no record.

Lydia married John Newkirk.

Catherine House and John Petrie.  
Children:

Levi married Mary J. Brown.

Henry D., no record.

Magdalena married Adam Kilts.

Leonard, no record.

John, no record.

Elijah, no record.

Harriet, no record.

Jerome married Hattie Waters.

James married Flora .....

Elijah House and Lina Catherine Smith. Children:

George W. married Alice Yarrington.

Jennie S. married .... Campbell.

Dolover E. married Alice J. Petrie.

Charles W. married, no record.

Of Levi and Mary House and of Lydia House Newkirk we have no further record.

Levi W. Petrie and Mary J. Brown.  
Children:

Alice J. born 1856, married 1875  
Dolover E. House.

Frank B. born 1861, married 1882  
Mary Tygert.

Magdalena Petrie and Adam Kilts.  
Children:

Elizabeth married William Austin.

Jerome Petrie and Hattie Waters.  
Children:

Burton, Fred, Walter, Elmer and Frank. No record of marriages or descendants.

Alice J. Petrie and Dolover House.  
Children:

Homer D. House, born 1878, married 1902 Emma Hotaling.

Raymond B. House, born 1889, mar-

ried 1913 Florence Case.

Frank B. Petrie and Mary Tygert.  
Children:

Ethel born 1891, married 1915 Dr. McNamee.

(No descendants.)

Jennie S. House and .... Campbell. No descendants.

George W. House and Alice Yarrington. No record of descendants.

Elizabeth Kilts and William Austin.

Children:

Merton. No further record.

Raymond B. House and Florence Case. Children:

Thelma C. born 1916. No further record.

Ronald born 1918. No further record.

Homer D. House and Emma Hotelling. No descendants.

#### HOUSE-STALEY

There have been many requests for records concerning the parentage of Mary Elizabeth House, her capture by the Indians, the journey into Canada, her discovery by Joseph Staley, her release and subsequent marriage to Staley.

I will quote from a letter received from F. S. Hammond (now deceased) of St. Petersburg, Fla.

"My wife is the great granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth House, born in 1753. Her parents were killed in the French and Indian raids on the Palatine Village in November, 1757, when she was four years old. She was taken to Canada.

Twelve years later Jacob Staley, then a young man, went to Canada with a pack of cheap jewelry and trinkets to trade with the Indians. He found her there and bought her from

the squaw who had her and brought her back to the Palatine fort. Two years later he married her. They had ten children, eight sons and two daughters.

Jacob Staley died at or near Johnstown, N. Y. in the year 1811 and Mary Elizabeth died at the home of her youngest daughter, Catherine Staley Gage of Johnstown in 1825.

The eldest daughter, Lucinda, born in August, 1774, married William Brown, born in Connecticut in 1773. I have very complete records of both the daughters and of one son Henry and some account of other sons.

These records furnished me as above by Jacob H. Brown, 1827-1915, by a daughter of Catherine Gage and by a grandson of Henry Staley, all descendants of George House and Mary Elizabeth Staley."

#### Major Joseph House

Regarding the descendants of Major Joseph House, I quote the following as copied from a letter received from Mrs. Abram D. Smith of Newark, N. Y., under date of December 20, 1930:

"My mother, Hannah Diefendorf Wilson, was the daughter of Daniel Diefendorf and Katherine House, and the latter was the daughter of Abram House and Maria Smith. Abram House was the son of Major Joseph House and Elizabeth Young. I have the dates of their births and deaths. Both Abram and Joseph lived near Fort Plain, the latter at what was called Fort Plank in Dutchtown district."

Abram House afterward lived on the farm of the Commander of Fort Plank and Joseph House was in charge during the absence from the fort of the Commander.

BIRTHS	DEATHS

