

GENEALOGY and FAMILY HISTORY

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HISTORY OF THE MILLER FAMILY

The Miller family came to East Hampton when the town was first settled. Much has been written about the Millers, but much is incorrect and contradictory. There have been so many John Millers that it is difficult to tell to which the records refer. It is probable that several families of Millers came here about the same time, although historians have grouped them all together as one family. No Church records were kept by the first minister (Minister James). This adds to the difficulty in checking early traditions. The Town Records were carefully kept. These have been the source of much information about the early families.

The Miller family came to East Hampton from New England. The first to come here was John Miller. He is said to have come by way of Lynn and Salem, Massachusetts, about 1643, stopping in Southampton before settling in East Hampton in 1649 or 1650. There is a record of a John Miller there at that time.¹ Some historians say that John Miller came from Maidstone, England (County Kent); others say that he came from Craig Miller, Scotland. Old family tradition gives the line as Scotch in origin. This belief has been handed down in two branches of the family, George Asa Miller's and Timothy and Gilbert Miller's.

Hedges, in his History of East Hampton, states that "there is a tradition that the first settler of this family was John Miller, who died soon after settling here; that his wife was daughter of Minister Abraham Pierson; and that he left sons John, Andrew, and George." History of the Pierson family shows that this is not possible. Abraham Pierson's daughter Mary was born between 1660 and 1665. Her marriage is not given. A note in the Pierson history states that the Church records of Newark were lost in the Revolutionary War and that early Town records were burned. Abraham Pierson settled in Newark in 1666. It was accepted tradition in East Hampton more than a century ago that the wife of John 1 or John 2 was the daughter of Minister Abraham Pierson. If wife of John 2, she could not have been his first wife. Her name may have been Mary Pierson, but she was probably not the daughter of Abraham Pierson.

In 1648, Governor Eaton bought the land from the Indians to be conveyed to the settlers in the spring of 1651. Among the list of names in conveyance is John Miller.² The remaining land was purchased in 1660. The list then includes John Miller and George Miller. John is mentioned in 1655, and in 1656 an entry in the Town Records states that "John Miller, Andrew Miller, and George Miller are added to our Combination."³ This was an association of the early settlers of the town. Some believe this was the first John. If so, he could not have been the father of George and Andrew. If there were an earlier John, as historians say, he must have died soon after coming here, for he is not mentioned in later records.

John and Andrew are known to be brothers. They are so mentioned in the early records.⁴ Andrew lived in East Hampton until 1670 or 1671, at which time he left town and settled at Miller's Place, Long Island.

William Miller is believed by some authorities to be brother of John and Andrew. He may possibly have been Andrew's eldest son. William and his wife Hannah sold all their property in East Hampton in 1693 and moved to Elizabethtown, New Jersey. Closely connected with this family were the

children of a John Miller from Long Island. These two families were founders of Elizabeth and Westfield, New Jersey. There is evidently a close connection with Andrew Miller's family of Miller's Place.

George 2, son of John 1, was in Southold, Long Island, before coming to East Hampton. His home there was on the lot on which the Universal Church now stands. In 1656 he sold his property in Southold and moved to East Hampton.⁵ He owned much land in East Hampton. He married Hester Conkling, daughter of Annanias Conkling. In 1657 he was appointed administrator of his father-in-law's estate.⁶ He died in 1668 from the kick of a horse.⁷ His sons were John, Cornelius, George, and Jeremiah. John is eldest son and heir.⁸

After John 3 becomes old enough to appear in the tax lists, his name is written "John, Jr." to distinguish him from the elder John (John 2), who is then called "John, Sr." "John, Jr." is the son of George 2, not of John 2. John 3, son of John 2, does not appear in the East Hampton records, probably because he owned no property in East Hampton and later went to Cohansey, New Jersey. "John, Sr." always signs his name, but "John, Jr." makes his mark; so it is easy to distinguish between them in the records.

John 3, son of George 2, married Elizabeth Dimon (Diamont), daughter of Thomas Dimon, in 1677. Their children were Jane, John, Thomas, who died at sea in 1699, Experience, and possibly Daniel. Hedges says that Daniel is probably the son of John 3. Family tradition disagrees with the historians. George Asa Miller said that he believed Daniel to be a descendant of John 2's son John instead of George 2's son John.

According to family tradition, seventy or more years ago there were two separate families of Millers, the dark haired and the light haired Millers. The dark haired Millers were tall, angular, and muscular, and of Scotch descent. The light haired Millers were short and stocky, and of English descent. They believed George 2 to be unrelated to John and Andrew. They believed that Eleazer Miller (the Assemblyman) and the other descendants of George 2 were not related to the dark haired descendants of Daniel 4.

Historians give the line as John 1, George 2, John 3, Daniel 4. If George Asa and family traditions are correct, the line would run John 1, John 2, John 3, Daniel 4. Mrs. Alma Von Hoevenberg, genealogist for Mrs. Jay Gould (Helen Day Miller) and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, also has the line John 1, John 2, John 3, Daniel 4.

The Genealogical and Family History of the State of Connecticut states that John Miller came from Maidstone, England (County Kent) and settled at Lynn, Massachusetts; that he was also for a time at Salem before coming to East Hampton about 1649.

The Genealogy of Southern New York states that John Myller and his wife Mary came from Craig Miller, Scotland, and that George Myller, their son, came with them. However, they list the allotments of John 2 for this John and describe the activities of John 2. The author has confused the two Johns as well as George's descendants.

John 2 signed the Combination in 1657. The allotments of land granted him by the Town of East Hampton are listed in the Town Records. An early lot was located on Wood's Lane, the third lot from Calf Pasture Lane (now Ocean Avenue). This was later exchanged for land elsewhere. He was a farmer as well as a whaler. His associate in the whaling industry was Renick Garrison (Renick the Dutchman). In 1666 they were granted privileges of Accabonac Harbor for seven years.⁹ Seven years later, John Miller brought action in behalf of his company of whalers to collect a debt.¹⁰ Many from East Hampton went to Cape May, New Jersey, and to Cumberland County, New Jersey, for the purpose of whaling in Delaware Bay. Some settled at Cohansey, later known as Greenwich, on the Cohansey River. In 1698 John 2 and his wife Mary sold all their property in East Hampton and moved to Cohansey. The original deed of sale to Jacob Schellinx is among George Asa's papers. He must have died soon after settling in New Jersey, for his will was proven there November 3, 1699.

John's children were Noah, John, Preserved, Mary, wife of Thomas Stratton of East Hampton, Susannah, wife of Jonathan Holmes, and Hester.

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John Miller of Cohansey, whose will was proven May 17, 1749, is the son of John 3. This is the John whom George Asa Miller and Mrs. Von Hoevenberg believed to be the father of Daniel 4. The Salem County Genealogical Data by Craig lists wife Susannah, but does not name his children.

The names of John Miller, Noah Miller, and others from East Hampton are in the list of early settlers on the north bank of the Cohansey. The settlement was later called Greenwich.¹¹

Daniel Miller 4 married Elizabeth Buckland on December 13, 1699. They lived at Fulling Mill Farm and later at Appaquogue. Some believe the old Miller homestead on Appaquogue Road, later the property of Robert Wood, to have been the home of Elizabeth and Daniel. Others say it was built by Daniel's son. This lovely old house is described in a booklet, "True Tales from the Early Days of Long Island," written by Kate Strong. After 1700, his name appears often in the Town Records, for he was very active in Town and business affairs for more than forty years. He was at times Assessor, Constable, and Town Trustee.¹²

Daniel 4 was a whaler as well as a farmer. With the help of his sons and negro slaves, he took a whale and sold enough oil to buy a farm at The Fireplace on Gardiner's Bay, on which he settled his son Timothy, ancestor of my grandfather, George Asa Miller, and also my grandmother, Alice Maria Miller. The deeds for the purchase of these properties and the deeds of gift to "my beloved and dutiful son Timothy" are in the possession of the family. Daniel was a member of the militia. His name is on the muster roll of the Suffolk Regiment in 1715.

Daniel had children Experience, Elizabeth, who died in infancy, John, Daniel, Timothy, Alethea, and Elizabeth. John remained at the home on Appaquogue Road. Timothy 5 settled on the farm at The Fireplace.

Timothy 5 married Temperence Conkling, who died November 23, 1740. His second wife was Hannah Stratton. Their children were Zurviah, Temperence, Timothy, Elizabeth, David, Elisha, Hannah, Peleg, Charlotte, and Daniel.

Timothy fought in the French and Indian War. He was a Lieutenant Colonel. Timothy's commission as Ensign, signed by Governor George Clinton, dated October 13, 1748, hangs framed in the Miller homestead at The Springs.

David 6 remained at The Fireplace. Peleg moved to Franklin, New York. Daniel 6 moved to Greenville, New York. He had a son named Daniel whose daughter married Jay Gould. Timothy 6 and Elisha 6 settled at The Springs.

Peleg, David, and Elisha fought in the Revolutionary War. All East Hampton men capable of bearing arms signed the Association to stand by Boston in 1775. After the Battle of Long Island, all who remained were required to take the British oath of allegiance. Those unwilling to do so fled as refugees to Connecticut, joining the forces there. David, Peleg, and Elisha signed the Association in 1775. They went to Connecticut and joined the continental regiment. Elisha and his family went to Stonington with captains Eliphalet Buntington, Samuel Beebe, and Isaac Sheffield. The Book of Refugees by Mather lists these brothers. Also, on page 802 of this book, we find.

Sept. ye 11 -1776- for frate broght from Long Island to Stonington taken in at the Fireplace	
Eight cattle one horse & two sheep	2 . 15 . 00
One bote load of corn and 3 hogs and a barril and seven bushels roy & beens	2 . 00 . 00
Elisha Miller received the above - - - - Capt. Samuel Beebe.	

Mr. Elisha Miller dr. to Capt. Isaac Sheffield for frait from Long Island	
To one load house goods @ 18/	00 . 18 . 00
To five in family @ 3/ -pr.	00 . 15 . 00
	<hr/> 1 . 13 . 00

Stonington Nov. the 15, 1776 Brot off Long Island for Mr. Elishar
Miller 24 Bushels of whit & 1 bb. of potatoes 10/ in the shoener
Received the above in full payment by me
Capt. Eliphalet BUDINGTON

Elisha married Abigail Tuthill, and after her death married Cynthia Hedges. His children were Temperence, Elisha, who died young, Nathaniel, a doctor of Brookhaven, Barnabas, Tuthill, Cynthia, Asa, and Smith, who died at seventeen. Temperence married Nathaniel Dominy. Their son John sailed on a ship and never returned. He is said to have married a queen of the Sandwich Islands.

Asa Miller 7 married Anna Edwards. They lived for a time in New York City, where he worked as a ship's carpenter. A note among his papers states that he worked on Staten Island at \$1.50 a day. His son George Smith was born in New York. Asa returned to the homestead at The Springs and lived there the rest of his life. He was known as a man of great strength and athletic ability. He was called "Uncle Asa" by many of the people in the community. Lyman Beecher, pastor of the East Hampton Church, and Asa were great friends, spending much time together hunting and fishing. My father passes on the following story about "Uncle Asa":

Your great, great grandfather, "Uncle Asa," was a very powerful, stubborn, and quick tempered man. On one occasion, when he was carting a load of wood to East Hampton, he met a neighbor, Colonel Parsons. "Uncle Asa" pulled over onto his side of the road, but the ruts were quite deep, and the Colonel had a new carriage and apparently did not want to pull out of the deep ruts with it. He nodded his head and pretended to be asleep until the horses met head on and stopped. Then he "roused up" and said, "Why, Asa, I didn't see you; I must have been asleep. You will have to pull over and let me by, as I cannot get my carriage out of these deep ruts." "Maybe I can help you," said "Uncle Asa," and without another word, he jumped out of his wagon, grabbed the carriage by the rear wheels, turned it over on its side, jumped back on his load of wood, and drove on.

These two men met on another occasion, when "Uncle Asa" was driving off the beach with a load of seaweed. Now the seaweed that washed up on the bay shore was on public property, and anyone could cart it, and all the farmers did. They used it for litter in their pig pens, and it made wonderful fertilizer. But the seaweed that washed up on the creek side was considered even better, and it belonged to whoever owned the meadow land on which the receding tide left it. Although it was easy enough to tell creek seaweed from bay seaweed, the Colonel stopped "Uncle Asa" and accused him of getting the seaweed off the Colonel's meadow. Without speaking, "Uncle Asa" jumped out, reached up, hauled the Colonel from his wagon, and threw him into a nearby salt hole (a hole in the meadow filled with very deep, slippery mud).

Asa had one son George S. and daughters Abigail, Mary Ann, Phebe, and Catherine.

George Smith 8 was a farmer and whalerman. He lived at the homestead at The Springs. He married Caroline Stratton, a seamstress. Their children were George Asa, Mary, Carrie, Catherine, Nathaniel S., and Abbie, who died in infancy.

George Asa Miller 9 lived at the Springs homestead. He attended school in the old brick schoolhouse which is now Ashawagh Hall. Later, he attended Clinton Academy in East Hampton. He taught in a private school and in the Public School at The Springs. Later, he taught at the old Hook School in East Hampton.

He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1877, and in 1887, he was chosen Supervisor. Although a Democrat, he held this office for 25 years in a Republican town. He was also a member of the Town Board for 36 consecutive years, and for a long time was Chairman of the Suffolk County Board of Supervisors. When he retired from the Board, he was presented with a gold watch by all the Supervisors.

He was a director of the East Hampton National Bank and Cashier for many years.

George Asa married Alice Maria Miller, daughter of Samuel David Miller of The Fireplace. Their children were Ruth, Catherine, George, Asa, Daniel Timothy, Caroline, Stratton, and Mary Alice.

Timothy's son David 6 remained at The Fireplace. He married Phebe Huntting. Their children were Mary, Hannah, Phebe, Anna, Sophia, David Huntting, Fanny, Samuel, Lewis, and Elizabeth.

David Huntting 7 married Mary Mulford. Their children were Mary, Zurviah, and Samuel David. David Huntting and his son Samuel David 8 stayed on the homestead.

The old home was destroyed by fire about twenty years ago. The house overlooked Gardiner's Bay. On the shore signal fires were built as a means of communication with the people on Gardiner's Island. A large pile of brush was kept on hand for building these signal fires. Often people arriving too late to cross the Island before dark stayed at the Miller home. On one trip, Mrs. Gardiner, the wife of the proprietor of the Island, brought along a chair which she presented to my great grandmother in appreciation of her trouble in keeping travelers to the Island overnight. We now have this chair in our living room.

Samuel David married Ruamah Simons of Mattituck. Their children were Mary Jeanette, Alice Maria, David Huntting, Hiram, Arthur, and Annie.

My father also tells a story about my great grandfather, "Uncle Sammy," as his friends called him:

Your great grandfather, "Uncle Sammy," was a powerful and stubborn man. When a young man, he often sailed as a crewman on a "Costal" vessel, a ship that traveled up and down the Atlantic coast. On one trip, when in Philadelphia, he went into a small shop and purchased a silk scarf for his sister. The clerk took his five dollar gold piece, but gave him no change, and when asked about it said that they gave no change in that store. When great grandfather demanded his change, the manager of the store came over and told him to get out quickly or he would have him arrested. What happened then can best be told in "Uncle Sammy's" own words: "I grabbed him by his chin whiskers, pulled him over the counter, and bumped him on the nose, and then bumped him again--hard. And I yelled into his ear, 'I want my change!' and he ran behind the counter and got it for me. By that time, a crowd had gathered, and a policeman came in to see what the yelling was about. I told him I was just getting my change, and I dropped each piece on the counter to make sure it had a good ring to it. I was mad, M-A-D!"

Alice Maria lived at The Fireplace as a child. She attended Dr. Hallock's Academy in Bridgehampton. She taught school for several years, and for several winters she was private teacher for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lion Gardiner of Gardiner's Island, going with them to Washington, D. C. The late Lion Gardiner was one of her pupils.

Daniel Timothy 10 was born at The Springs. He attended The Springs School and East Hampton High School. He was for a time in Kansas City, Mo.

He married Dorothy Mary Straley of Galetton, Pa. Their children are Daniel Timothy, Jr., now a sophomore at Trinity College, and Mary Dorothy, a junior in East Hampton High School.

Daniel Built a home at The Fireplace on a lot overlooking Gardiner's Bay which was formerly part of the land owned by Samuel David Miller. Fourteen years later, he sold this home and moved to the apartment over the store on the Springs-Amagansett Road, our present home.

He worked for a time as Stockroom Manager in Lester's Garage, and in the East End Hardware in East Hampton. Later he went into business for himself as Proprietor of The Springs General Store.

In the past year, he became much interested in flying and is now a licensed pilot.

NOTES

- 1 Howell's History of Southampton, second edition, p. 79.
- 2 Thompson's History of Long Island, pp. 174-175.
- 3 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 119.
- 4 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 324.
- 5 Southold Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 51.
- 6 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 121.
- 7 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 302.
- 8 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 3, p. 21.
- 9 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 253.
- 10 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 1, p. 357.
- 11 Cushing & Sheppard's History of Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland Counties, p. 312.
- 12 East Hampton Town Records, Vol. 3, p. 124.

GENEALOGY

4 DANIEL MILLER	Born 1680	Died Dec 13 1769	Married Elizabeth Buckland Oct 11 1699
Daniel's children:	Baptized 1702		
Experience	1703	in infancy	
Elizabeth	1706	Mar 1 1791	Elias Hand Nov 6 1729
John			Patience Paine Jan 29 1729
			Mercy Conkling
			Rebecca Kempton
5 DANIEL	1708	May 11 1711	Temperance Conkling Oct 30 1734
TIMOTHY	(born) Jun 6 1713	Sep 4 1770	Hannah Stratton Jul 30 1741
Alethea	1716		Ben Hedges Jun 16 1741
Elizabeth	1721		John Merry Feb 15 1739
Timothy's children:	Born		_____ Hedges
Zurviah	Oct 10 1736		_____ Gardiner; Phebe _____
Temperance	Aug 18 1742	Aug 6 1813	Phebe Huntting Feb 20 1780
Timothy	May 10 1744	Feb 24 1816	Abigail Tuthill; Cynthia Hedges
Elizabeth	Nov 10 1746	Mar 25 1820	Philetus Osborne of Amagansett
6 DAVID	Jun 6 1749		Phebe Sherrill
6 ELISHA	Dec 17 1750	Jun 3 1839	Betsey Jones Apr 16 1792
Hannah	Dec 19 1753		Nathaniel Dominy
Peleg	Jun 28 1755		
Charlotte	Nov 6 1757		1863
Daniel	Jun 29 1763		1871
Elisha's children:			Apr 10 1855
Temperance	1774		Feb 2 1852
Elisha	1777		Dec 5 1840
Nathaniel	1779		1798
Barnabas	1789		
Tuthill	1779		Nov 13 1876
Cynthia	1793		Dec 1 1878
7 ASA	Nov 22 1781		Elias Parsons Oct 13 1832
Smith	1781		David Talmage Apr 11 1833
Asa's children:			Caroline Elizabeth Stratton Oct 27 1851
Abigail T.	Sep 14 1810		George Baily Jun 17 1840
Mary Ann	Oct 30 1811		Charles D. Parsons of Manchester; Conn. Jun 27 1854
8 GEORGE SMITH	Aug 4 1817		
(born in New York City)			
Phebe Elizabeth	1819		
Catherine Jane	Jun 11 1824		
George Smith's children:			
9 GEORGE ASA	Dec 19 1852	Mar 30 1935	ALICE MARIA MILLER Oct 16 1888
Mary Anna	Sep 2 1855	Dec 10 1936	Charles K. Smith Jan 2 1884
Carrie A.	Feb 19 1858	Dec 6 1923	Edmund Parsons Nov 26 1884
Catherine J.	Aug 21 1860	Apr 3 1891	Edward Hogan of NYC Sep 1 1881
Nathaniel S.	Nov 18 1863	Feb 1931	Mary R. Edwards Dec 17 1902
Abbie	Apr 1 1867	May 10 1867	

George Asa's children:	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married</u>
Ruth Ray	Sep 15 1889		
Catherine Jeanette	Dec 9 1891		
George Sidney	May 18 1894		Mildred Talmage Jul 8 1916
Asa Lewis	May 26 1896		Margaret Fulton Apr 10 1921
10 DANIEL TIMOTHY	Aug 28 1898		DOROTHY MARY STRALEY Apr 2 1932
Caroline Ruamah	Sep 4 1900		J. Wilmer Schellinger Nov 9 1923
Stratton	Jul 8 1903		Dorothy Rogers Aug 14 1948
Mary Alice	Mar 12 1906		Parker Sargent Feb 7 1934
Daniel's children:			
11 Daniel Timothy, Jr.	Apr 11 1933		
Mary Dorothy	Jul 15 1935		
David's children:			
Mary	Feb 11 1783	Jan 25 1849	Jared Cook Feb 22 1804
Hannah	Nov 1 1784	Feb 6 1870	Timothy Rose Dec 19 1822
Phebe	Feb 8 1787	Mar 31 1823	Lee Comstock of LeRoy, N. Y.
Anna	Jan 31 1789	Jan 6 1863	Deacon Erastus Williams of Littlefield, N. Y.
Sophia	Feb 14 1791	Jul 15 1835	
7 DAVID HUNTING	Jul 25 1793	May 31 1858	Mary Mulford Apr 28 1817
			Mary Jones Miller, widow of Samuel S. Jun 3 1829
			Betsey Barnes Oct 26 1831
Fanny	Jan 18 1795	Feb 3 1859	James Crane of Durham, N. Y.
Samuel S.	May 23 1797	Feb 20 1826	Mary Jones
Lewis	Dec 11 1799	Jun 7 1841	Clarissa Spofford of LeRoy, N.Y.
Elizabeth	Jun 19 1805	May 29 1834	Abraham Osborn
David Hunting's children:			
Mary Mason	Oct 17 1818	Mar 24 1877	Herman Halsey Feb 23 1853
Zurviah Mulford	Oct 23 1821	Feb 1 1841	
David Samuel	Apr 22 1825	Oct 18 1825	
8 SAMUEL DAVID	Jan 23 1827	Aug 23 1918	Ruamah Anna Simons Oct 26 1852
Samuel David's children:			
Mary Jeanette	Oct 20 1858		John Ward Parsons Jan 1 1878
9 ALICE MARIA	Nov 30 1860	Nov 10 1943	GEORGE ASA MILLER Oct 16 1888
David Hunting	Oct 3 1863	Aug 20 1943	Ruamah E. Bridgens of Buck Creek, Pa. May 1893
			Emma Edwards Jun 7 1887
Hiram Simons	Aug 26 1864		
Samuel Mason	Feb 24 1869	Feb 16 1871	
Arthur Roe	May 15 1872	Sep 16 1946	Helen Rackett of East Marion Jun 20 1900
Annie Ray	Mar 20 1870	Aug 16 1924	William Cartwright of Amagansett Apr 14 1902

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE MILLER FAMILY

1. John Miller
2. John Miller (m. Mary _____) OR George Miller (m. H ester Conkling)
3. John Miller (m. Susannah _____) OR John Miller (m. Elizabeth Dimon)
4. Daniel Miller (m. Elizabeth Buckland)
5. Lieut. Timothy Miller (m. Hannah Stratton)
6. Elisha (m. Abigail Tuthill) 6. David (m. Phebe Huntting)
7. Asa (m. Anna Edwards) 7. David H. (m. Mary Mulford)
8. George S. (m. Caroline Stratton) 8. Samuel David (m. Ruamah Simons)
9. George Asa (m. Alice M. Miller) 9. Alice Maria (m. George Asa Miller)
10. Daniel Timothy Miller (m. Dorothy Mary Straley)
11. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE STRALEY FAMILY

1. Christoph Fredrich Ströle (Dec. 31, 1790-Apr. 4, 1854); m. Fredrike Hager (Sept 3, 1787-Nov. 27, 1864)
2. Johann Gottlieb Stroele (July 5, 1825-1880); m. Katherine Margarethe Becher (1832-1920)
3. Rudolph Carl Straley (Oct. 13, 1873-Mar. 15, 1948); m. Flora Amelia Schramm (Aug. 22, 1875-)
4. Dorothy Mary Straley (Jan. 13, 1904-) ; m. Daniel Timothy Miller (Aug. 28, 1898-)
5. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr. (b. Apr. 11, 1933)

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE SCHRAMM FAMILY

1. Johann Martin Schramm (Lived in Udenheim, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany)
2. Francis Peter Schramm (Apr. 6, 1814-Mar. 30, 1893; m. Anna Marie Haller of Mainz, Germany)
3. John Frederick Martin (July 12, 1839-Nov. 4, 1890; m. Mary Catherine Gundel)
4. Flora Amelia (Aug. 22, 1875-) ; m. Rudolph Carl Straley
5. Dorothy Mary Straley (Jan. 13, 1904-) ; m. Daniel Timothy Miller)
6. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr. (b. Apr. 11, 1933)

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE GUNDEL FAMILY

1. Jacob Gundel (m. Anne Marie Keuler)
2. Mary Catherine Gundel (May 21, 1846-) ; m. J. F. Martin Schramm)
3. Flora Amelia Schramm (m. Rudolph Carl Straley)
4. Dorothy Mary Straley (m. Daniel Timothy Miller)
5. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE STRATTON FAMILY

1. William Stretton of Tendersen, England, is believed to be father of the brothers Richard and John Stretton, early East Hampton settlers.
 2. John Stretton, Sr. (b. about 1621 in Eng.; d. about 1684 in East Hampton; m. Sarah _____).
 3. Stephen Stretton (1675-1697; m. Hannah Reeves).
 4. John Stratton (d. July 21, 1775; m. Elizabeth Smith).
 5. Hannah Stratton (1717-1789; m. Lieut. Timothy Miller).
 6. Elisha Miller (m. Abigail Tuthill).
 7. Asa Miller (m. Anna Edwards).
 8. George Smith Miller (m. Caroline E. Stratton).
 9. George Asa Miller
 10. Daniel Timothy Miller, Sr.
 11. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.
5. Stephen Stratton (b. 1721; m. Mary Havens)
 6. Samuel (d. Jul. 13, 1845; m. Polly Osbourne)
 7. Caroline E. (Feb. 19, 1827-Oct. 14, 1906; m. George S. Miller)

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE SIMONS FAMILY

1. Peter Simons (His name appears in the list of land holders of Southold, Long Island, on a tax list in 1675; it does not appear in 1683.)
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4. Peter Simons (June 10, 1725-Aug. 22, 1782; m. Sarah Howell Feb. 13, 1752).
5. William Simons (Mar. 24, 1767-June 7, 1840; m. Ruamah _____).
6. Hiram Simons (June 28, 1804-Apr. 17, 1860; m. Polly _____).
7. Ruamah Anna Simons (Apr. 22, 1831-Sep. 22, 1913; m. Samuel David Miller).
8. Alice Maria Miller (m. George Asa Miller)
9. Daniel Timothy Miller, Sr.
10. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE EDWARDS FAMILY

1. William Edwards (d. 1685; m. Ann _____) came to East Hampton by way of Lynn and Taunton, Mass., in 1650. He is believed to have come from Maidstone, County Kent, England.
2. John (d. 1693; m. Mary Stanborough).
3. John (d. 1727; m. Anna _____).
4. John (b. about 1699; d. after 1760; m. Mary Dibble 1716).
5. Thomas (1717-1784; m. Anna Barnes).
6. Isaac (1760-1825; m. Ruth Homan).
7. Anna (1786-1844; m. Asa Miller).
8. George Smith Miller
9. George Asa Miller
10. Daniel Timothy Miller, Sr.
11. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE MULFORD FAMILY

Two brothers, John and William Mulford, born in England, came to Southampton, Long Island, from Salem, Mass. about 1643. They moved to East Hampton when that town was first settled. John was active in political affairs and was commissioned a Judge by the Connecticut Council. His son, Capt. Samuel Mulford, went to England in 1716, met a committee of the House of Lords, and had the duty on whale oil removed.

1. John (1606-1686; m. Mrs. Friedeswiede Osborn, widow of William Osborn of Salem, Mass.).
2. Samuel (1644-1725; m. Esther _____ and 2nd. wife Sarah Howell).
3. Elias (1685-1760; m. Mary Mason June 10, 1713).
4. Samuel (1714-1795; m. Zerviah Conklin Jan. 5, 1738).
5. Samuel (1757-1824; m. Mary Baker July 18, 1787 and 2nd. wife Mary Conklin Dec. 25, 1794).
6. Maria Mason (1797- ; m. David Huntting Miller Apr. 28, 1794).
7. Samuel David Miller
8. Alice Maria Miller
9. Daniel Timothy Miller, Sr.
10. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.

LINE OF DESCENT FROM THE HUNTTING FAMILY

John Huntting, born about 1597 in Hoxsee, Sufflok County, England, came to Dedham, Mass., in 1617 with his family. John 2 was born in England and died in Dedham. Nathaniel 3, a graduate of Harvard College in 1693, was the second pastor of the East Hampton Presbyterian Church. He was minister here for fifty years.

1. John (1597-1689; m. Hester Seaborn).
2. John (1628-1718; m. Elizabeth Paine).
3. Nathaniel (1675-1753; m. Mary Green of Boston).
4. Nathaniel (1702-1770; m. Mary Hedges).
5. Nathaniel (1730-1801; m. Mary Burdock).
6. Phebe (1762-1829; m. David Miller Feb. 20, 1780).
7. David Huntting Miller
8. Samuel David Miller
9. Alice Maria Miller
10. Daniel Timothy Miller, Sr.
11. Daniel Timothy Miller, Jr.

QUOTATIONS FROM SOME OF THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

EAST HAMPTON TOWN RECORDS

Vol. 1, p. 119, Jan., 1657:

The names under written are added unto our Combination
William Hedges John Miller Jeremiah Vale Roberd Deighton George Miller
John Kirtland Roger R. Smiths marke Nathaniel Foster Stephan S Hands marke
Andrew Miller Stephan 2 Osbournes marke Richard Shaw

Vol. 1, p. 187, Feb. 4, 1661:

John Miller and William Mulford have exchanged home lotts

Vol. 1, p. 253, Mar. 14, 1666:

It is orderd yt John Miller and Renick the dutchman and their associates shall have the privilege of the harbor and Accobanock Creekes for killinge of fish for seaven years from the Day of the date hereof pvided they sett upon it this Simer.

Richard Nicholls Esqr.

Vol. 1, p. 357, Apr. 18, 1673:

An action enterd to bee tried by the Towne Court betwene John Miller plt against Simon Heilleir Defendant in behalfe of said Company of Whaleman in a matter of Debt for fine.

Vol. 2, p. 17:

Book A, page 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ --The records of the Allotment of John Myller Senior, granted by the Town of East Hampton.

Vol. 2, p. 78, Apr. 1, 1679:

Mr. Thomas Chatfield Senor. is by this Towne chosen Constable for this present yeere & John Myller Senr. is chosen Overseer

Vol. 1, p. 324, Mar. 10, 1669:

It is agreed and granted by the inhabitants of this Towne that Andrew Miller is to have eight Acres of land lying in the middle range of Wodland lotts nere unto the 2 myle hollow commonly soe called & his brother John Miller's land lying next to him

Vol. 2, p. 418:

Book A, p. 209--This indenture Made this 18th day of July and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hondred Ninety Eight; by and between John Miller of East Hampton in the County of Suffolke upon the Island of Nassaw Yeoman of the one party; and Robert Moor of the aforesaid Plasce and County Cordwander of the other party; Witnesseth, that he the said John Miller for and In Consideration of the summ of two and twenty puonds fifteen shillings of good Current Money of this province to him paid Have sold and Confirmed To the aforesaid Robert Moor his heirs and assignes for ever all that eleven acres and three score poles of Land lying and being within the Township of Easthampton bounde as followeth: by The Land which Now Lyeth Common and Southerly by the Hing Way which goeth to Montakett To Have and to hold forever and doth warrant. In witnes wherof the aforesaid John Miller hath hearunto sett to his hand and fixed his seale In Easthampton The day and year aforesaid.

JOHN MILLER SENIOR (L.S.)

her

ELIZABETH O MILLER (L.S.)

marke

In presents of
Noah Miller
James Brading

The above said John Miller and Elizabeth his wife Appeared before me this nineteenth day of July 1698 and Acknowledged the above Deed of sale to be their act and Deed

BENJAMIN CONKLING Justis

Vol. 2, p. 420, the following signatures appear on another indenture:

JOHN MILLER Sen (L.S.)

her

MARY F MILLER

marke

In presents of
Lion Gardiner
James Brading

The above said John Miller and Mary his wife apperd before me this twentieth day of July the year above said and Acknowledged ye above deed of sale to be their act & deed

BENJAMIN CONKLING Justis

Vol. 2, p. 421:

This indenture Made this two and twentieth day of July In the tenth year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lor William the third King of England Scotland France and Ireland &c. and In the year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hondred Ninety Eight by and betwene John Miller of Easthampton In the County of Suffolk upon the Island of Nassaw Yoeman of the one party and Jacob Schellinx of the aforesaid plase and County Yeoman of the other party Witnesseth that he the said John Miller for and Consideration of the sume of Nine pounds of good Currant Money of this province by the Afforsaid Jacob Schellinx to him the said John Miller already paid Have sold and confirmed unto the abovesaid Jacob Schellinx his Heires and Assignes forever all that seven acres of Land Lying and being in the East plains within the Township of Easthampton Bounded as followeth on the West by land that was formerly Capt. Thomas Talmages and on the East by John Parsonses Land North and South by the high waies To have and to holde forever and doth warrant. In witnes whereof the Aforesaid John Miller hath hereunto set to his hand and Afixed his seale the day and year abovesaid.

JOHN MILLER SENIOR (L.S.)

In presents of
Noah Miller
James Brading

The above said John Miller apperd before me one of his Majesties Justisces of the peace and Acknowledged the above Instrument to be his act and deed this 23rd day of July 1698.

BENJAMIN CONKLING Justisc

- A true coppie Compared pr Thomas Chatfield Recorder

Vol. 3, p. 278, Jan. 12, 1711:

who put himself oblided to John Miller late of said Easthampton

Vol. 3, p. 124, Apr. 3, 1705: Daniel Miller elected Town Trustee.

Vol. 3, p. 333, Apr. 5, 1715: Daniel Miller elected Town Trustee.

- Vol. 3, p. 409, Apr. 17, 1724: Daniel Miller elected Town Trustee.
- Vol. 3, p. 441, Apr. 2, 1728: Daniel Miller elected Town Trustee.
- Vol. 3, p. 453, Apr. 17, 1730: Daniel Miller elected Town Trustee.
- Vol. 3, p. 496, Apr. 2, 1734: Daniel Miller elected Town Trustee.
- Vol. 3, p. 185, Apr. 6m 1708: Daniel Miller elected Constable.
- Vol. 3, p. 371, Apr. 2, 1717: Daniel Miller chosen Assessor.
- Vol. 3, p. 461, Apr. 6, 1734: Daniel Miller chosen Assessor.

OLD DOCUMENTS IN POSSESSION OF THE FAMILY

Feb. 27, 1737-8, Daniel Miller's Deed of Gift to his son Timothy:

In consideration of the love, good will and affection which I have toward my well beloved and dutiful son Timothy all that my lott or piece of land at Acabonack joining to the land of Jonathan King bounded to the Westward by land of sd King to the Northward by the bank, to the Eastward by Flaggy hole and a highway; and all that parcel of land which I bought of the Trustees it being about fourty acres together with all buildings, fences woods Liberties priviledges and appurtenances to the aforesaid two pieces or parcels.

Mar. 6, 1746-7, Daniel Miller to "My beloved sons John Miller and Timothy Miller" one twelfth of Montauk lands.

Oct. 23, 1765, Daniel Miller to "My well beloved and dutiful son Timothy Miller Yeoman all my housing lands and meadow--in Acabonack or the Fireplace Neck north eastward of the Springs and Hog Creek" (also land westward of Hog Creek) "one half of all my rights to the commons one half of all my rights at Montauket and also one equal half of personal estate provided he shall pay the equal half of all my debts and legacies."

EAST HAMPTON TRUSTEES JOURNAL 1725-1772

p. 60: And did agree to allow Daniel Miller and Eleazar Miller twenty shillings for ye hire of a hows for Martha pangman half a year past. 1730

p. 151: East Hampton, Feb. 24, 1749/50

Then received of Matthew Mulford the full and just sum of three pounds, eleven shillings and six pence current money of New York to be paid to Aaron Miller at Elizabethtown it being part of the pay that was unto sd Miller for casting a bal for the Town of East Hampton I say recev by me William Harriman.

HISTORY OF SOUTHAMPTON by T. ADAMS

p. 302: Daniel Miller saith that Mr. John Gardiner's Co. of 18 men and Mr. Samuel Mulford's Co. of 24 men had gotten about two barills a man. (In letter from Daniel Sayre to "Mr. George Clark, Chief Secretary att New York")

p. 307: Muster Roll of ye Suffolk Regiment Anno Dom. 1715. Henry Smith, Col., Joseph Wickham, Lieut. (Col.), William Smith, Maj'r...Daniel Miller...and others.

EAST HAMPTON TOWN RECORDS

Vol. 1, p. 119: George Miller added to our "Combination"

Vol. 1, p. 121, Jan. 29, 1657: Know all men presents yt I George Miller of East Hampton being Deputed by the authorities of the Towne instead of Jeremiah Conklin to be the administrator of the estate of my father in law Annanias Conklin deceased

Vol. 1, p. 142, Mar. 1657: It is the major vote that George Miller's adission shall lie next to goodman Mechems on the other side of the hooke pond

Vol. 1, p. 278, Apr. 15, 1668: This indenture nade between Jeremiah Meachem Late of East Hampton for and in consideration of a Valuable some of Money already in hand---do sell and have allinated Bargained and sold All that my house and Home Lotte---Bounded on ye north by George Millers owne home Lotte ---to the said George Miller

Vol. 1, p. 302, Dec. 4, 1668: These men under written are chosen Jury men concerning the death of George Miller Lift Thomas Talmage fore man Mr. Thomas Chatfield John Stretton William Mulforde Richard Stretton Thomas Osbrne John Osborne which Jury men are sworne before John Mulford.

The verdict of the Jury according to the testimony thay have is that george Millers provoking of the horse caused him to strike him which acotioned his death.

Vol. 2, pp. 15-17: Records of allotments of land to George Miller by the Town of East Hampton.

Vol. 3, p. 21, Oct. 25, 1702: Know all men by these presents that John Miller, eldest son and heir unto George Miller, late of East Hampton, deceased--- quit all manner of claims to the abovesaid several shares at Montauk sold by Cornelius Miller unto John Conkling

the mark of
JOHN MILLER (L.S.)

Vol. 3, p. 289, Dec. 19, 1712: John Miller uncle to Nathan and Hezekiah Miller.

Vol. 3, p. 293, Apr. 17, 1713: John Miller chosen Trustee.

SOUTHOLD TOWN RECORDS

Vol. 1, p. 51: George Miller, late of Southold by his deeds in writing bearing date the 19th day of February, 1656 under his hand and seal for the consideration herein expressed sold unto John Tuthill and his heirs all that his then dwelling house, barn.

George Miller afterward settled in East Hampton.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Family Bible records, letters, wills, deeds, and other family records

East Hampton Church records

Notes and letters of Mrs. Von Hoevenberg, genealogist for Mrs. Helen Miller Gould Sheppard, also a descendant of Timothy Miller of The Fireplace

Notes by George Asa Miller

Records of the Town of East Hampton

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Stratton family history

HISTORY OF THE STRALEY FAMILY

Johann Gottlieb Stroele (Straley) was the first of the Straley family in America. His father, Christoph Fredrich Ströle (Dec. 31, 1790-Apr. 4, 1864) of Ebersbach, Germany, married Fredrike Hager (Sep. 3, 1787-Nov. 27, 1864). Johann Gottlieb was born July 5, 1825, in Ebersbach, Kingdom of Württemberg, Germany. He came to America in 1852 and lived for a time at Salem, New Jersey. He married Katherine Margarethe Fredericka Becher, born in 1832 in Weisrechtshafen, Kingdom of Württemberg.

Johann Gottlieb had two or three brothers and sisters. These all remained in Germany. One sister, Christine Catherine, married Johann Schlect. Their grandson, Ernest Stoehr, now of Statesville, South Carolina, is the only one our family has known. My great grandmother used to receive letters from a niece Ricki in Chicago.

The family were living in Salem when they decided to go back to Germany for a visit in 1660. The youngest daughter Rosalie died while they were in Germany. Another daughter born in Ebersbach was then named Rosalie.

Johann Gottlieb was a cabinet maker and carpenter. After returning to America two years later, he decided to move his family to the country to live. He bought the land in Germania, Pennsylvania, from a man named Radde, and in 1862 he brought his family there to live. He died in Germania in 1880. He had the following children:

- Christian Frederick (b. Salem 1856; d. 1936; m. Theresa Kortz)
- Rosalie Caroline (b. Salem 1857; d. Germany 1860)
- Katherine Fredericka Babette (b. Salem 1859; d. 1880)
- Rosalie Caroline (b. Germany 1861; d. 1932; m. John Schmid; lived in Pottstown, Pennsylvania)
- Caroline Pauline (b. Germania, Pa. 1862; d. 1941)
- Emilie Stephanie (b. 1864; d. 1937; m. Otto Braun of Germania)
- John Theophilus (b. Germania 1866; d. 1931; unmarried; lived in Phoenix, Arizona)
- Otillie Anna (b. Germania 1868; d. 1894)
- Marie Louise Frieda (b. Germania 1869; d. 1874)
- George William Herman (b. Germania 1871; d. 1932; m. Elizabeth Munro; lived in Soldier, Pa.)
- Carl Rudolph (b. Oct. 13, 1873; d. Mar. 15, 1948; m. Flora Amelia Schramm; lived in Galeton, Pa.)
- Julius Herman (b. Germania 1875; d. Mar. 16, 1952; m. Sophia Niklaus; lived in Elmira, New York)

My great grandmother came to America in 1854, going to Salem, N. J., where her sister (Mrs. John Hug) then lived. She died in Germania in 1920. She had two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. John Hug and Caroline, who lived with the Straleys after her parents died in Germany. One brother, Fritz Becher, came to America and lived in Wilmington, Delaware, where he was a music teacher. He had two sons and two daughters. His father was a schoolmaster in Germany, a position which at that time accorded him respect in the community second only to the Pfarrer (Minister). The second brother, Julius, was a University student. He was active in a student organization which criticized the government a bit too loudly, and he was saved from arrest and possible imprisonment by disguising himself in women's clothes and getting out of Germany to Alsace-Lorraine.

Rudolph Carl (christened Carl Rudolph) was born in Germania, Pennsylvania. He spent his boyhood in Germania, and later attended Eastman Business School in Poughkeepsie, New York. He worked as a clerk in the Otto Braun General Store in Germania for a few years. He married Flora Amelia Schramm, a school teacher, on August 20, 1901. They made their home in Germania until 1904, when they moved to Galeton, Pa., so he could take a job in the First National Bank as clerk, and later Assistant Cashier. In 1932 he was elected cashier, which position he held until his retirement in 1945. He was also a director of the Bank.

Rudolph's sister Emilie married Otto Braun of Germania, who had the distinction of being born in the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D. C. His father, a sculptor, was one of a group of special workmen brought over from Germany to do work on the Capitol building. Some of these families were housed in one wing of the Capitol, where the family was living when Otto was born.

Rudolph had the following children:

Thelma Emilie (b. Oct. 1, 1902 at Germania)

Norma Catherine (b. Jan. 13, 1904 at Germania; m. Pierson J. Topping; now living at Southampton, N. Y.)

Dorothy Mary (b. Jan. 13, 1904 at Germania; lived in Galeton; attended Mansfield State Normal School; taught at Shelter Island, N. Y., Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., and East Hampton, N. Y.; m. Daniel Miller at East Hampton)

HISTORY OF THE SCHRAMM FAMILY

Johann Martin Schramm (date of birth and name of wife unknown) resided in Udenheim, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He had seven sons and one daughter. One son emigrated to Canada. A second son had a son Martin born a few years prior to 1839. When last heard from, he was an undertaker in New York City. Nothing is known about the third and fourth sons.

Francis Peter, born Apr. 6, 1814, was my great, great grandfather. George Peter and Andrew, younger brothers of Francis Peter, were last heard of in Germany.

The daughter, whose married name was Reiss or Reitz, came to America and lived in Williamsburg, Long Island.

Francis Peter was born Apr. 6, 1814, in Udenheim, Germany. He married Anna Marie Haller, born in Mainz (Mayence), Germany, in 1822. They lived in Mainz and Frankfort until coming to America in 1858-1859. They lived in Williamsburg, Long Island, until 1861, when they moved to a farm in Germania, Pennsylvania. They had one son, John Frederick Martin, known as Martin. He was born July 12, 1839, in Mainz. He died near Marshlands, Pa., on Nov. 4, 1890. Martin came to America with his family and married Mary Catherine Gundel, born in Baden, Germany, on May 2, 1846.

After Martin's marriage, Francis Peter and his wife went to St. Louis, Missouri. Later, Martin and his family went there also. They remained there until the death of Francis's wife. The family then returned to Pennsylvania about 1868, settling on a farm near Marshlands, where they lived until 1904. Martin's children were:

- Anna Mary (b. Feb. 22, 1865 in Germania; m. Charles Kitzmeyer)
- Ernest Frederick (b. Aug. 5, 1867 in St. Louis; d. 1936 in Rochester, N. Y.; m. Anna Schaar of Germania)
- Francis Jacob (b. Mar. 15, 1869 at Marshlands; d. Mar. 13, 1932 in Scranton, Pa.; m. Sophie Hübers)
- Flora Amelia (b. Aug. 22, 1875; m. Rudolph Carl Straley Aug. 20, 1901; now living in Galeton, Pa.)
- Wilhelmina Mathilda (b. Dec. 13, 1877; d. 1917 in Galeton; m. Clyde A. Devling)
- George Adolph (b. Jan. 20, 1880; d. 1932 in Buffalo, N. Y.; m. Maude Lewis)
- Otto Rudolph (b. Mar. 18, 1882; d. 1934 in Montesano, Wash.; m. Louise Seaman in 1907)
- Charles Martin (b. July 29, 1884; m. Agnes Berry; lately remarried and living in Santa Ana, Cal.)
- Emma Louise (b. Apr. 28, 1887; m. Clyde Devling in Galeton)

Francis Peter was a cabinet maker and carpenter in Germany. He came to America in 1858-1859. His son Martin came with him. The trip was made on a slow sailing vessel. There was an interesting break in the monotony of the long voyage when they passed the Great Eastern, the boat especially built to carry and lay the Atlantic Cable.

Hewing a farm out of the wilderness was no easy task. Northern Pennsylvania was a mountainous country covered with virgin forest. Many wild animals lived in the woods. The early settlers used oxen to clear the steep hillsides. The trees were cut into lengths that the oxen could haul into heaps, where they were allowed to dry for some time, and all brush was burned and the land planted to some crop such as buckwheat or corn for the first planting. Usually neighbors came together with tools and teams to do this hauling and burning of the "fallows," as these newly cleared lands were called. These were the old fashioned "logging bees." After the lumbering interests moved in, all able-bodied men put in their crops in the spring and then went to the lumber camps to work during the bark peeling season, leaving the care of the crops to the women and children until late June or early July.

Before the land was cleared, cattle were turned loose in the wilderness to graze. Bells were put on the cows to locate them. My great grandmother had the job of rounding up the cows in the evening. Often darkness overtook her in the wilderness long distances from home. Then she would hang onto the tail of one of the cows and let them take her home.

She came to this country as a girl of ten with her mother. Her father, Jacob Gundel, preceded his family to America in order to have a home ready for them. Jacob Gundel came from Liebensell, Germany. He married Anne Marie Keuler of Ober Jesingen, Germany. Hoping to better his circumstances in America, he came to this country and settled on a farm in Germania, Pa. He also hewed a farm out of the wilderness. At first, accompanied by some of his neighbors, he walked fifty miles to Addison, N. Y., for supplies, which he carried home on his back. Later the trip was made by oxen which he had bought for clearing the land.

When my great, great grandmother came to America with her daughter, they took a sailing vessel from Antwerp, Belgium. Passengers were required to supply their own food for the voyage. Great, great grandmother Gundel, along with another woman, went ashore to replenish her food supply. When they returned to the dock, they were horrified to see the ship going down the river with the tide, carrying my great grandmother, then a child of ten, with it. The two women managed to induce a man to row them down the river in a boat and to overtake the ship before it got under full sail.

A letter from my great uncle, Charles Schramm, son of Martin Schramm, contains this interesting passage:

At the time that sources of information, such as my mother and her parents, were available, I was either too young or not sufficiently interested to investigate. Years later and while still in Galeton, I worked with a young chap from Buffalo who also answered to the family name of Schramm. He later moved to New York and I to Chicago. We corresponded for many years and occasionally met, either in New York or Chicago. This young man chanced to meet a retired importer who also carried our family name and who, after he had retired from business, spent considerable money and time in tracing the history of the Schramm clan, both in this country and in Europe. With the information that I furnished concerning our particular branch of the family, this man seemed to be able to establish a link, although quite distant. The family tree, which seemed to have been definitely authenticated by the importer,

included Vice-Admiral Schramm, who appears to have been the chief lieutenant of Admiral Van Tromp of the Holland Navy, at a time when the Dutch were the chief rivals of England for control of the seas. Another branch of the family from Alsace furnished Marshal Schramm, one of the commanders under Napoleon, the First. I, of course, do not have anything except the statement of the importer to substantiate this data.

The Schramm family has in its possession a mimeographed copy of the book containing the records of the Schramm family in Europe as compiled by the Importer. A photograph of Vice-Admiral Schramm is included.