



**Some
Branches of
the Cronk,
Cronkite,
Cronkhite
Family Tree**

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The generations are listed in order and the direct decendancy is listed at the top of each page for each individual.

Whenever there is further information available on an individual, a down-pointing arrow (▼) precedes that individual's name in the list of offspring. The information can then be found in the listing for the next generation. If no further information is available for an individual, an up-pointing arrow (▲) precedes that person's name.

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Throughout history, in good times and bad, most of the world's population has stayed right where it was. Your ancestors did not. For 350 years people chose America — 39 million of them. Although there were often compelling circumstances of religious and political oppression and economic hard times, they chose the often difficult course of leaving their homes.

Our family history ties in with the history of our country. To commence the story is this history of New York, or, as it was, Nieuw Amsterdam, New Netherland.

The struggle between England and Spain in the latter part of the sixteenth century occurred at the same time as Spain's war against her revolted Dutch possessions.

ENGLISH COLONIZATION OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY —FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS

When Spain absorbed Portugal in the year 1580, and took custody of all her trading posts and colonies in the far East, Dutch traders were extensively engaged in carrying Eastern products from Lisbon to ports in northern

Europe. When this lucrative traffic was broken up as a result of the Dutch revolt (1579), the Dutch were forced to send their vessels to the East in order to maintain their trade. Here they took possession of many islands and trading posts that had formerly belonged to Portugal. (Among these were the Molucas, Java and other islands still owned by the Dutch.) Various trading companies were organized to further Dutch commercial interests and at the same time sap Spain's power.

One of the most significant trading companies was the Dutch East India Company which was founded in 1602. Dutch navigators did not confine their eastern voyages to the route around Africa, but also navigated around South America and across the Pacific to Australia. (Cape Horn was named for a Dutch captain. New Zealand and Tasmania are also Dutch names.)

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They were also bent upon finding a northern route around Europe, and it was upon the search for this route that Henry Hudson was sent by the Dutch East India Company in 1609. Failing to accomplish his objective, he turned to the west across the Atlantic in the hope that a passage to Asia might be found through America. (John Smith was at this time searching for the waterway that was supposed to connect the Atlantic to the Pacific around latitude 40° N., and he had written a letter to Hudson suggesting that it might be found north of Virginia.) Hudson sailed into Delaware Bay and then into the beautiful New York Harbor and up the Hudson River as far as the present site of Albany. In this vicinity he stayed for several weeks, trading with the Indians.

Following Henry Hudson's voyage, several trading posts were established; the present sites of New York and Albany being occupied as early as 1613-1614.

Any extensive policy of trade and colonization approved by the Dutch government would involve the danger of irritating Spain; for a truce between these countries had been made which was to last for twelve years starting in 1609. During this period, therefore, the peace party in Holland opposed the renewal of aggressions against Spain. The year 1621, however, saw the incorporation of the Dutch West India Company, which proposed to renew the war against Spain by attacking its fleets and colonies in American waters. This organization was given the monopoly of Dutch trade on the coasts of Africa and America, and it had authority to colonize unoccupied regions.

Among the items that brought about the formation of the Dutch West India Company, viz., war, trade and colonization, the last was of the least importance. But colonists were sent out and several trading posts, each protected by a fort, were constructed on the Delaware,

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Hudson and Connecticut rivers: Fort Nassua, opposite the present site of Philadelphia, and Fort Orange, where Albany now stands, being the most important. Thus the boundaries of the colony of New Netherland were established at the Delaware River on the west and the Connecticut River on the east. In 1626, the Company sent out settlers with Director-General Minuet, who purchased Manhattan Island and founded New Amsterdam.

These settlements were at first of slow growth. In 1629 the Company began inducing the migration of agricultural settlers by the establishment of the “patroon system.” The system gave those individuals who brought at least fifty adult settlers grants of land extending eight miles on both sides of a river, or sixteen miles on one side, and then continuing back into the country indefinitely. While the patroons were subject to the rules and regulations of the Company in the matters of trade and war, they were given the powers of local government over the settlers; so the system resembled the feudal customs of Europe. Very few of the patroonships were established, and most of these were purchased by the Dutch West India Company. This, like other plans for settlements in America where the colonists were closely dependent upon large land owners, was a failure and had little effect upon the life of the colony. However, in later years both the Dutch and their successors, the English, did grant large estates, or manors, and these were worked by tenants.

The trend of economic life in New Netherland was decidedly influenced when, in 1638, the trade monopoly of the Dutch West India Company was abolished. The profitable fur trade and the rich lands were opened to all settlers. Immigration increased rapidly with settlers coming from many European countries and from neighboring English colonies. When Connecticut and

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New Haven were settled, the Dutch lost their trading posts on the Connecticut River. From the time of Hudson's voyage the most friendly relations existed between the Dutch traders and the Iroquois Indians of the upper Hudson and Mohawk valleys. The Indians eagerly seized the opportunity to acquire European blankets, utensils, guns, and rum in return for their furs and this fact became of great importance in our colonial history. But along the lower Hudson River the Algonquin tribes and the settlers clashed, and the terrible Indian wars ensued. Eventually the Indians were driven back.

Since colonization was not a major interest with the Dutch West India Company, it established at the beginning a government that was "fit only for a trading post." The bankruptcy of the Company and the resulting lack of attention to its colony account for the continuation of this system. The chief feature of New Netherland's government was the autocratic rule of the governor (called the Director-General). He and his council of five members absorbed all local powers, legislating upon lands, trade, taxes, defense, and in all minor matters, and administering its own regulations through subordinate officials. Finally, they sat as the highest court of civil and criminal jurisdiction. The autocratic rule of the Governors Kieft and Stuyvesant led to attempts on the part of the settlers to secure a representative assembly and such liberal methods of government as they saw enjoyed in the neighboring English colonies. But the governors successfully resisted the permanent establishment of such reforms. In the towns and villages, however, a considerable degree of local self-government prevailed.

The English, because of their alliance with Holland, left the Dutch colony undisturbed on soil claimed by virtue of the Cabot voyages. This alliance began in

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their common opposition against Spain and was strengthened by ties of kinship, religion, and political interest. Then, too, the years of active Dutch colonization were years of strife and war in England. After the 1660 Stuart restoration, these conditions gave place to a bitter trade rivalry between these two nations. The English Navigation Act of 1651, aimed directly at the Dutch trade, was followed by war between the two countries. Soon after Charles II ascended to the throne, his brother James, the Duke of York, along with several other prominent Englishmen, led in a movement for the investigation of this trade rivalry by a committee of the House of Commons. The result was the secret determination of Charles to force a war upon the Dutch by first seizing New Netherland.

This territory was granted to the Duke of York in spite of the fact that the English, by their failure to occupy it, had no valid claim. An expedition, consisting of three troop carrying vessels, was sent to Massachusetts and then to New Amsterdam, where it appeared in August of 1664. Since this force greatly exceeded the troops at Governor Stuyvesant's command, and since the colonists were rather happy to exchange the illiberal Dutch rule for the prospect of better government under the English, the city was reluctantly surrendered. New Amsterdam was recaptured by the Dutch in 1673 but was finally surrendered to England again in 1674. The English changed the name to New York, but the people still kept their Dutch customs and names. In this changing background the early ancestors of our family lived.

Now we are faced with the problem of two very different sets of records concerning these people. The first is based on many old letters and papers, most of them dating back to the turn of the century when the family had hopes of receiving a great estate in Holland left

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by a bachelor brother of their ancestor. The story in brief is this:

Three brothers, James, Jacob (some say Henry), and Kasper Kronkheite, the sons of David Kronkheite, came to America around 1741. They landed in Connecticut and after doing business near Danbury they then moved to Dutchess County, New York.

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Jacob and James brought their wives and some of their children. However, Kasper quarreled with his brothers. Legend says that Kasper favored the English in the Revolution while his brothers were in support of the Colonies. It is said that Kasper sailed back to Holland in 1754; this may be a mistake as the Revolution was not until 1776. Perhaps it was one of the disputes between the English and Dutch. At any rate, Kasper returned to Holland and passed away there on April 6, 1796, after making an immense fortune in the brewery business. He supposedly left a will stating that his estate should remain in Holland for one hundred years and then to be divided among the descendants of his brothers, James and Jacob. The hundred years were up in 1896 and this alleged will was the basis of all the hopes and claims of the Cronkhite family. For several years, around the turn of the century, hope ran high for a share of this wealth in Holland. (Some eighty million dollars!) Many Cronkhite family groups were organized all over the country, collections were taken and lawyers were hired, every Cronkhite trying to establish their right to perch in the family tree. Local meetings were held from Maine to California, some of the minutes of which still remain. In one of those meetings in 1902 a statement was made that cast some doubt on the claim, for a letter from a lawyer from Chicago stated, "he found nothing in reports so far and refused to have anything more to do with it."

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There is also a strange story about something that happened about the middle of the nineteenth century. It is claimed that three strangers came to Hoosick Falls, New York by train and hired a livery rig. They were gone several hours and when they returned to the train depot they had something quite heavy rolled up in burlap. When they boarded the train they took the bundle and departed by way of Troy, New York.

The depot agent stated they were well dressed but with a different style of dress. While they were waiting for the train, he heard them talking and they appeared to be foreigners. Some think they had James Cronkhite's tombstone to prove their claim to Kasper and his fortune.

At any rate, so far as can be learned no one ever received a dime from the supposed estate. Since this story is so generally accepted and referred to in so many old letters, the early family line, according to it is shown on Chart #1 on the following page.

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Chart #1

Three brothers, considered to be possible grandsons of Herck Sybouts, came to America about 1741. Kasper later returns to Holland and makes a fortune.

Kasper
1683 – 1796

James
1685–1777

The Family of James

1. Hendrick 1720–1810
 2. John 1722–?
 3. Stephen 1724–?
 4. Hiram 1726–1800
 5. James 1730–?
 6. Hosea 1733–?
 7. Jacob 1735–1796
 8. Kasper ?–1826
 9. Sallie 1739–?
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Jacob
1688–1811

The Family of Jacob

1. Henry
2. Rachel
3. Samuel
4. Margaret



Hendrick
1720 – 1810

The Family of Hendrick

1. Mary 1751–?
2. Theunis 1753–1797
3. Aurey 1754–?
4. Leah 1755–?
5. Aury 1758–1815
6. Cornelius 1759–1805
7. Anna 1762–?
8. Hannah 1764–?
9. Henry 1768–1864
10. Jacob 1771–?
11. Alcha 1774–?
12. John 1777–?

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Many feel that Chart #2, on the following page, compiled by Helen Traver Anderson of Mayville, New York, is more complete and correct from marriage records, wills, etc. Many genealogists use this lineage of the Cronkhite family.

In Chart #1 note that the ages of the three brothers at death (Kasper-116, James-98, and Jacob-123), while possible, is improbable. Also note that from Hendrick (1720-1810) on, the two charts agree.

Another point being that the birth date of James in the first chart is the same as Herck in the second chart. Could they be the same person?

This genealogy book is based on Chart #2.

Chart #2

According to records furnished by Helen Traver Anderson.

Herck Sybouts
1620-?

The children of Herck

1. Sybout 1644-?
2. Maryken 1647-1735
3. Tryntje 1650-?
4. Belitje 1652-?
5. Engeltje 1654-?
6. Theunis 1655-1709
7. Jan 1657-?
8. Jacobus 1659-1729
9. Annetje 1662-?
10. Jannetje 1664-?
11. Ariantje 1666-?
12. Hillitje 1668-?
13. Wyntje 1675-?
14. Joseph 1681-?

Theunis Herck
1655-1709

The children of Theunis

1. Wyntje 1680-?
2. Hendrick 1682-?
3. Wyntje 1684-?
4. Herck 1685-?
5. Sybout 1687-?
6. Margaret 1689-?
7. Jacobus 1691-?
8. Jacobus 1693-?
9. Jan 1695-?
10. Jannetje -?
11. Sophia 1699-?
12. Martin -?

Herck Cronkheit
1685-?

The children of Herck

1. Herrick 1709-?
2. Gerret 1711-?
3. Jannetje 1713-?
4. Lea 1715-?
5. Cornelius 1718-?
6. Hendrick 1720-1810
7. Rachel 1722-?
8. Catherine 1724-?
9. Theunis 1730-?
10. Christina-?

Hendrick
1720-1810

The children of Hendrick

1. Maria 1751-?
2. Theunis 1753-1797
3. Aury 1754-?
4. Leah 1755-?
5. Aury 1757-1815
6. Cornelius 1759-1805
7. Anna 1762-?
8. Hannah 1764-?
9. Henry 1768-1815
10. Jacob 1771-1844
11. Elchie 1774-?
12. Jan 1777-?

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Now that we have the original ancestor problem resolved, we come to the question—how was the name Cronkhite derived from Sybout?

This may be the answer:

Maggie Neigidh of Fallon, Nevada, reports that her grandfather, Kenneth Paul Cronkhite, was married to Mary Eleanor Swaim. The Swaims were originally Van Pelt. They came to America in March of 1663 and lived in New Utrecht which later became Brooklyn. They were in rebellion against the British over the colonies and the Van Pelts led certain parts of the insurrection. SWAIM was an acronym which meant “*Sworn to Withhold Allegiance to the Incoming Monarch.*” Anthony “Theunis” Van Pelt was arrested by the British with a piece of paper in his pocket which had that acronym written on it. When questioned by the British as to the meaning of this word, he replied it was his name. This saved his life as the British were executing known rebels. The rest of the family soon changed their names to Swaim to keep from being jailed or executed. It may very well be that this same reasoning had some bearing on the name changing for the Cronkhites.

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The Cronkhite Coat of Arms, which is illustrated on a following page by an heraldic artist, employs symbols upon a shield following the system of heraldry which began in medieval times. Heraldry, which was developed among the nobles in the Eleventh Century, was instituted primarily for the purpose of distinguishing men in armor during the confusion of battle. The heraldic symbols chosen by an individual for his personal coat of arms could reflect his heritage, achievement, rank, occupation or personal characteristics.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. Four primary sources for second names were: occupation, family location, father's name, and personal characteristics. According to the "*New Dictionary of American Family Names*" by Elsdon C. Smith, the surname Cronkhite was characteristic in origin and meant, "a person who was ill, an invalid." This and other sources placed the name originally on information derived from its meaning, linguistics or historical interpretation.

Heraldic artists of old developed their own language to describe a Coat of Arms. In the traditional language of heraldry the Cronkhite Coat of Arms would be described as:

"Gu.: Two arrows or., crossing diagonally, points downward accompanied between the arrows at the top by a cat-a-mount, rampant ppr.; and at each side by a cornflower az."

Translation and interpretation:

The Cronkhite Coat of Arms is red with two gold arrows, symbolic with affliction, in reference to the name definition, crossing diagonally, to the right and left an azure cornflower, symbolic of Germany, above a naturally colored cat-a-mount, symbolic of Holland.

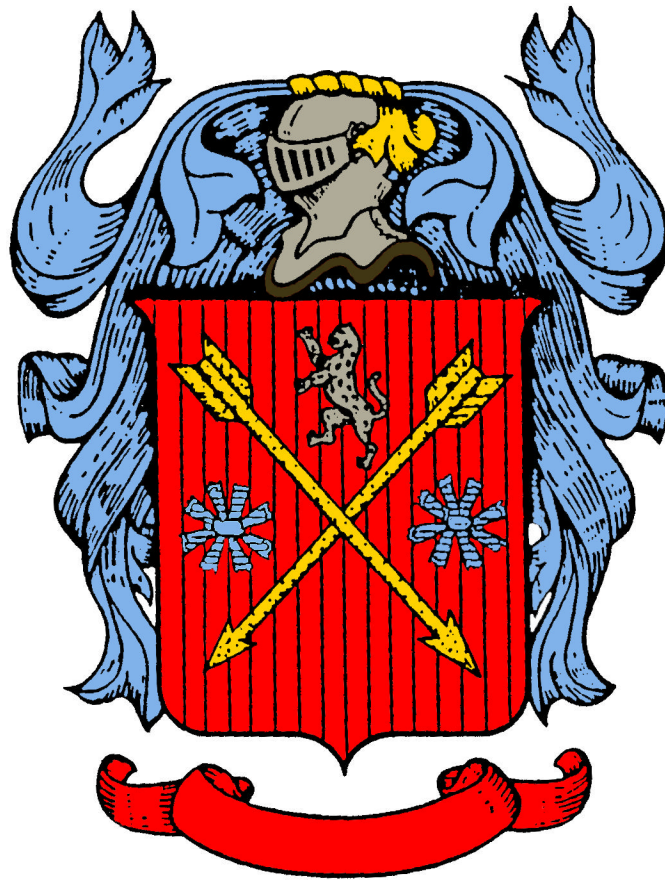
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Since our government does not recognize Coat Armor, it became a matter of custom that we should use heraldic insignia only from personal choice, and in so using we should abide by the laws governing its use in the country in which our family originated. Laws and customs regarding the right to use arms vary from country to country.

Heraldry is a truly ancient origin. Even in ancient Greece and Rome, we find evidence that family insignia were used. By the time of the Norman Conquest of England, many families used such devices. As the use of armor developed, it became impossible to distinguish one combatant from another when the visor of his helmet was closed. It came to be the custom to wear a surcoat over the metal armor, on which was embroidered the “arms” or insignia, which the individual used to distinguish himself. This was identical with the insignia on the banner which his men carried and came to be known as the “Coat of Arms” of his family, as it was handed down from generation to generation.

While there is nothing wrong with having a mail-order wall plaque with your family name on it for the fun of it, you should be aware of the fact that it is probably not authentic.

Coat of Arms



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First Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN

Herck Syboutsen (Sibeizen, Dutch spelling) is our first known ancestor in Holland.

In many records the above name has various spelling such as, Herk, Here, Herkel, Herrick, Henricus, Herry; and Sybouts, Syboutszen, Sibertszen, Sybensen, Sibelsen, Sibelszen. The suffix -sen or -zen means son of; thus Syboutsen means son of Sybout.

Herck Syboutsen was born in the town of Langendyck, Holland. This is located in the northern part of Holland on the Kumre River. He was born about 1620. The records of marriage and of two baptisms give his name incorrectly as Hendrick. He came to New Amsterdam in America in the early part of the year 1642. There is some information that his parents were married in 1598 and he had a brother named Sybout Sybouts.

Some records, illogically, show that Herck came from Langendoc in South France. His wife was from Holland and they were married in the Dutch Church in New Amsterdam so it is more likely that he was of Dutch descent and came from Langendyke, Holland.

Herck was married to Wyntje Quick on November 16, 1642, at the Dutch Reformed Church of New Amsterdam (now New York City).

Wyntje was born at Naarden, Holland, a village near Amsterdam on the Zuider Zee. She was the daughter of Theunis and Belitje Quick. Theunis Quick was surnamed “de Metselaer” or “the mason.”

When Herck Syboutsen arrived in New Amsterdam he at once made plans for a residence and must have purchased a lot for he soon built his own home near the Heeren Gracht (Broadway, New York) as he was a ship's carpenter by trade.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN (cont'd) Records show that Herck sold his house and lot in November of 1643 to Barent Dircksen.

Herck was a man of prominence as is shown by the names of those who acted as sponsors to the baptism of his children and also that on July 27, 1647 he has a power of attorney to Clase Jansen Stafff to receive money from the West India Company at Amsterdam Holland.

Shortly prior to this Adam Rolantsen, the first school-master, paid considerable attention to Herck's wife for which he was brought into court and later sentenced.

There was no Reformed Dutch Church in Newton, Long Island for nearly eighty years after its settlement. There were very few Dutch inhabitants, nearly all of them being located on the northern and western boundaries of the town which gave them easy access by water to the churches of New York, Bushwick or Harlem. Herck and Wyntje attended the church in New York.

Records show that in or about 1650 Herck and his wife moved to "Arme Bouwerie" or "Poor Bowery" Newton, Long Island. It received the name of "Poor Bowery" because it was a farm "in the occupation and tenure of the deacons and officers of the Dutch Church" at New Amsterdam, and was kept under cultivation for the benefit of the poor. On July 2, 1654, Herck bought forty-two acres of land beyond Hellgate, Long Island and then on April 18, 1664, ten acres of salt land near the Poor Bowery were granted in addition.

Between 1654 and 1658 Herck bought property from Lourens Pietersen Noorman and also during that period he sold property to Lycus Dierksen Van Berg.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN (cont'd) Herck Syboutsen died at Newton, Long Island between 1681 and 1684. Wyntje survived him many years.

Records indicate that the children of Herck and Weyntje Syboutsen went by the patronymic name of Herck. Those children were:

- ▼ Sybout—Born on the Arme Bouwerie and baptized at New Amsterdam on December 4, 1644. He married Marytje Rycken in April 1675. They had eight children.
- ▲ Maryken—Baptized at New Amsterdam on November 10, 1647. She married Evert Aeretszen on February 2, 1673. She died in 1735.
- ▲ Tryntje—Born in 1650. Was married to Ryck Abrahamsen about 1670. He was the one to whom the land known as Ryck's Patent in Westchester County, New York was granted along with the Cronkhites. Ryck was the eldest son of Abraham Rycken.
- ▲ Belitje—Baptized February 4, 1652. She married Conrad TenEyck Jr. on May 19, 1675.
- ▲ Engeltje—Baptized at New Amsterdam on May 17, 1654. Married first to Pieter Breestede on June 13, 1677. He died prior to 1686. She was then married to Jan Evertsen, a young man from England, on May 4, 1686.
- ▼ Theunis—Born on the Arme Bouwerie. Baptized July 4, 1655, at New Amsterdam. He married Sophia Wiltsie on August 10, 1679. Theunis died in 1709.
- ▼ Jan—Baptized November 28, 1657. He married Grietje —?—.

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- HERCK SYBOUTSEN (cont'd)**
- ▲ Jacobus—Baptized in the name of Siboutsen on September 7, 1659, at the Dutch Reformed Church. Married Elizabeth Hageman. He died February 17, 1729.
 - ▲ Annetje—Baptized April 19, 1662 at New Amsterdam. She was married to Johannes VanVolst/Vorst, a young man of Newton, on August 17, 1685, at New Amsterdam. She died prior to 1730.
 - ▲ Jannetje—Baptized August 3, 1664, at New Amsterdam. Married John Pinkens about 1685.
 - ▲ Ariantje—Baptized on June 4, 1666, at New Amsterdam. Married to Jan Ryder on June 4, 1690.
 - ▲ Hillitje—Baptized on April 22, 1668. She married —?— Snediker.
 - ▲ Wyntje—Baptized March 24, 1675. She married John Pieterse Lyster about 1694. On June 16, 1697, twenty-six guilders was paid to the church of Flatlands for the use of a pall (a coffin covering) for a John Luyster who was probably this John. She being mentioned as a widow on June 18, 1699, when she acted as sponsor for her brother's child Pieter who was born March 10, 1699.
 - ▲ Joseph—Baptized August 6, 1681.

Second Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN SYBOUT HERCKSEN

Sybout Hercksen, the first child of Herck and Weyntje Quick Syboutsen, was baptized December 4, 1644, at New Amsterdam. He was married to Marytje Rycken who was born in 1649. She was the daughter of Abraham and Grictie Harmensen Rycken. The Rycken name was later changed to Lent. In 1684 Sybout and his Lent brothers-in-law bought Ryck's Patent, now a part of Peekskill, New York. Sybout lived in the Arme Bouwerie until about 1690 when he moved to the Bay of Cortland. His wife was living there in 1716. He later settled in Westchester County, New York.

Their children were:

- ▲ Herck—Baptized in 1670. Died young.
- ▲ Martie—Baptized in 1672. Married Wolfert Ecker in 1692.
- ▲ Abraham—Baptized in 1676. Married Antje Buckhout in 1695.
- ▲ Wyntje—Baptized in 1680. Married William Van Tassel.
- ▲ Annetje—Baptized in 1684. Married John Beselie.
- ▲ Herck—Baptized in 1687. Married Sophia deRonde.
- ▲ Jane—Baptized in 1689.
- ▲ Hillitje—Baptized in 1693. Married Frank Beselie.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN THEUNIS HERCKSEN

Theunis Hercksen was the sixth child (second son) of Herck and Weyntje Quick Syboutsen. He was born at Arme Bouwerie and baptized on July 4, 1655. He was married to Sophia Hendricks Wiltsie on August 10, 1679. She was baptized on December 11, 1660, at Kingston, New York. Sophia's father was Hendrick Martenszen Wiltsie of Copenhagen. He was a soldier. Theunis and Sophia lived on the Arme Bouwerie until shortly before 1695 when they settled in Cortland Manor in Westchester County, New York. They later moved to Phillipsburg where Theunis died in 1709. Sophia remarried in the same year to Joost Paulding, moving to New York City in 1710.

The children of Theunis and Sophia Hercksen were:

- ▲ Wyntje—Baptized in 1680. Died young.
- ▼ Hendrick Kranckheit—Baptized June 21, 1682. He married Anntje Banckert who was the daughter of Lurens Matthys Banckert.
- ▲ Wyntje—Baptized in 1684. Married Abraham de Revier in 1705.
- ▼ Herck Cronckheit—Baptized October 24, 1685. Married Helena Van Wert on November 18, 1708.
- ▲ Sybout—Baptized in 1687. Married Josyntje Gardenier in 1708.
- Margaret—Baptized in 1689.
- ▲ Jacobus—Baptized in 1691. Died young.
- ▲ Jacobus—Baptized in 1693. Married Helena Brant in 1713.
- ▲ Jan—Baptized in 1695. Married Jane Holmes in 1722.

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▲ Jannetje—Married Hendrick Brouwer in 1717.

THEUNIS HERCKSEN (cont'd)

▲ Sophia—Baptized 1699.

▲ Martin—Married Hester Van Tassel.

Second Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN JAN HERCKSEN

Jan Hercksen, the seventh child (third son) of Herck and Weyntje Quick Syboutsen, was born on the Arme Bouwerie in New Amsterdam and was baptized on November 28, 1657. He married Grietje —?— who was born about 1675 in Tarrytown, New York.

Their children (some of whom went by the name of Cronkheydt) were:

- ▲ Wyntje— Married Matthys Brouwer.
- ▲ Jan—Born at Tarrytown, New York and baptized April 21, 1697. He married Jannetje —?—. They resided in Fishkill, New York.
- ▲ Herrick—Baptized April 24, 1699. Married Katherine Lent.
- ▲ Sophie—Baptized August 18, 1702.
- ▲ Meyritje—Baptized June 4, 1705.
- ▲ Jacobus—Baptized June 1, 1708. Married first to Geertje Lent. Married second to Charity —?—. He died in 1773.

Third Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT**

Hendrick Kranckheit, the second child (first son) of Theunis and Sophia Wiltsie Hercksen, was born in 1682 at Arme Bouwerie and was baptized on June 21 of that year in New Amsterdam. He married Annetje Banckert who was the daughter of Lurens Matthys Banckert. Their children were all baptized in the Old Sleepy Hollow Dutch Reformed Church in what is now known as Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York.

Those children were:

- ▼ Theunis—Baptized June 1, 1708. Married to Antje Van Tassel on November 2, 1728.
- ▲ Janneke—Baptized March 21, 1711.
- ▲ Sosya—Baptized March 25, 1712.
- ▲ Wentje—Baptized May 25 or 26, 1715.
- ▲ Hendricus—Baptized June 11, 1715.
- ▲ Zefya—Baptized June 16, 1717.
- ▲ Johannis—Baptized June 24, 17??
- ▲ Joannase—Baptized August 31, 1720.
- ▲ Maria—Baptized April 24, 1722.
- ▲ Helena—Baptized April 10, 1725?
- ▲ Annatie—Baptized April 23, 1725?

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT**

Herck Cronkheit, the fourth child (second son) of Theunis and Sophia Wiltsie Hercksen, was baptized October 24, 1685. He married Helena Van Wert daughter of Gerret Van Wert on November 18, 1708. They lived in Irvington, New York.

Herck and Helena's children were:

- ▲ Herrick—Born 1709. Married Helena Margaret Wiltsie.
- ▲ Gerret—Baptized 1711. Married Elizabeth Smith in 1731.
- ▲ Jannetje—Baptized 1713. Married Job Becarent in 1730.
- ▲ Lea—Baptized 1715.
- ▲ Cornelius—Baptized 1718.
- ▼ Hendrick—Born 1720. Married Maria DeLange on February 20, 1751. He died in 1810.
- ▲ Rachel—Born 1722. Married first to John Cocks in 1738. Second to Abraham Cranckheit in 1746.
- ▲ Catharine—Baptized 1724. Married Jonathan Wheeler in 1742.
- ▲ Theunis—Baptized 1730.
- ▲ Christina—Married Hendrick Van Amburgh in 1755.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS**

Theunis Kranckheit was the first child of Hendrick and Annetje Bankert Kranckheit. He was born in Phillipsburgh and baptized June 1, 1708, at Tarrytown, New York. He was married on November 2, 1728, to Antje Van Tassel who was both born and living at Tarrytown. Her father was Jacob Van Tassel.

Theunis and Antje's children, all born at Tarrytown, were:

- ▼ Mathew—Born 1729. Moved to Dingby, Nova Scotia.
- ▲ Aaltie—Baptized April 1, 1735.
- ▼ Jacob—Baptized April 23, 1737. Married Anna Ferguson on December 4, 1755. He died in 1791.
- ▼ Johannes—Baptized April 10, 1739. Married first to Deborah Kenny on October 14, 1760. They had two children. He was married second to Susanna Haff on January 29, 1767. They had three sons.
- ▼ Abraham—Baptized December 20, 1741. Married Wyntje Haff on August 4, 1762. She was Susanna Haff's sister who married Abraham's brother Johannes. Abraham and his family went to Canada.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK**

Hendrick Cronkheit, the sixth child (fifth son) of Herck and Helena VanWert Cronkheit, was born in Phillipsburgh or Irvinton, New York in 1720. Hendrick moved to Rombout, Dutchess County, New York where he married Maria DeLange on February 20, 1751. She was born in 1735. She was the daughter of Arrie and Anna Wiltsie DeLange (DeLong). Hendrick and Maria moved to Claverick, Columbia County, New York prior to 1759 and then they moved to Hoosick, Rensselaer County (then Albany County), New York where he was in the 14th Regiment of the Albany County Militia during the Revolutionary War. Two of his sons, Theunis (a sergeant) and Cornelius (a private), served in the same Albany County Militia under the Regiment of Colonel Yates. Hendrick had earlier been in the French and Indian Wars. In 1790 they were living in Canajoharie and later in Minden, Montgomery County, New York where Hendrick died in 1810. Maria died about 1811.

Their children were:

- ▲ Maria—Born November 4, 1751.
- ▼ Theunis—Born July 27, 1753. Married to Mary —?—. He died in 1797.
- ▲ Aury—Born November 14, 1754. May have died young.
- ▲ Leah—Born 1755. Married David Hibbard.
- ▼ Aury—Born July 4, 1757. He married Phebe Kranckheit on April 13, 1775. He died on August 5, 1815.
- ▲ Cornelius—Born August 10, 1759. Married to Hannah Overacker on April 28, 1782. He died on May 8, 1805.
- ▲ Anna—Born July 8, 1762.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK (cont'd)**

- ▲ Hanna—Born on October 31, 1764. Married Jonathan Paddock.
- ▼ Henry—Born January 9, 1768. Married Hannah Shafer who was born November 14, 1772. Henry died in 1815. Hannah later married Peter Ackler. Hannah died July 5, 1864.
- ▲ Jacob—Born June 11, 1771. Married Elizabeth Sale. He died May 22, 1844.
- ▲ Elchie—Born January 3, 1774. Married Jame DeLang.
- ▲ Jan—Born April 21, 1777. Married Hannah Sale.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS
MATHEW**

Mathew Kranckheit, the first child of Theunis and Antje Van Tassel Kranckheit, was born in 1729 in Dutchess County, New York. He later moved to Dingby, Nova Scotia.

His children:

- ▲ Jacob
- ▲ Joseph
- ▲ Susanna
- ▲ Frederick
- ▲ Benjamin
- ▲ James
- ▲ Elizabeth
- ▲ Julia
- ▲ Sarah

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS
JACOB**

Jacob Kranckheit, the third child (second son) of Theunis and Antje Van Tassel Kranckheit, was born in Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York and baptized on April 23, 1737. He was married to Anna Ferguson on December 4, 1755, in Hopewell, Dutchess County, New York. Jacob died in 1791.

Their children were:

- ▲ Stephen—Born 1756.
- ▲ Phebe—Born November 26, 1758. She was married to Aury Cronkhite on April 13, 1775.
- ▲ Alcha—Born in May 1760. Married Jonathan Case who was born in 1742 and died 1808/1809. She died in 1858.
- ▲ Anna—Born in 1764. Common-law wife to Aury Cronkhite.
- ▲ John
- ▲ Elijah
- ▲ Jacob—Born 1778.
- ▲ Merriam—Born 1784.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS
JOHANNES**

Johannes Kranckheit, the fourth child (third son) of Theunis and Antje Van Tassel Kranckheit, was born in Tarrytown, New York and he was baptized there on April 10, 1739. He married Deborah Kenny on October 14, 1760.

Their children were:

- ▲ Mary—Born February 14, 1762.
- ▲ Peter—Born December 25, 1763.

Johannes married Susanna Haff on January 29, 1767, at Rombouts Precinct, Dutchess County, New York.

Their children were:

- ▲ Jacob
- ▲ Philip
- ▲ William

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS
ABRAHAM**

Abraham Kranckheit, the fifth child (fourth son) of Theunis and Antje Van Tassel Kranckheit, was baptized December 20, 1741. He was married to Wyntje Haff on August 4, 1762. Wyntje was sister to Susanna Haff who married Abraham's brother Johannes. Abraham and his family moved to Canada.

Abraham and Wyntje's children were:

- ▲ Matthew—Baptized December 5, 1765, at Poughkeepsie, New York.
- ▲ Altjie—Baptized May 26, 1767.
- ▲ Jacob
- ▲ Sarah—Baptized November 21, 1771.
- ▼ Abraham—Baptized on November 10, 1781. He was married to Elizabeth Barker in 1799. Abraham died in Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada in 1858.
- ▲ Enoch
- ▲ John
- ▲ Reuben
- ▲ Phoebe
- ▲ Olive

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
THEUNIS CRONKHITE**

Theunis Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Hendrick and Maria De Lange Cronkheit, was born July 27, 1753. He was married to Mary —?—. Theunis died in 1797.

Their children were:

- ▲ Henry—Born March 17, 1784.
- ▲ Peter—Born March 22, 1794.
- ▲ Isaac—Born April 4, 1796. Married Betsey Sloat.
- ▲ John
- ▲ Aury H.
- ▲ Abraham

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE**

Aury Cronkhite, the fifth child (third son) of Hendrick and Maria De Lange Cronkheit, was born July 4, 1757, probably in Claverack, Dutchess County, New York. He married Phebe Kranckheit in Scaticoke, New York on April 13, 1775. Phebe was his second cousin once removed, the daughter of Jacob and Anna Ferguson Kranckheit. Phebe was born in Hopewell Junction, Dutchess County, New York on November 26, 1758. Aury was named for his grandfather Aury De Lange.

Aury and Phebe's children were:

- ▲ Jacob—Born July 27, 1778. Married Polly Cronk
- ▼ Ezekial—Born on January 24, 1780. Married Esther —?—. He died in 1823.
- ▲ Anna—Born April 25, 1781. Married Zephthan Moseley who was born August 5, 1779 and died July 30, 1844. Anna died May 5, 1851.
- ▼ Henry A.—Born February 28, 1783. Married Sylvia Surdam.
- ▲ Mary—Born May 28, 1786
- ▲ Phebe—Born February 7, 1788. Married James Akin who was born in 1787 and died in 1834.
- ▲ Alcha—Born November 12, 1789. Married Robert Beebe.
- ▲ Deborah—Born October 17, 1791. Married Alexander Wilson Jr.
- ▲ Aury Jr.—Born June 12, 1794.
- ▲ Hannah—Born August 19, 1798. Married Alex Wilson.

Aury Cronkhite was a Private under Captain Thunis H. Visscher's company of Buteaumen, in the service of the United States Continental Army. He enlisted on July 1, 1778, when he joined Colonel Baum's expedition. Colonel Baum proceeded toward Bennington, Ver-

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mont after the skirmish at St. Croix (which was just east of Aury's farm and home) and was engaged in battle on the heights not far above Walloonace (Battle of Bennington). Aury, finding many of his friends and neighbors arranged on the other side with whom he would be brought into deadly conflict, left the detachment and endeavored by a round about route to reach his home; crossing the Hoosick River at the falls. He was captured by a party of Indians and taken to Canada. There he was sold to the French and remained there a number of years as a slave. On his return he again enlisted in the Continental Troops under Colonel John Knickerbocker's 14th Regiment of the Albany County Militia.

Shortly after Aury's marriage to Phebe, Phebe's sister Anna came to live with Aury and Phebe. She helped Phebe with their first child, Jacob, and stayed until Aury returned from the war. Aury took Anna, who was born in 1764, as his common-law wife and by her had thirteen children.

Aury's residence during this period was in the town of Hoosick, New York. He built a house for Anna across the road and just south of where he lived with Phebe. He divided his time equally between his two women and the stork must have had a great time deciding which side of the Hoosick road to deliver his bundles.

It seems certain that the arrangement was with the consent of both sisters, and indeed Phebe named her first daughter Anna.

The fact is that Aury was a respectable Dutch gentleman and other Dutch men of his time had more than one wife.

The Baptist Meeting House, the first such building in Hoosick Falls, was erected by villagers and townsmen for the use of all groups, regardless of sect, creed, or

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belief. Erected in the pine woods at the south end of the village on land donated by a Sylvester Noble, the building extended into what is now Main Street. The building was owned by the Warren Society of Hoosick Falls, a Baptist group. Most of the timber used for the building was growing on the lot. The building style was New England pattern with large square pews, high partitions, a lofty pulpit with deacons' seats beneath, a singers' gallery on three sides, and seats for children in the rear. In the custom of the day worshippers purchased the pews that they used. Prices ranged from forty to one hundred-eighty dollars for those pews on the first floor and from eight to twenty dollars for those in the gallery. In the History of Rensselaer County, New York it mentions that Aury Cronkhite bought pews from the Baptist Church of Hoosick Falls in 1800; one family in one pew, the other family in another pew. One Sunday he would sit with Phebe and her family and the next Sunday he would then sit with Anna and family.

Aury had two farms northeast of Hoosick Falls, New York. One was opposite his brother-in-law's, Jonathan Case, and the other was the southern part of Lot 26 formerly owned by his father-in-law, Jacob Kranckheit. He also owned a cider mill. Aury left one of the farms to his children by his wife Phebe and the other farm to the children of Anna.

Aury cut his hand on the blade of a scythe in the summer of 1815. Blood poisoning set in and he died August 5, 1815, at the age of fifty-eight years, one month and one day.

The "Post" is the oldest weekly newspaper in Cambridge, New York which is about eight miles from Hoosick Falls. Aury Cronkhite died in 1815 before there was any newspaper in Hoosick Falls. The following is the obituary that appeared in the "Post."

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“Died, Cambridge, NY, November 1815, ‘Solomon’ Cronk, of a wound by the hand, by the cut of a scythe, which occasioned a mortification. What was most singular in the life of the deceased was the fact that he married two sisters, with whom he lived alternately, a week at a time, during the whole period of his Connubial connection, and by each of whom he had 13 children. The two females whose houses are not very far distant from each other, maintained the utmost harmony and affection, them and all were present (2 wives and 26 children) at the funeral of their husband and parent whom they followed in mournful procession to the grave.”

Referring to Solomon Cronk, we could assume Aury Cronkhite was being compared to the Biblical character, Solomon, who had so many wives and children.

In a letter dated January 13, 1902, to Royal Cronk, Daniel Cronkhite of Minden, New York stated, *“Aury was buried at Hoosick which is near Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, New York. I visited his grave some three years since, saw his two farms. He was buried in a graveyard upon his own farm. There was a nice marble slab at the head of each grave with the names and date, upon each—Aury died August 5, 1815, age 58. Phebe, his wife, died April 10, 1848”*

Mr. Albert Case wrote in 1942 as follows, to Meda Cronkhite Francisco: *“I am very sorry to tell you that the cemetery is all gone, tombstones and all. It was on a little rise of ground that contained good gravel and the town of Hoosick and village of Hoosick Falls drew it away, bones and all. There must have been about 50 graves there. I remember when it was done. They were several years at it, but they kept right on. That was in the 1890s.”*

By the time of Aury’s death in 1815, many of his and Anna’s children had grown and some had families. The

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new West beyond the mountains beckoned, offering cheap land, adventure, and the promise of a future fortune. Abram, the oldest, chose to stay in New York, but Levi and Elijah and others of the family decided to “go West” and Anna went with them. In 1820 we find some of the family living in Hamilton County, Ohio, near Cincinnati. From there they went to Warren County, Indiana.

Anna made her home in her later years with her son Levi and his family. She lived to see her sons prosper in the new land, and to have the joy of seeing grandchildren and great grandchildren in the family. She was 86 years, 10 months and 26 days old when she died on March 30, 1851. She was buried on a knoll in the old section of West Lebanon Cemetery, surrounded by her loved ones. On one side lies her son, Enoch, who predeceased her by five years, and his wife, Salina. On her other hand rests her son Levi, and his wife Rebecca. Other members of the family are buried nearby.

Anna’s stone reads simply:

in memory of
ANNA CRONKHITE
Died March 30, 1851
Aged 86 ys, 10 ms, 26 d.
May she rest in peace.

The children of Aury and Anna Cronkhite were:

- ▼ Abram A.—Born October 26, 1784. Married Huldah Wilson on September 12, 1805. He died August 14, 1824.
- ▼ Levi—Born March 17, 1786. Married Rebecca Sweet about 1809. He died May 6, 1857.
- ▲ Merriam—Born February 4, 1788. Married —?— Farewell.

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- ▼ John A.—Born May 24, 1790. Married to Anna Potter on October 22, 1810.
- ▲ Esther—Born December 17, 1792. Married Samuel Cross. She died March 6, 1858.
- ▼ Elijah—Born July 2, 1797. Married first to Catherine Ouderkark, second to Martha Wiles Wilson. He died June 20, 1877.
- ▲ Sally—Born August 27, 1799. Married Ebenezer Curtis. She died on December 21, 1881.
- ▼ Enoch—Born September 4, 1800. Married Salina Sweet in 1824. He died October 25, 1846.
- ▲ Betsey—Born March 30, 1802. Married Lemuel Bowers.
- ▲ Sylvia—Born February 28, 1804. Married Henry Toby. She died on April 28, 1856.
- ▲ Salome—Born April 8, 1806. Was living in 1896.
- ▼ Cornelius—Born January 8, 1808. Married Charlotte Bowers on December 1, 1831. He died February 17, 1879.
- ▲ Polly—Born September 9, 1809.

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The Last Will and Testament of Aury Cronkhite Deceased with the Probate Therefore

Recorded Augt, 18th 1815

In the Name of God, Amen, I Aury Cronkhite of Hoosick in the County of Rensselaer of State of New York, Farmer, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and also considering it the duty of all men and particularly myself, while blessed with health and a full exercise of my reason, so to arrange my worldly concerns as to give those who are to be entrusted, with them after my decease, as little trouble as possible and moreover as far as can be prevented by human foresight and discernment avert, the evils arising from the too frequent application to the laws of the land to little disputed claims to estates, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Firstly, I give and bequeath unto my executors hereinafter named or such of them as shall survive at the time of my decease and shall accept the appointment, all my personal estate goods, chattles, credits and effects, excepting such as are hereafter otherwise disposed of by which I shall be possessed of at the time of my decease, in trust, to be disposed of by them and applied to the payment of all just debts that I may be owing at the time of my decease and the charges of my funeral and the residue thereof (if anything remains after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses) to be equally divided between and one half thereof to be paid by my executors to Phebe Cronkhite my wife and the other half to be paid in like manner to Anna Cronkhite sister to my wife Phebe in order that they may be the better enabled to support and educate their children who are minors and may in case of their surviving me be left to their respective care and in case of the decease of my wife Phebe or of the said Anna Cronkhite sister to my said wife or either or both of them before each and all of their respective children shall arrive to full age, then in that case it is my will that the same shall be vested in my executors in trust and to be applied the one moiety to the support and education of my infant children by my wife and the other moiety for the support and education of the infant children of the said Anna Cronkhite sister to my wife Phebe and if upon all the children's arriving to full age any residue shall be left unapplied of either moiety, the shall be equally distributed among the surviving child or children of that mother whose moiety is unexpended. But in case there should not be sufficient of my personal estate (not otherwise bequeathed) to satisfy my debts and funeral charges (which it is supposed with proper management there will be).

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I hereby give and bequeath unto my executors to be hereinafter named out of the farm on which I now live one equal moiety and out of the farms leased to me by Volkert P. Douw and George Tibbits and John D. Dickinson in the Town of Hoosick that I shall or may be possessed of to be sold by them and the avails thereof applied to the discharging of my debts as may be necessary for that purpose, leaving it to the discretion of my executors to dispose of such part thereof as they may think proper doing the least possible injury to my said estate.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife Phebe during her natural life or until she shall be again married, the use and occupation of the farm on which I now live, two horses, two cows, ten sheep, two swine, one set of horse harness, one plow and one harrow and such household furniture and bedding as in the opinion of my executors are reasonable and necessary for the comfortable accomodation of herself and family; the stock and farming utensils to be chosen by herself out of any of which I shall die possessed, and the household furniture and bedding to be set apart by my executors from such as I have in my actual possession on the premises where I shall reside at the time of my decease which said premises are to be occupied and improved by my wife Phebe to the best advantage that she may out of the profits thereof and out of the increase of the stock be enabled to support and educate such infant children as I may leave at the time of my decease. And also to enable her to give to my daughter Hannah when she shall arrive at the age of eighteen years or be married the like portion or outfit that I have given to my other daughters who are married and also that she pay to my youngest son Aury Cronkhite on his coming of the age of twenty one years a horse of the value of fifty dollars in ready money a good bridle, a good new axe and five sheep. And further at the decease of my said wife Phebe or future marriage or taking any man to live or cohabit with her, before that my youngest son Aury shall arrive at full age or at any time afterwards all the estate in the above premises hereby created and all her interest therein shall cease and all the real and personal property shall become vested in my executors in trust to be equally divided between my son Aury and Elijah Cronkhite and Enoch Cronkhite children of the said Anna Cronkhite sister to my said wife Phebe or the survivors of them until Youngest Enoch shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and to their heirs and assigns forever. And in case of the future marriage of my said wife Phebe by which means the estate whereon I now live and the personal property which shall be in the possession of my said wife Phebe at the

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happening of that event shall come into the possession of my said son Aury and the said Elijah and Enoch or the survivors of them it is will & that their estate in the above premises is granted upon condition that they shall pay and give to my said wife Phebe one good featherbed and bedding and shall in equal proportions pay and cause to be paid to my said wife Phebe within one year after the happening of that event (if she shall be then living and not otherwise) the sum of fifty dollars and also that my said son Aury and the said Elijah and Enoch as the survivors of them shall also within one year after coming to the said estate pay or cause to be paid to my daughters, Anna, Phebe, Alchee, Deborah and Hannah or the survivors of them the sum of twenty five dollars each. And I also give and bequeath to my son Ezekiel all sum, and sums of money as shall or may be due and owing from him to me at the time of my decease, provided the same does not exceed the sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars and if the said amounts due by him the said Ezekiel to me shall not amount to the said sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars, then and in that case it is my will that my said son Aury and the said Elijah and Enoch pay or cause to be paid to the said Ezekiel within one year after coming to the said estate, such sum as shall together with the said demands against the said Ezekiel amount to the said sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars. I also give and bequeath to my son Henry the sum of one hundred twenty two dollars and seventy five cents which I have already assigned off to him for the purpose of his getting a discharge from all his debts and all other sum and sums of money that shall or may be due and owing from him to me at the time of my decease provided the same together with said last mentioned sum does not exceed the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars and if the said demands due by him together with the said sum of one hundred twenty two dollars & twenty five cents to me shall not amount to the said sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars. It is my will and I hereby direct that my said son Aury and the said Elijah and Enoch pay or cause to be paid to the said Henry within one year after coming to the estate such sums as with the said demands against him and the said sum of one hundred & twenty two dollars and seventy five cents shall amount to the said sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars and also that my said wife Phebe pay to my grandson Aury Cronkhite son of Jacob A. Cronkhite deceased on his coming of the age of twenty one years a horse of the value of fifty dollars in ready money, a good bridle, a good new axe and five sheep and further at the decease of my said wife Phebe or her future marriage or taking any man to live or cohabit with her

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in which case her right to the freehold ceases before that my grandson Aury shall arrive at full age. I hereby will and direct my said son Aury and the said Elijah and Enoch to pay and give to the said grandson Aury the property above bequeathed to him on his arriving at the age of twenty one years and I enjoin it on my executors to see that the same be fulfilled.

And I do hereby further will and order that the above named Anna Cronkhite and her children or any of them as long as they shall occupy and possess the lands hereafter bequeathed to them shall have the privilege at all reasonable times of making their cider at the cider mill erected in the building made for that purpose upon the premises where I now reside and if any repairs shall hereafter be necessary to be made either of the mill or the buildings it shall be made at the joint expence of those children of the said Anna and my own requiring the use of the said cyder mill.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to Anna Cronkhite sister to my wife Phebe during her natural life or until she shall marry, the use and occupation of that certain farm of land leased to me by Volkert P. Douw situate in the Town of Hosick and whereon the said Anna now resides, two horses, three cows, fifteen sheep, two swine, set of horse harness, one plow and one harrow and such household furniture and bedding as in the opinion of my executors are reasonable and necessary for the comfortable accomodations of the said Anna Cronkhite & her family, the stock farming utensils, household furniture and bedding to be chosen by the said Anna out of such as shall be on the premises where the said Anna now reside. And I also give and bequeath to the said Anna Cronkhite the use and occupation of such part of that certain farm as leased to me by George Tibbitts and John D. Dickinson commonly called the Faxon Farm as shall be in my possession at the time of my decease. During her natural life or until she shall marry or take a man to live or cohabit with her or until her son Cornelius shall die or arrive to the age of twenty one years subject however and upon the express condition that out of the profits of the said premises and from the increase of the stock the said Anna Cronkhite and her heirs shall pay and discharge the annual rent reserved upon the said lots of land respective: And the said Anna Cronkhite out of the profits aforesaid and also out of the fund hereafter provided for that purpose shall give to her daughters Esther, Sally, Betsey, Sylvia Saloma and Polly or the survivors of them as they shall severally arrive at the age of eighteen years or become married the like portion or outfit I have given to Merriam, daughter of the said Anna Cronkhite upon her

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marriage and also that the said Anna Cronkhite shall give to her sons Elijah Enoch and Cornelius upon their severally arriving to the age of twenty one years the like personal property as I have in this my will ordered to be paid to my youngest son Aury Cronkhite.

And in the case of the decease or intermarriage of the said Anna Cronkhite or her taking any man to live or cohabit with her before her son Cornelius shall arrive to the age of twenty one years or before the youngest child of the said Anna shall arrive at full age or at anytime afterwards then and in that case the estate hereby granted to the said Anna and all her interest therein shall cease and the said property shall become vested in my executors upon the same conditions limitations and for the same purpose and incumbered the like trusts as though the said Anna had lived or remained sole and unmarried and upon the decease or intermarriage of the said Anna Cronkhite (her youngest child then being of full age) I do give and bequeath unto the above named Levi, Abraham, John & Cornelius her sons or the survivors of them their heirs and assigns forever such part of the farm commonly known by the name of the Faxon Farm as shall be in my possession at the time of my decease and also the farm leased to me by the said Volkert P. Douw share and share alike subject however to this condition that the said Levi, Abraham, John and Cornelius upon their coming into the full enjoyment of the property above mentioned or the survivors of them all the daughters of the said Anna then being of full age or upon their all coming to the age of eighteen years shall pay or cause to be paid to each of the surviving daughters of the said Anna within one year thereafter the sum of twenty five dollars each.

And further in the case of the intermarriage of the said Anna or her taking any man to live or cohabit with her all the sons of the said Anna then being of full age or upon their arrival to full age the said sons of the said Anna or the survivors of them shall within one year after either of these events shall happen (all the sons then being of full age or within one year after the shall arrive to full age) shall give and pay to the said Anna one good feather bed and bedding one good cow and twenty five dollars in money if she be then living and not otherwise to be paid equally by them or the survivors of them. On consideration I think proper to alter the last bequest to Anna Cronkhite and also to my wife Phebe hereinbefore made and that the sum be as follows that they or either of them shall intermarry before their respective children shall arrive at full age that my executors shall on the day that they or either of them shall pay and allow to the one or each so marrying one good feather bed and bedding one good cow and twenty five dollars in money. And I do

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hereby further order and direct that in case of the death of my said son Aury or the said Elijah or Enoch or either of them, the estate of the said Cornelius hereby created in the Faxon & Douw Farms shall cease and it is my will that he the said Cornelius shall inherit in the same way as the one so dying in the said farm above bequeathed to the said Aury, Elijah & Enoch.

And I do hereby appoint my trusty and beloved friends, Tirah Baker, Benjamin Herrington, William Sampson Junior, Nathaniel Bishop and Benjamin Randall all of Hosick in the County of Rensselaer Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereby I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirteen.

*Signed, sealed, published
and declared by the
above named Aury Cronkhite
to be his last will and testament
in the presence of us who have
hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses in the presence of
the testator and in the presence
of each other*

Aury Cronkhite, L.S.

Archi Bul

Charles Leigh

Ezra Moseley

STATE OF NEW YORK, RENSSELAER COUNTY

Be it Remembered that on the eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen personally appeared before me William McManus Esquire, Surrogate of the said County of Rensselaer, Archibald Bull one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Aury Cronkhite late of the Town of Hosick in the said County deceased who being duly sworn declared that he did see the said Aury Cronkhite seal and execute the written instrument of which the annexed is a copy purporting to be

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the last will and testament of the said Aury Cronkhite bearing date the nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and heard him publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament; that at the time thereof he the said Aury Cronkhite was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best of the knowledge and belief of the said Archibald Bull and that he the said Archibald Bull together with Charles Leigh & Ezra Moseley the other witnesses to the said will severally subscribed their hands and names to the said will as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator and of each other.

Wm. McManus

**This is a copy of the handwritten will on file in Troy,
Rensselaer County, New York (Book 5, pgs 182-189)**

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
HENRY CRONKHITE**

Henry Cronkhite, the ninth child (the fifth son) of Hendrick and Maria De Lange Cronkheit, was born January 9, 1768. He married Hannah Shafer who was born on November 14, 1772. Henry died in 1815. Hannah later married Peter Ackler. Hannah died on July 5, 1864.

Henry and Hannah's children were:

- ▲ Hannah—Born March 23, 1790.
- ▲ Cornelius
- ▲ John
- ▲ Polly—Married —?— Crane.
- ▲ Henry Jr.—Born April 18, 1800. Married to Sally Brown. Henry died on March 23, 1884.
- ▲ Jeremiah
- ▲ James
- ▲ Jacob
- ▲ Eliza
- ▲ Alida

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS
ABRAHAM
ABRAHAM**

Abraham Kranckheit, the child of Abraham and Wyntje Haff Kranckheit, was baptized November 10, 1781. He married Elizabeth Barker in 1799. He died in Prince Edward County, Ontario, Canada in 1858.

Their children:

- ▲ David—Born October 5, 1803. Married Sarah Shorts in 1835. He later married Nancy Cronk who was the daughter of Enock and Catherine Lavines Cronk. David died in 1885. Nancy died about 1918.
- ▼ Luther Herrick—Born 1820. Married in 1851 to Adelaide Cronk the daughter of Jacob and Lydia Cronk.
- ▲ Edward
- ▲ Barker
- ▲ Louisa
- ▲ Samantha
- ▲ Caroline

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL

Ezekiel, the second child (the second son) of Aury and Phebe Kranckheit Cronkhite was born on his father's farm in Hoosick, New York January 24, 1780. He was married to Esther —?—.

Ezekiel and Esther had several children, but we do not at this time know the name of all of them. Warren was one of their sons.

▼ Warren—Born on October 1, 1804, in White Creek Town, Washington County, New York. Married Ann Susan Page on November 11, 1824. Warren died in Chicago, Illinois in 1863.

Not too much is known about Ezekiel. He died in Hoosick, New York, at the age of 43. Mr. Hiram Harrington petitioned for letters of administration on June 4, 1823, on the estate but very little information was given. Mr. Harrington stated that Ezekiel Cronkhite, late of the town of Hoosick, had died leaving a widow and several children. They were not named in any of the papers.

He goes on to state that said Ezekiel died seized of real estate situate in the said town containing about fifty acres and he owed quite a few debts and there was really nothing left or almost nothing. They had to sell his possessions to cover his debts. Warren's name was on the inventory list. Ezekiel Cronkright is listed in the 1800 Census of Hoosick Town, Rensselaer County, New York. It shows one male 16-26 and head of house and one female 16-26, so they must have married about 1800.

In the 1810 census we again find Ezekiel Cronkright. It shows one male 26 to 45 head of family, one female 26 to 45 family, one white male under ten, (this must have been Warren) and four females under five. Again in the 1820 Census, we find Ezekiel Cronkhite. You will note that the name changes from Cronkhite to

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL (cont'd)**

Cronkright back to Cronkhite. Also on the 1820 census, we found his mother, Phebe Cronkhite (you will remember that Aury died in 1815). The census shows Ezekiel with three males under 5, one male 5-10, one male 15-20 (this must have been Warren) and one male 30 to 40, one female under 5. It did not show a female 30 to 40.

At this time nothing is known of Esther. It is said that both Ezekiel and Esther were buried in the family cemetery at Clay Hill Town of Hoosick, New York.

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Ezekiel Cronkhite Estate

To the Surrogate of the County of Rensselaer

The petition of Hiram Herrington respectfully represents that Ezekiel Cronkhite late of the town of Hoosick lately died intestate, having while living and at the time of his death goods, chattel, and credits within this state. That said deceased died leaving a widow and several children, his heirs at law. That the widow and next of kin of the deceased have neglected to take out administration of the estate. The said deceased and your petitioner held are unable to do the same, that the deceased died indebted to your petitioner in about the sum of \$55. Your petitioner prays the administration of the estate and being duly cited by our petitioner will ever pray.

Hiram Herrington

State of New York, Rensselaer County

I, Hiram Herrington, begin duly sworn says that the facts above stated are true exact to the best of my judgement and belief and further says not.

Hiram Herrington

Sworn before me the 4th day June 1823

Surrogate

State of New York, Rensselaer County

Hiram Herrington begin duly sworn says that the personal estate of the herein named Ezekiel Cronkhite is worth about the sums of \$400. According to the best of his judgement, information and belief and further says not.

Hiram Herrington

Sworn before me this 4th day June 1823

Surrogate

(Copied from handwritten estate of Ezekiel Cronkhite Rensselaer County, New. Surrogate file No. 244)

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
HENRY A.**

Henry A. Cronkhite, the fourth child (third son) of Aury and Phebe Kranckheit Cronkhite, was born February 28, 1783. He married Sylvia Surdam.

Their children were:

- ▼ Aury H.—Born October 21, 1804. He married Matilda Baldwin who was born on February 20, 1809 and died January 5, 1854. Aury died February 4, 1878.
- ▲ Sylvia—Born August 13, 1806. She married David Case who was born March 4, 1798 and died on March 23, 1886. Sylvia died July 4, 1874.
- ▼ Tunis—Born August 14, 1808. He married first Naomi Moseley who was born October 11, 1812 and died May 23, 1835. Second he married Naomi's sister Melisa Moseley.
- ▲ Henry—Born October 17, 1810.
- ▲ Charles—Born December 8, 1813. He married Polly Cronkhite who was born in 1813. Charles died in 1878.
- ▲ Anna—Born May 15, 1816.
- ▼ Nathan—Born August 23, 1818. He married Caroline Sherman who died September 23, 1893.
- ▲ Seneca—Born April 6, 1821. Died January 25, 1850.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.**

Abram (sometimes written Abraham) A. Cronkhite was the first born of Aury and Anna Kranckheit Cronkhite. He was born October 26, 1784, in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York. On September 12, 1805, he was married to Hulda Wilson the daughter of Alexander Wilson. Huldah was born June 22, 1791, in Hoosick, New York. Abram and Hulda's home after marriage was near the town of Eagle Bridge, which is north and west of Hoosick Falls, New York.

Abram died August 14, 1824, at forty years of age in Hoosick. Evidently Hulda lived a few years in Hoosick with her married children. From 1839 to 1848 four of her children, Abram Jr., Cornelius, Levi, and Caroline moved to Shiawassee County, Michigan. Hulda passed away June 24, 1847 and is at rest with those four children and their families in the Yerian Cemetery of Shiawassee County in Venice Township, Michigan.

There is no headstone to mark her grave. The caretaker of the Yerian Cemetery wrote a letter that H. Cronkhite was buried on Abram A. Cronkhite Jr.'s lot #82.

Abram Sr. was probably buried in the old Clay Hill Cemetery at Hoosick, New York. This cemetery was reportedly destroyed about 1900 for the gravel.

Abram and Hulda's children, all born in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York were:

- ▼ Alexander—Born September 15, 1806. Married Pamela F. —?—. He died February 7, 1847.
- ▼ Aury Wilson—Born February 25, 1808. Married first to Matilda Wood of Bloomfield, New York. Married second to Martha —?—. Aury died December 11, 1871.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A. (cont'd)**

- ▲ Anna Maria—Born December 5, 1809. Married Roger Guile on September 18, 1831. He was born on June 30, 1804 and died March 7, 1889. She died March 26, 1888.
- ▲ Dolly Loira—Born September 2, 1811. Died on July 5, 1826.
- ▲ Huldah Salome—Born August 22, 1813. Married David Guile. He died February 17, 1878. She died May 24, 1843.
- ▼ Abram A. Jr.—Born October 14, 1815. Married Arzilla Stevens. He died in 1852.
- ▼ Cornelius L.—Born January 20, 1818. He married Maria E. Jones in June of 1840. She was born January 21, 1817 and died December 10, 1897. Cornelius died February 8, 1882.
- ▼ Levi Sheldon—Born March 3, 1820. Married Hannah M. Jones who was born in Vermont on March 17, 1821. Levi died on September 17, 1891. Hannah died March 6, 1895.
- ▲ Caroline T.—Born March 27, 1822. She was married first to Baron S. Jones who was born September 5, 1815 and died October 25, 1858. She was married second to Palmer G. Lane. Palmer was born on September 14, 1828 and died January 21, 1897. Caroline died July 16, 1911.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI**

Levi Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of Aury and Anna Kranckheit Cronkhite, was born on March 17, 1786, in Rensselaer County, New York. Rensselaer County is about one hundred and twenty miles north of New York City and lies between the Hudson River and the Massachusetts and Vermont State line. These were stirring times. The Revolutionary War had been over only three years when Levi was born. His father, Aury and his grandfather Hendrick had both been soldiers in this war and the famous Battle of Bennington (Vermont) was fought only ten miles from the family home at Hoosick, New York. Levi would be one year old when the Constitution of the United States was written. The Hudson River was the main line of travel in this time and area and Levi must have seen it often as a young man. The Dutch had been living along it for one hundred and sixty years already and here among his kindred he grew to manhood.

About 1809 Levi married Rebecca Sweet who had been born in Rhode Island on December 1, 1790.

Levi and Rebecca became the parents of at least eight children. The older ones would be born in New York while the younger would be born after they had moved west to Ohio. The children of whom we have record are:

- ▼ Orville—Born October 6, 1809. Married Lovina Baugh on March 17, 1831.
- ▼ Sidney—Born on June 9, 1811. Married first to Cornelia Tillotson on February 9, 1832. He was married second to Sarah Sibrena Sweet on June 18, 1848.
- ▲ Orrin—Born May 4, 1813. Married Lucinda Saum. Licensed issued April 27, 1835. They went to Iowa.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI (cont'd)

- ▼ Hosea—Born November 24, 1814. Married Eleanor Garrison Acers on June 6, 1836. He died February 12, 1864.
- ▲ Polly Ann—Born on December 26, 1816. Married to Ephraim Buell Tillotson on February 13, 1834. Polly Ann died November 22, 1893.
- ▼ Levi Jr.—Born November 22, 1818, in Ohio. He was married to his cousin, Mary Ann Cronkhite, on April 7, 1844. Levi Jr. died April 19, 1893.
- ▲ William—Born on February 15, 1821. Died October 15, 1821. Only eight months old, his name was found only on one old faded record. He died before his parents went to Warren County, Indiana and was evidently forgotten by most of his family.
- ▼ William S.—Born May 12, 1823. Married first Frances Black. Married second Eliza Sweet on October 9, 1853.

Levi lived in Ohio from around 1817 to 1826. In 1826 he decided to go west to the new County of Warren, Indiana. The trip was made with wagons over the wilderness roads and trails, doubtless through Crawfordsville where the District Land Office was located. The Garrison family accompanied them on this journey and later the two families were united by several marriages. Once there they fell to the work of clearing land and building log houses to survive the coming winter. It was raw wilderness then and Levi and Rebecca Cronkhite were one of the pioneer families of the county. If we were able to look back and see all their problems and dangers, their toils and sorrows, sickness and death, we would marvel that they had endured and we might appreciate more the fine farms and homes that are enjoyed today as the result of their sacrifice.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI (cont'd)**

Levi Sr. passed away May 6, 1857. His death marked the end of an era in Warren County, Indiana for it coincided with the building of the first railroad, the Wabash, completed the following year. The silence of the funeral procession may well have been broken by the first toot of a locomotive whistle in the area. The old pioneer days were gone forever.

Levi Sr. was a part of pioneer Indiana and should be remembered as the leader of his family. He was the one who led the way and blazed the trail into the wilderness for the others to follow; who reared the first cabins, entered the first land and laid the foundation for the future prosperity of the family. It was also he and Rebecca who, judging from census records, provided a home for his aged mother, Anna, whose death occurred just six years prior to his own. This was a man who had witnessed the birth of his country, who may have seen George Washington or others of the founding fathers, he had lived out his threescore years and ten, and his life had spanned an age in national history as well as local. His "beloved wife" Rebecca would live on another nine years through the trying time of the Civil War. She died on January 12, 1866. May they sleep in peace.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.

John A. Cronkhite, the fourth child (third son) of Aury and Anna Krankheit Cronkhite, was born on May 24, 1790, in Hoosick, New York. He was married to Anna Potter of Hoosick on October 22, 1810, and moved to Milford, Otsego County, New York with his wife and two sons about 1816. Most of the information regarding John and his family comes from *“The Early History of the Town of Milford”* by Ezra Stevens. John purchased the farm of William Wellman, commenced operations as a farmer and occupied the farm until his death.

The children of John and Anna Potter Cronkhite were:

- ▼ Louis—Born in Hoosick, New York. Married Caroline Lane as his first wife. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Leaning.
- ▼ Ebenezer—Born in Hoosick, New York. Married Sally Ann Low.
- ▲ Anna—Born 1817 in West Milford, New York. Married Barzilla Edson, a carpenter.
- ▼ William—Born about 1824 in Milford, New York. Married Delia Reed who was also born about 1824. She died January 4, 1891, at the age of sixty seven years.
- ▲ Dianna—Born in West Milford, New York. Married Staughton Kingman.
- ▲ Mary—Born on July 11, 1829, in West Milford, New York. Married to George Teel who was born on March 12, 1827 and died April 2, 1885. Mary died January 23, 1911.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH

Elijah Cronkhite, the sixth child (fourth son) of Aury and Anna Kranckheit Cronkhite, was born July 2, 1797, in Rensselaer County, New York. Almost thirteen years younger than his brother Levi, much had happened in the intervening time. George Washington had already served his two terms as president. John Adams, the second president, had taken office five months before. Elijah would be two and a half years old when George Washington died, December 14, 1799. The probable topic of conversation of the Dutch along the Hudson River would be of the trouble with France, and if there would be another war. And a brand new song was being sung all over the country. It was "*Hail Columbia.*"

The story of Elijah's early life would be much the same as that of Levi. By 1820 he was living in Hamilton County, Ohio. Elijah's wife was Catherine Ouderkark who was born in New York in 1798, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Ouderkark. Elijah followed Levi into Warren County, Indiana and there he too prospered, acquiring a considerable fortune as well as a very large family (seventeen children of which we have record!).

Not too much information is available on Elijah's family by his first wife, as almost all of the children went to Iowa as they grew up, and seemed to have settled in Jones or Marion County.

The presently known children of Elijah and Catherine are:

- ▲ Mariah Hester— Married to Moses Garrison on November 8, 1835. Levi Cronkhite, Justice of the Peace, performed the service. They went to Iowa and had a family.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH (cont'd)**

- ▼ Levi S.— Married Elizabeth J. Frame on October 19, 1843. Went to Marion County, Iowa and married Ann —?—.
- ▲ Jacob— Said to have gone to Iowa.
- ▲ Altha— Said to have died unmarried.
- ▼ Abram—Born March 20, 1823. Possibly married first to Clarissa Arabelle Wait on November 24, 1843. Married second Nancy White Burch. Nancy died in November of 1861. Married third to Phoebe H. Walters. Abram died July 9, 1907.
- ▲ Rebecca—Born 1824 in Ohio. Married to William R. Garrison. Moved to Marion County, Iowa. She died November 18, 1891.
- ▲ Sarah—Born September 19, 1825. Married William Leonard on February 7, 1845. Lived in Potomac, Illinois area. Sarah died on October 11, 1872.
- ▼ Josephus—Born April 2, 1827. Married Jane Graham.
- ▼ Lansing—Born October 19, 1829. Married Sarah Wood on September 22, 1853. Had two daughters and two sons, all born in Kansas. Lansing married Elizabeth Trimble on July 18, 1878. Lansing died July 23, 1915.
- ▲ Euphena—Married James Gallimore on January 25, 1852 and lived in Fountain County, Indiana.

Catherine died February 17, 1839 and Elijah buried her in the little family burying ground which was located about one mile due south of Marshfield. There were several graves there, but some years ago the cemetery was destroyed and farmed over by the owner of the property at that time, Samuel Adams. It should be added, however, that the Cronkhite family living in the area evidently had little interest in it, for no ob-

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH (cont'd)**

jections were made, and so far as is known no one ever bothered to copy the inscriptions on the stones, so some of this family history is gone forever. Grover Williams Jr. made a very determined search for these markers and did find Catherine along with some fragments of others, but that was all that could be found.

After the death of Catherine, Elijah married for his second wife Mrs. Martha Wiles Wilson of nearby Bismark, Illinois. She was the daughter of Luke and Mary Hobson Wiles and was born February 9, 1817, in Switzerland County, Indiana, the fifth child in a family of ten.

Elijah and Martha were said to have been the parents of eight children. There is record of seven as follows (it is possible the eighth died an infant and was not mentioned further):

- ▼ Augustus C.—Born on February 22, 1842, in Warren County, Indiana. Married in Iowa to Samantha Victoria Burch on November 18, 1863. She was born October 18, 1846 and died October 29, 1880. Married second to Belle Jones who was born July 10, 1858 and died September 1, 1902. Married third to Laura Schrock who was born May 26, 1867 and died July 27, 1927. Augustus died February 20, 1923.
- ▲ Luke—Born April 1, 1843. Died August 8, 1864, of wounds received at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia.
- ▲ Henry C.—Born June 6, 1844. Killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge near Chattanooga, Tennessee on November 25, 1863.
- ▲ Catherine—Born 1846. Died 1857.
- ▼ Philander C.—Born March 2, 1850. Married Tempa Conner on September 23, 1879. He died September 11, 1889.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH (cont'd)

- ▲ Christopher Columbus—Born 1852. Married Minerva Frame on December 25, 1873. He died May 17, 1915. Minerva died November 5, 1936.
- ▲ Lee Anne—Born April 22, 1854. Married Albert Gustava Johnson on October 23, 1873. He was born at Granna, Sweden on January 1, 1849, the son of Nelson and Anna Christine Nelson Johnson. Lee Anne died March 31, 1915.

Elijah lived to be the oldest of the four brothers who moved to Warren County, Indiana. He lacked but a few days of being eighty years old when he passed away on June 20, 1877. The tall granite marker at his grave in West Lebanon Cemetery is engraved as follows:

ELIJAH CRONKHITE
BORN IN RANSELLAER N. Y. JULY 2, 1797
DIED JUNE 20, 1877
A PATRIOT AND AN HONEST MAN
“REQUIESCAT IN PACE”

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENoch**

Enoch Cronkhite, the eighth child (fifth son) of Aury and Anna Kranckheit Cronkhite, was born on September 4, 1800, in Hoosick, New York. Thomas Jefferson was the new president of the United States and the new city of Washington, D.C. had just become the capitol of the nation. The story of Enoch's early life would be so much the same as that of his brothers that it seems pointless to review it again. Some time in 1824 he was married to Salina Sweet. Enoch was destined to live only ten years after joining his brothers Levi and Elijah in Warren County, Indiana in 1836. Enoch died on October 25, 1846, the first of the brothers to pass away. Salina died March 19, 1888.

The children of Enoch and Salina were:

- ▲ Mary Ann—Born June 25, 1825. She married Levi Cronkhite Jr. on April 7, 1844. The nine children of Mary Ann and Levi Jr. are listed under his name in the seventh generation. The marriage of first cousins, as practiced among the Cronkhite family, makes for some interesting relationships. For instance above: Enoch, the father-in-law of Levi Jr. would also be his uncle; the same would be true of Mary Ann and Levi Sr. It could also be said that the children of Mary Ann and Levi Jr. would be their second cousins as well. Add to all of this two or three marriages with the resulting half-brothers and half-sisters as in the case of Hosea, who is number nine in this list, and it could be literally possible to “be your own Granpa.”
- ▲ Minerva—Born April 24, 1827. Married to David Briggs on November 13, 1846.
- ▼ John H.—Born April 4, 1829. Married to Clarissa Briggs Swisher on April 1, 1849. John died in October 1861.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH (cont'd)**

- ▲ Harriet—Born March 26, 1831. Married to Joseph H. Jolly on October 13, 1853. She died on January 14, 1898.
- ▼ William F.—Born January 17, 1833. Married to Rebecca J. Johnson on July 14, 1860. He died December 19, 1878.
- ▲ Helen M.—Born March 26, 1835.
- ▲ Freeloove S.—Born February 12, 1837. Married James White. She died May 18, 1863.
- ▲ Stephen S.—Born on September 22, 1840. Stephen was the Color-Bearer for the 86th Regiment Indiana Volunteers in the Civil War. He was wounded while carrying the flag in the Battle of Missionary Ridge on November 25, 1863. Eighty-eight bullet holes were shot through the flag he was carrying and the staff was hit twice. Stephen was married to Elizabeth Barwick on September 9, 1866. She was born on April 7, 1841 and died December 23, 1877. Stephen died September 3, 1887.
- ▼ Hosea—Born August 15, 1843. He married first Malinda Cronkhite Griffin who was born March 9, 1840 and died February 6, 1873. She was the daughter of Hosea Cronkhite, son of Levi. Her first husband was James McGriffin who was killed in the Civil War. Hosea was married second to Amelia Reynolds on June 15, 1876. Amelia was born August 23, 1846 and died September 25, 1894. Hosea died August 2, 1901.
- ▼ Francis M.—Born June 17, 1845. Married Elizabeth Goodrick on August 5, 1872. Francis died in October of 1894.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
CORNELIUS**

Cornelius Cronkhite, the twelfth child (sixth son) of Aury and Anna Kranckheit Cronkhite, was born January 8, 1808. He married Charlotte Bowers on December 1, 1831. She died on May 17, 1873. Cornelius died February 17, 1879.

Their children:

- ▲ Elizabeth—Married Robert Hamilton on May 12, 1859.
- ▲ Bowers—Married Elizabeth Ray on March 3, 1859.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HENDRICK KRANCKHEIT
THEUNIS
ABRAHAM
ABRAHAM
LUTHER**

Luther Herrick Kranckheit, the child of Abraham and Elizabeth Barker Kranckheit, was born in 1820. In 1851 he was married to Adelaide Cronk, the daughter of Jacob and Lydia Cronk.

A child of Luther and Adelaide was:

- ▲ Luther—Born May 22, 1852. He married Emma C. Cronk in 1878.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK**

Warren Cronk, the son of Ezekiel and Esther —?— Cronkhite, was born on October 1, 1804, in White Creek Town, Washington County, New York. Warren was married to Ann Susan Page on November 11, 1824, in Cambridge, New York. She was born in New Haven, Connecticut on April 4, 1804.

Warren must have taken the name Cronk when he got married, for it was listed as such in the 1830 census. In the 1850 census he was listed as a Compounder of Medicine.

It is reported that Warren died in Chicago, Illinois in 1863 (a Civil War casualty). Ann Susan died on October 28, 1875, in Davenport, Scott County, Iowa.

Their children were:

- ▲ Caroline E.—Born August 21, 1826, in Cambridge, New York. Married James Edward Davis on August 6, 1851. He died December 20, 1906. She died May 17, 1894, in Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas.
- ▼ Morrison C.—Born December 25, 1828 in Hoosick Falls, New York. Married Eliza —?—.
- ▼ Warren Jr.—Born March 28, 1830. Married Elizabeth —?—.
- ▲ Ann—Born September 12, 1832, in Cambridge, New York.
- ▲ Mary Ybless—Born May 3, 1835, in Hoosick Falls, New York.
- ▲ Cornel F.—Born October 1, 1837, in Cambridge, New York.
- ▼ Edward Y.—Born October 12, 1841, in Albany, New York. Married to Margaret —?—. He died September 22, 1912.

Seventh Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK (cont'd)

- ▲ **Alfurz E.**—Born June 6, 1846 in Auburn, New York.
- ▲ **Albert A.**—Born October 19, 1848, in Albany, New York. He married Chloe Olivia —?— who was born December 3, 1849. They had one known child, William E., who was born in April of 1876, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. William died on March 27, 1888. Albert died October 19, 1900, in Windsor, Canada. Chloe died May 18, 1928.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
HENRY A.
AURY H.**

Aury H. Cronkhite, the first child of Henry A. and Sylvia Surdam Cronkhite, was born October 21, 1804. He was married to Matilda Baldwin who was born on February 20, 1809. She died January 5, 1854. Aury died on February 4, 1878.

Their children were:

- ▲ Phebe—Born October 14, 1832. Died March 5, 1897.
- ▲ Henry—Born December 31, 1836. Married Clara M. Cate.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
HENRY A.
TUNIS**

Tunis Cronkhite, third child (second son) of Henry A. and Sylvia Surdam Cronkhite, was born on August 14, 1808. He married first Naomi Moseley who was born on October 11, 1812.

Their children were:

- ▲ Weltha—Born February 17, 1833. Died June 6, 1842.
- ▲ Permilia—Born August 14, 1834. Died on February 18, 1862.
- ▲ Naomi—Born about 1840. Married to Daniel H. Valenti. She died November 12, 1869.
- ▲ Henry H.—Born April 11, 1841. Died July 17, 1848.

Naomi died on May 23, 1845. Tunis then married Melisa Moseley who was the sister of his first wife.

Their children were:

- ▲ Albina—Born April 16, 1847. Married to Daniel Baker who was born on April 25, 1838 and died December 20, 1903. She died January 15, 1901.
- ▲ Edgar M.—Born July 2, 1848. Died January 12, 1851.
- ▲ Rosanna—Born about 1860. Died June 10, 1860.
- ▲ Ezra T.—Born about 1862. Died January 12, 1862.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
HENRY A.
NATHAN**

Nathan Cronkhite, the seventh child (the fifth son) of Henry A. and Sylvia Surdam Cronkhite, was born on August 23, 1818. He married Caroline Sherman. She died September 23, 1893.

Their children were:

- ▲ Emily—Born about 1848. Died in 1852.
- ▲ Manley—Born about 1850. Died in 1857.
- ▲ Angeline Violetta—Born November 22, 1853. Married Milton Velzy. She died November 7, 1927.
- ▲ Ruth—Born March 10, 1856. Married Wadsworth Taylor who was born April 1, 1853 and died on July 22, 1941. Ruth died September 14, 1943.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
ALEXANDER**

Alexander Cronkhite was the first child of Abram A. and Hulda Wilson Cronkhite. He was born on September 15, 1806, in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York. Alexander and his brother Aury purchased eighty two acres in the township of Perinton, Monroe County, New York on November 5, 1832. They paid eight hundred and twenty dollars for the farm, which was purchased from Enoch Huggins. Just when Alexander left the township of Perinton and moved to the township of Penfield, directly north, is unknown. His brother Aury stayed in Perinton until 1864.

Alexander married Pamela F. —?— who was born about 1795 in Vermont.

Alexander and Pamela's children were:

- ▲ Achsay—Born about 1841.
- ▲ Alfred—Born about 1845.
- ▲ Elizabeth—Born about 1847.

Alexander died in Penfield, New York on February 7, 1847, leaving his widow and three minor children all residing in Penfield. The administratrix of the estate was Pamela Cronkhite. The estate petition was signed by Pamela F. Cronkhite, Roger F. Archer, and Leander Balcum.

Pamela Cronkhite must have later married Roger F. Archer, as the 1850 census shows Roger F. Archer, Pamela Archer, four Archer children, and three Cronkhite children.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON**

Aury Wilson Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of Abram A. and Hulda Wilson Cronkhite, was born February 25, 1808, in Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York. Aury was named for his grandfather Cronkhite and his middle name, Wilson, was for his mother's maiden name.

Very little is known about Aury in his early life except that he lived near Eagle Bridge, New York with his parents. At the age of sixteen he lost his father. Like most young men of his day they were farmers. At age twenty-four, along with his older brother, Alexander, they left Rensselaer County and traveled to Monroe County, New York. They purchased an eighty-two acre farm in Perinton Township on November 5, 1832, paying eight hundred and twenty dollars for it. It was purchased of Enoch and Irene Huggins. Hiram Cronkhite was a witness. Sometime later Alexander was married and moved to Penfield Township directly north of Perinton.

Aury married Matilda C. Wood on May 20, 1838. She was born on July 12, 1819, the daughter of Harry and Celinda Gardner Wood. Aury and Matilda stayed on the farm in Perinton where their children were born:

- ▲ Sarah A.—Born February 20, 1839. Married George Vinson Collins on December 7, 1863. He was born on August 15, 1826 and died July 5, 1904. Sarah died November 15, 1882.
- ▼ Jonathan—Born February 22, 1841. Married on November 17, 1875 to Sarah Elizabeth Russell who was born on September 14, 1853, in Pennfield Township, Michigan. She died February 5, 1929. He died August 4, 1924.
- ▲ Huldah Celinda—Born March 20, 1844. She married Gaylord Benson on October 14, 1868. He was born September 28, 1829 and died on July 3, 1918. Huldah died March 23, 1932.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON (cont'd)

- ▼ Aury Wilson Jr.—Born October 25, 1847. Married Amanda Henderson on November 7, 1867. She was born December 9, 1849 and died December 28, 1930. He died December 18, 1920.
- ▼ Sanford L.—Born October 30, 1851. Married first to Anna L. Wyman. Divorced then married to Mary Callie —?—.
- ▲ Lucia M.—Born in August of 1854. Died August 26, 1854.

In 1856 Aury had the misfortune of losing his wife, Matilda. Their children were from 5 to 17 years of age. Probably with the help of neighbors and relatives they survived their sorrow, staying on the farm until 1864.

Aury might have become discouraged; daughter Sarah married in 1863, his three younger brothers and a sister had moved to Shiawassee County, Michigan, his mother went with them and she died in 1847.

The brother in Michigan said if Aury could sell his farm he could double his worth in five years in Michigan.

Aury's oldest son, Jonathan, kept a diary during the years of 1864, 1865, 1866. They tell us much about Aury and his family. In February of 1864 Aury and his son Jonathan went by train to Michigan looking for a farm to buy. They stayed overnight with Matilda's brother at Union City, her sister at Burlington, and cousins at Battle Creek. They traveled by day viewing farms.

They rode the Stagecoach from Coldwater to Tekonsha, then walked twelve miles to Marshall. The next day they walked down the railroad to Battle Creek. On the tenth of March they returned to their home in New York not having found a farm to their liking.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON (cont'd)**

Immediate plans were made for an auction for the livestock the hay and the grain, which was held on the 28th of March. The farm in New York was sold to Christopher Winne.

Moving day was on April 23, 1864. After Sanford had recovered from diphtheria they drove horses and wagons to Buffalo where they were shipped to Detroit. Aury and his family traveled by train through Canada, picking up some of their possessions near Detroit. They then traveled on to the home of Cornelius, Aury's brother, in Shiawassee County, Michigan. The two brothers went looking for farms. Aury did not care for the heavy black soil of Shiawassee County.

Finally in June of 1864 they moved into their home on what is now East Michigan Avenue. This farm was of a sandy soil. It seems that George Cronk, a cousin, who lived in Pennfield Township of Calhoun County was of great help to this family.

On September 17, 1864, Aury bought the two hundred-seventy five acres in Emmett Township of Calhoun County, Michigan from B.F. and J.F. Hinman.

The farm bustled with activity; buying livestock, planting crops, setting trees for an orchard and making a happy home.

Mention is made of Marhtie in the home. She is the second wife of Aury. Just when they were married is not recorded, but it is assumed that it was about 1865. Marhtie was from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As the children married and left home, Jonathan, and possibly Sanford, stayed to help their father in the operation of the farm for both sons married after their father's death.

Aury died at his home December 11, 1871, of typhoid fever. Marhtie went to Grand Rapids to live with a daughter.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
ABRAM A. JR.**

Abram A. Cronkhite Jr., the sixth child (third son) of Abram A. and Huldah Wilson Cronkhite, was born on October 14, 1815, in Hoosick Township, Rensselaer County, New York. He was married to Arzilla H. Stevens in Parma, New York. She was born in 1817 in Vermont.

Abram and Arzilla moved, with their youngest daughter and also possibly Abram's mother Huldah, to Shiawassee County, Michigan between 1839 and 1847.

Abram died in 1852 but Arzilla lived until 1901.

Their children:

- ▲ Phebe—Born about 1839 in New York.
- ▲ Rosella—Born about 1847 in Michigan.
- ▲ Jerusha—Born about 1848 in Michigan.
- ▲ Alice—Born in 1849 in Michigan. She died in 1850.

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
CORNELIUS L.**

Cornelius Lansing Cronkhite, the seventh child (fourth son) of Abram A. and Huldah Wilson Cronkhite, was born on January 20, 1818, in Hoosick Township, Rensselaer County, New York.

He married Maria E. Jones in June of 1840 in Hannibal, Cayuga County, New York. She was born January 21, 1817, in Benson, Vermont. She was the daughter of John and Electa Stacy Jones.

Cornelius was a pioneer of Shiawassee County, Michigan. He was known as “Uncle Lont” or “Lonson.” He was a democrat and the township treasurer.

Cornelius died February 8, 1882 and Maria died December 10, 1897.

Their children:

- ▲ Frances C.—Born on May 18, 1842 in New York. She married Hon. Hiram Johnson. She died January 12, 1890.
- ▲ Alfred B.—Born about 1845.
- ▲ Dewey W.—Born in 1848 in Shiawassee County, Michigan. He was a Baptist Minister and died in California.
- ▲ Thaddeus L.—Born April 27, 1854, in Shiawassee County, Michigan. He was married first to Mary Josephine Gidley on October 27, 1875. She was the daughter of Edwin and Polly Henemon Gidley who were both born in Massachussets. Thaddeus and Josephine lost an infant sixteen days old in 1886. Thaddeus married second to Jennie Maud —?— who was born in 1876 and died in 1921.

Seventh Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
LEVI S.

Levi Sheldon Cronkhite, the eighth child (fifth son) of Abram A. and Huldah Wilson Cronkhite, was born on March 3, 1820, in the township of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York. He married Hannah M. Jones of Hannibal, New York. She was born March 17, 1821, in Vermont.

Levi and his brother Cornelius moved to Shiawassee County, Michigan about 1844 and lived close to each other in Section 22 on one hundred sixty acres. Both had fine farms on the dark heavy soil that had attracted them to the area.

A letter written November 23, 1858, by Hannah to Aury Cronkhite, excerpts: *“a fever among many neighborhood families. Levi and the girls were under the doctor’s care in July. Sheldon ill since, unable to do any work until two weeks past, I’m the only one in the neighborhood who has escaped the fever. A family was living in the house with us, they were all sick. I helped take care of them; when better, I assisted some of my neighbors by way of taking home washings. Many families suffered for want of help. I worked early and late, never shrunk from my post. There was five weeks I never had my clothes off. There were very few deaths.*

“Lonson and Mary walked to our house, first time in 3 months. Their new house gets along slow, carpenters been sick, given up getting into it this winter.

“Caroline’s husband, Barron, died four weeks ago, sick on week, inflammation on the lungs.

“I will tell you of our season in the spring, it rained all the while, crops were drowned, then it came on so hot, it seemed man and beast must melt. The insect took the wheat, had half a crop. The potatoes and oats were drowned out by the flood. We had corn enough to fat our pork.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
LEVI S. (cont'd)

“Sheldon is discouraged. I tell him there is no use to take hold of the plough handles and look back, the furrow must be broken; although it is hard, we must economize, close clip every corner—I tell him it is darkest just before day. There was never such times for money since we lived here.

“Last week, one half of Corunna main street was burnt, all the east side, it was set by rogues, so you see the old cloven hoof is let loose here.

“Sheldon has come from Lonson’s and smoked and gone to bed, it is after 10. Aury, you must give me credit of answering your letter the quickest of any of your friends in Mich. We shall look for a letter in a short time.”

Hanna M. Cronk

Levi S. Cronk

(Note: They sometimes have shortened Cronkhite to Cronk)

A letter dated November 7, 1862, (Civil War days) from Levi S. Cronkhite to his brother Aury W. Cronkhite excerpts: *“don’t expect to do much hard work. I had let my farm to my son-in-law for five years, he was a thorough farmer and a faithful good boy. But for his country’s call he felt his duty to enlist and did so last August. It was a heavy blow for us, no one knows anything about the reality until one of their family goes. A good many from our town are going every week.*

“I think you better come out here and make us a call. Have had a pleasant fall, wheat looks well, is worth \$1.00, oats 25 cents, potatoes one shilling, butter 16 cents.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
LEVI S. (cont'd)

*“Tell the children I want to see them all. All are well
at Lonson’s and Caroline’s.*

This from your brother,

Levi S. Cronkhite”

From 1854 to 1864 Levi held township offices of Director of the Poor, Constable, and School Inspector.

Levi died September 17, 1891 and Hannah died on March 6, 1895.

Their children were:

- ▲ Alma E.—Born July 29, 1845.
- ▲ Sophia Hannah—Born on October 28, 1847. She married William W. Jones in 1866.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
ORVILLE

Orville Cronkhite, the first child of Levi and Rebecca Sweet Cronkhite, was born October 6, 1809. He was married on March 17, 1831, to Lovina Baugh by Nathaniel Butterfield. They went to Jones County, Iowa.

Their son:

▲ John

Seventh Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY**

Sidney Cronkhite, second child (second son) of Levi and Rebecca Sweet Cronkhite, was born June 9, 1811. He was married first to Cornelia Tillotson, daughter of Luther Tillotson on February 9, 1832.

Sidney and Cornelia's children were:

- ▲ Priscilla—Born on November 15, 1833. Married to Isaac M. Reese on September 11, 1853.
- ▼ John Warren—Born September 4, 1835. He married Mariah Louisa Norton Guinn.
- ▲ Byron Elijah—Born on August 27, 1837. Never married. A street in Danville, Illinois is named after him. He died in Chase, Kansas in 1936 at the age of 99 years, 9 months.
- ▼ Milton Levi—Born November 26, 1839. Married Sarah Marshall Beard on January 24, 1861.

Sidney married as his second wife, after Cornelia's death, Sarah Sibrena Sweet on June 18, 1848. She was the daughter of Hiram and Melinda Waterman Sweet. Sidney died February 27, 1874.

Sidney and Sarah's children were:

- ▼ LaFayette—Born March 14, 1849. Married Frances Sophia Gunn on October 19, 1876.
- ▲ Hiram Eldridge—Born August 16, 1850. Married Eliza J. Thompson on December 31, 1878.
- ▲ Cornelia—Born April 15, 1852. Married Sylvester Larrabee on February 22, 1877.
- ▲ Louisa Willson—Born February 14, 1854. Married Wilmer Green on January 31, 1886.
- ▼ Albert—Born September 10, 1858. Married Nellie Leona Goodrick on February 21, 1887.
- ▼ Sidney—Born January 8, 1862. Married Elizabeth Morgan.

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THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY (cont'd)**

- ▲ Delia—Born August 4, 1864. Married Charles Gibson.
- ▲ Eugene R.—Born June 13, 1867. Died March 6, 1874.
- ▲ Ezra—Born October 6, 1869. Died January 29, 1871.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
HOSEA**

Hosea Cronkhite, the fourth child (fourth son) of Levi and Rebecca Sweet Cronkhite, was born November 24, 1814. He was married to Eleanor Garrison Acers on June 6, 1836. Hosea died February 12, 1864.

Their children:

- ▲ Polly A.—Born about 1838.
- ▲ Malinda—Born on March 9, 1840. Married first to James McGriffin on October 14, 1858. He was killed in the Civil War. Married second to Hosea Cronkhite (son of Enoch).
- ▲ Levi—Born about 1842.
- ▼ William H.—Born December 15, 1844. Married Amanda Smith on October 10, 1867.
- ▲ Elizabeth—Born about 1847. Married Benton T. Campbell on December 25, 1866.
- ▲ Emily U.—Married William W. Kent on August 18, 1868.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
LEVI JR.**

Levi Cronkhite Jr., the sixth child (fifth son) of Levi and Rebecca Sweet Cronkhite, was born on November 22, 1818. He married his cousin, Mary Ann Cronkhite daughter of Enoch and Salina Sweet Cronkhite on April 7, 1844. Soon after their marriage, Levi Jr. and Mary Ann went to Iowa for six years. He returned to Indiana and then in the early 1850s moved to California for two years. Returning to Warren County, Indiana he was admitted to the bar in 1866. He was Justice of the Peace for many years and was known as Squire Cronkhite. Levi Jr. died April 19, 1893.

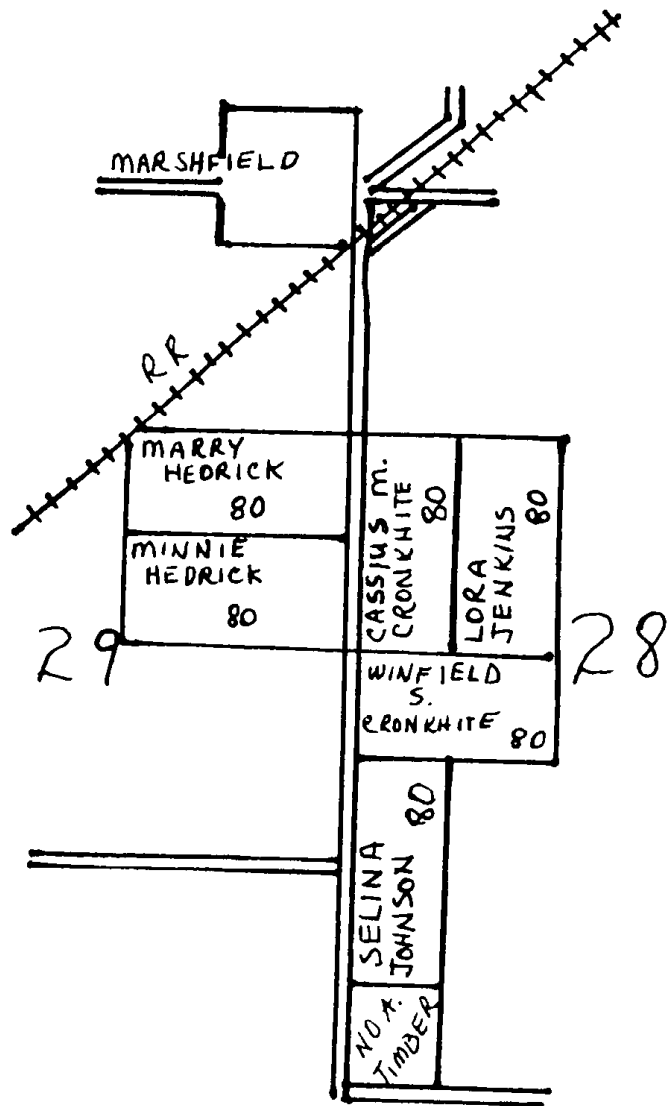
Levi and Mary Ann's children:

- ▼ Cassius Marion Clay—Born September 28, 1846. Married to Harriet Goodrick on January 30, 1873.
- ▲ Salina—Born November 13, 1848. Married J. V. Johnson. Salina died July 25, 1930.
- ▼ Winfield Scott—Born March 13, 1850. Married Louisa May Reynolds on October 23, 1879. Winfield died January 8, 1917.
- ▲ Lora B.—Born May 7, 1853. Married —?—Jenkins.
- ▲ Orville—Born August 14, 1854. Died April 26, 1862.
- ▲ Jessie F.—Born June 21, 1861. Died May 20, 1862.
- ▲ Laura B.—Born July 17, 1863.
- ▲ Mary Louise—Born July 17, 1863. Married first to Joseph Hedrick on January 1, 1882. Married second Frank Flint on January 3, 1899. She died March 4, 1955.
- ▲ Minnie Ann—Born July 21, 1867. Died March 7, 1891.

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THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
LEVI JR. (cont'd)

The will of Levi Cronkhite Jr. is a very long document which is of little interest but at the end of his will Levi Jr. drew a map, reproduced below, to show how his land south of Marshfield, Indiana was to be divided up among his children. His son Cassius later acquired the eighty acres given to his sister Lora.



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THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM S.**

William S. Cronkhite, the eighth child (seventh son) of Levi and Rebecca Sweet Cronkhite, was born on May 12, 1823. William married Frances Black.

Their children were:

- ▲ Clarissa—Born about 1848.
- ▲ Francis—Born about 1849.

Frances died August 17, 1849 and William then married Eliza Sweet on October 9, 1853. Eliza was the daughter of Hiram and Melinda Waterman Sweet. William died February 27, 1901.

William and Eliza's children were:

- ▲ Ross—Born about 1854.
- ▲ Lee—Born about 1856.
- ▼ Omer—Born about 1858. Married to Phila Mila Taylor.
- ▲ Rebecca—Born December of 1859.
- ▲ Malinda
- ▲ Hosea
- ▲ May
- ▲ Scott
- ▲ Fanny

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.
LOUIS

Louis Cronkhite, the first child of John A. and Anna Potter Cronkhite, was born in Hoosick, New York. He moved, with his parents and brother Ebenezer, to Milford, New York in 1816. The information on Louis and his family is taken from “*Early History of Milford*” by Ezra Stevens.

Louis Cronkhite established himself in Portlandville, New York in 1833, as a carriage manufacturer and was one of the best in the county. He conducted the business until his death in 1866. In addition to his mechanical ingenuity, he was a prominent politician and leader of the Whig party as long as he lived. Louis never aspired to any office but once, and then he was elected Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives at Washington.

Louis married first to Caroline Lane, the daughter of Aaron and Rachel Fuller Lane. A difference of opinion arose between Louis and Caroline and they separated. It proved a permanent separation.

Their children:

- ▲ Nelson— Remained in Portlandville, New York as a wagon maker.
- ▲ James— Enlisted in the 121st Regiment New York Volunteers when the great American Rebellion broke out in 1862 and remained until the war ended. He was wounded and lost one of his legs. Afterward he had a position in the Custom Office in New York and later was appointed Consul to Haiti. He was taken sick with a fever and died.

Louis married Elizabeth Leaning for his second wife.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.
EBENEZER

Ebenezer Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of John A. and Anna Potter Cronkhite, was born in Hoosick, New York. He moved, with his parents and brother Louis, to Milford, New York in 1816. The information on Ebenezer and his family is taken from "*Early History of Milford*" by Ezra Stevens.

Ebenezer married Sally Ann Low the daughter of John Low Jr.

Ebenezer and his son, Austin, were casket makers and undertakers in Portlandville, New York.

In the undertaking business, up until in the 1870s, embalming was not done and was not very reliable then. In the earlier years a death in warm or hot weather meant a quick funeral, or a body kept on ice.

The undertakers kept few coffins in stock, usually making the coffin to fit the corpse. When a death occurred someone of the family or a neighbor would get a cornstalk or other measuring device and measure the length of the corpse. They would go to the cabinet shop with the measure, and if they did not have a coffin of the right size, the owner of the shop would go to the lumber pile to pick out planks for the coffin. The cabinet maker had patterns and memoranda by which he could make one pattern do for several sizes.

He would scribe off on the rough lumber the pieces required, and a worker would go to work sawing out the pieces. As they were sawed, another would plane and scrape the pieces smooth, and then dress the edges as needed. One would kerf the two sides and two pieces of the top. After it was all nailed together, nails set and holes bored for the lid screws and puttied, it was given a coat of beeswax melted in turpentine and linseed oil wiped and polished with fine shavings.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.
EBENEZER (cont'd)

The lid screws were wood screws with a head of pewter-like metal, and were screwed down with a screwdriver. A row of nails with similar smaller heads were placed a few inches apart along the sides and ends, at the bottom. Handles were sometimes put on and a small pillow was placed for the head and mostly without lining was the way they were sent out.

The person who came for it waited to take it home with him, in a majority of the cases, and the cabinet maker often never saw the corpse, that part of the funeral being attended to by friends and neighbors. It did not cost much to be buried then.

Ebenezer and Sally's children:

- ▲ Minervia
- ▲ Austin— Married Melissa Seeber.

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THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.
WILLIAM CRONKITE

William Cronkite, the fourth child (the third son) of John A. and Anna Potter Cronkhite, was born in Milford, New York about 1824. He married Delia Reed who was also born about 1824.

Their children were:

- ▼ John Reed—Born in Milford, New York. Married Florence Linton.
- ▼ Marzavan—
- ▲ Melissa—Married —?— Gifford

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LEVI S.

Levi S. Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Elijah and Catherine Ouderkark Cronkhite, married Elizabeth J. Frame on October 19, 1843.

Their known children:

- ▲ Susan—Born 1846.
- ▲ Caleb S.—Born June 17, 1850. Married to Johanna Hunt on September 3, 1877. He died on December 12, 1900.
- ▼ Levi T.— Born 1853. Married Alice Hunt on September 29, 1872. She was born in 1855 and died in 1921. He died in 1916.

Levi S. went to Marion County, Iowa and married for his second wife, a native of that area, Ann —?—.

One known son:

- ▲ Arnold— Last known at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
ABRAM**

Abram Cronkhite, the fifth child (third son) of Elijah and Catherine Ouderkark Cronkhite, was born March 20, 1823. He possibly was married first to Clarissa Arabelle Wait on November 24, 1843. His second wife was Nancy White Burch.

Abram and Nancy's daughters:

- ▲ Joyce C.—Born November of 1858. Married Silas Jones.
- ▲ Augusta Victoria—Born November 11, 1860. Married Thomas Nace.

Nancy died in November of 1861 and Abram married for his third wife Phoebe H. Walters. Abram died July 9, 1907.

Abram and Phoebe's children:

- ▲ Azel Elijah—Born on February 26, 1866. Died on May 9, 1948.
- ▲ Cephus Elmer—Born November 19, 1868.
- ▲ Cyrus Edgar—Born August 10, 1870. Died in 1927.
- ▲ Bessie R.—Born April 17, 1873. Died June 26, 1901.
- ▲ Abram Jr.—Born April 27, 1876.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
JOSEPHUS

Josephus Cronkhite, the eighth child (fourth son) of Elijah and Catherine Ouderkark Cronkhite, was born April 2, 1827. He married Jane Graham who was born March 20, 1833. She died April 6, 1899 in Altoona, Kansas.

Their children, all born in Kansas:

- ▲ Mary C.—Born May 8, 1854.
- ▲ Abe—Born January 27, 1858.
- ▲ Cora—Born December 27, 1865
- ▲ James—Born May 5, 1869.
- ▲ George—Born July 27, 1871.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LANSING

Lansing Cronkhite, the ninth child (fifth son) of Elijah and Catherine Ouderkark Cronkhite, was born in Illinois on October 19, 1829. He married Sarah Wood on September 22, 1853.

Lansing and Sarah had two daughters and two sons. The names of these children are unknown except for one of the sons. The information supplied by James Cronkhite of Desert Hot Springs, California says that this son was:

- ▼ Thomas George Cronkhite—Born March 16, 1855. Married to Effie McCarty who was born July 15, 1871.

Lansing later married Elizabeth Trimble on July 18, 1878. Lansing died July 23, 1915, in Blackwell, Oklahoma.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
AUGUSTUS C.

Augustus C. Cronkhite, the first child of Elijah and Martha Wiles Wilson Cronkhite, was born on February 22, 1842, in Warren County, Indiana. He went to Iowa for a time and there he married, on November 18, 1863, Samantha Victoria Burch, the daughter of Landon J. and Mary Elizabeth Pursley Burch. Joseph Brobat, Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony. Samantha was born October 18, 1846.

The children of Augustus and Samantha:

- ▲ Jessie Francis—Born January 8, 1865. Died February 14, 1865.
- ▲ Mary Lenora—Born on July 25, 1866. Married to Oscar N. Jones on June 24, 1884. He was born on July 16, 1860 and died May 12, 1890. Mary was then married to Walter E. Williams on September 1, 1900. She died July 17, 1948.
- ▲ Martha Belle—Born on September 8, 1868. Married to Peter Moudy Rodgers on September 10, 1889. She died September 12, 1941.
- ▲ Augusta LeAnn—Born February 5, 1871. Married on September 10, 1889, to DeLaska Justin Ross. They were parents of three children, Ruth Victoria, Ralph Chester, and Claude. The Ross family was destined for tragedy. Ruth Victoria died of scarlet fever on February 10, 1904. DeLaska was killed by a train December 30, 1905, and Claude was shot and killed by his brother Ralph at Marshfield, Indiana November 21, 1921. Augusta died August 10, 1958
- ▲ Dora Dean—Born February 9, 1873. She married to James Kiser on March 14, 1894. He was born January 18, 1869 and died February 8, 1954. She died November 29, 1916.

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AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
AUGUSTUS C. (cont'd)

Samantha died October 29, 1880 and Augustus took for his second wife, Belle Jones. Belle was born on July 10, 1858.

Augustus and Belle's known children:

- ▲ Hope—Born November 14, 1883. Died on November 19, 1883.
- ▼ Augustus Coke—Born on May 31, 1889. He was married in 1909 to Martha Nickles of Covington, Indiana.

Belle died on September 1, 1902 and Augustus married for his third wife Laura Schrock who was born May 26, 1867.

Augustus and Laura were the parents of two girls:

- ▲ Ruth Anna—Married E. Raymond Cook July 20, 1927.
- ▲ Lydia Elizabeth—Born October 13, 1907. Married Robert Ellis.

Laura died on July 27, 1927. Augustus had died February 20, 1923. Since reference will no doubt be made to some trouble he became involved in while treasurer of Warren County, Indiana, it should be noted that the almost universal opinion of those who knew him was that he was made to pay for the ambitions of others. In this he was not the first and certainly not the last to be deceived by false friends who sought to use him for their own gains. The following is taken from a newspaper article written at the time of his death and sums up the general regard people held for him.

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ELIJAH
AUGUSTUS C. (cont'd)

GUS CRONKHITE PASSES AWAY

“Augustus Cronkhite, who has been ill for some time with the influenza and the infirmities of old age, died at his home near Beech Grove School house in Kent Twp. about midnight Tuesday night.

In early life Mr. Cronkhite was one of the heaviest land holders and farmers in Steuben Twp. but fickle fortune and pretended friends were the cause of him losing much of his worldly goods, and the later years of his life were spent in comparative seclusion.

He was a very popular man in his younger days and back in the early 80s was elected Treasurer of the county, at which time the editor lived neighbors to him and we deemed him as fine a man as we had ever met. Politics and the machinations of his supposed friends cast a stigma upon him which we nor no other fair-minded man ever believed he merited and being of a sensitive nature he withdrew from all society and lived his life quietly among his own family and circle of friends, a victim, we have always believed, of a miscarriage of justice.”

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
PHILANDER

Philander C. Cronkhite, the fifth child (fourth son) of Elijah and Martha Wiles Wilson Cronkhite, was born March 2, 1850. He graduated from college in 1873 and was admitted to the bar in Danville, Illinois in 1878. He was married to Tempa Conner of Danville on September 23, 1879. Philander was on the editorial staff of the Danville Commercial and later published the Sunday Ledger. He also served for a time in the Department of Pensions at Washington, D.C. as a Principal Examiner. On September 11, 1889, he went to the home of his brother, Augustus, and with a muzzle-loading shotgun purchased by Elijah in 1860, he went squirrel hunting. Returning to the barn about eleven o'clock in the morning he stumbled on a broken step and struck the hammer of the shotgun on the lower step. The gun discharged into his side and he died shortly after in the presence of his helpless wife and friends.

Elijah and Tempa's daughter:

- ▲ Leona Gertrude—Born December 20, 1884. She attended Champaign University and became the wife of Duff Adams an instructor there. In March 1914 she filed suit against her husband, charging that he had invented a “spanking machine” and insisted on using it on their two-year-old daughter.

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AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH
JOHN H.**

John H. Cronkhite, the third child (first son) of Enoch and Salina Sweet Cronkhite, was born April 4, 1829. He married Clarissa Briggs Swisher on April 1, 1849. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Briggs and was the second child in a family of eleven. John died in October of 1861.

John and Clarissa's children were:

- ▲ Enoch—Born 1850. Died 1911.
- ▲ Covington—Born October 21, 1851. Died on March 22, 1897.
- ▲ Franklin—Born 1853. Died 1925.
- ▲ William
- ▲ Carrie

Seventh Generation

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH
WILLIAM F.**

William F. Cronkhite, the fifth child (the third son) of Enoch and Salina Sweet Cronkhite, was born on January 17, 1833. He was married to Rebecca J. Johnson on July 14, 1860. William died December 19, 1878.

Their children were:

- ▲ John M.—Born August 9, 1867. Died on December 17, 1867.
- ▲ Edna E.—Born June 11, 1873. Died November 11, 1888.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH
HOSEA**

Hosea Cronkhite, the ninth child (fourth son) of Enoch and Salina Sweet Cronkhite, was born August 15, 1843. His first wife was Malinda Cronkhite Griffin who was born March 9, 1840. She was the daughter of Hosea Cronkhite, the son of Levi. Her first husband was James McGriffin.

There is a story that tells about the 1850s when people from Ohio were traveling west to Colorado. While passing Elijah Cronkhite's house a child in some manner fell from the wagon and was killed. The family, named Griffin (more properly McGriffin), was taken into Elijah's home and cared for. The little child was buried opposite Elijah's home on land owned at that time by C. V. White.

At this time Malinda Cronkhite (a daughter of Hosea who was the son of Levi) was at Elijah's house helping spin. An acquaintance sprung up between her and young James McGriffin. The Griffins went on in a few days but the young folks corresponded and James returned and they were married. The McGriffins had two children, Nellie and Albert. James went off to the Civil War and was killed, and Malinda later married Hosea Cronkhite, her cousin, the son of Enoch.

Hosea and Malinda's children were:

- ▲ Orpha N.—Born June 13, 1857. Died July 21, 1874.
- ▼ Leroy—Born on September 10, 1869. He married Gertrude Starry in 1889. Leroy died February 14, 1953.

Malinda died February 6, 1873. Hosea then married Amelia Reynolds on June 15, 1876. She was born on August 23, 1846 and died September 25, 1894. Hosea died August 2, 1901.

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AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH
HOSEA (cont'd)**

Hosea and Amelia's children were:

- ▲ Elmer—Born October 11, 1877. Died December 25, 1888.
- ▲ Earl—Died August 29, 1886.
- ▲ Clarence—Born 1890. Died 1925.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCK
FRANCIS M.

Francis M. Cronkhite, the tenth child (fifth son) of Enoch and Salina Sweet Cronkhite, was born June 17, 1845. He was married to Elizabeth Goodrick on August 5, 1872. Francis died in October of 1894.

Their children:

- ▲ Fairy
- ▲ Dessie—Married William E. Schlosser on July 28, 1897.
- ▲ Hosea

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
MORRISON C.**

Morrison C. Cronk, the second child (first son) of Warren and Ann Susan Page Cronk, was born December 25, 1820, in Hoosick Falls, New York. He married Eliza—?—.

Their children:

- ▲ Anna E.
- ▲ Herbert B.
- ▲ Edwin
- ▲ Archer P.

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
WARREN, JR.**

Warren Cronk, Jr., the third child (the second son) of Warren and Ann Susan Page Cronk, was born on March 28, 1830, in Hoosick Falls, New York. He married Elizabeth —?—.

The 1860 census shows Warren Jr. and his wife and six children living in Detroit, Michigan. His occupation was listed as bottler. The 1870 census adds the other two children.

Their children (all born in Michigan except for Edwina who was born in New York):

- ▲ Edwina
- ▲ Warren
- ▲ France
- ▲ Albert
- ▲ Elizabeth
- ▲ Henry
- ▲ Gordon
- ▲ Ida

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
EDWARD Y.**

Edward Young Cronk, the seventh child (fourth son) of Warren and Ann Susan Page Cronk, was born October 12, 1841, in Albany, New York. He married Margaret—?—. The 1870 census shows Edward, his wife and one son, Edward W. in Detroit, Michigan. It lists his occupation as bottler.

Supposedly Edward went to Colorado and found a gold mine but he could not afford to work it so he sold it for cash and stock in the mine. He then moved back to Chicago. After that he opened the Cronk Root Beer Company and Cronk Candy Company. He sold those companies and bought a race track but reportedly he lost his shirt on it. He worked as a custodian from 1902 to 1912.

Edward Cronk died on September 22, 1912. In his safe his sons Edward and Frank found \$4,000 in two dollar bills. Money left from the race track? Edward and Frank divided the money and Edward took his family to Canada to visit his cousins.

Edward Y. and Margaret's children:

- ▲ Fred—Born September 12, 1866. Died September 19, 1867.
- ▼ Edward W.—Born September 8, 1868, in Detroit, Michigan. Married Mary Ellen Tobin. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 29, 1868. She died June 6, 1935. Edward W. died November 27, 1939.
- ▲ Belle—Born September of 1871. Died June 30, 1874.
- ▲ Frank P.— Married Ann —?—. Lived in Chicago. Worked as a streetcar conductor.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN**

Jonathan Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Aury Wilson and Matilda Wood Cronkhite, was born on February 22, 1841, in Perinton Township, Monroe County, New York.

Little is known about Jonathan's childhood, but it is assumed he attended the rural school on Turk's Hill near his Perinton Township home where his father was a trustee.

He was fifteen years old when his mother passed away. He idolized his father, Aury, and cared for him until Aury died. Jonathan worked closely with his father as farmers and did much to help in moving from New York State to Michigan.

Jonathan's 1864 diary states that on the Saturday morning of April 30th, Aury Cronkhite Sr., with his four young adult children, left their New York home. They drove horses and wagon through Avon and spent the night at Stafford. They spent Sunday night forty miles beyond Richmond and arrived at Buffalo, spending Monday night there. Tuesday the family shipped the horses and wagon then rode the train across Canada, finding themselves on Wednesday morning in Sarnia.

From this time on the family was with relatives and looking for a farm. On June 14th several loads of goods were drawn from the Battle Creek, Michigan railroad depot to their new home just east of the city.

On September 17, 1864, Aury bought the two hundred seventy-five acre farm in Emmett Township of Calhoun County, Michigan.

Jonathan's father, Aury Wilson, lived only seven years in Michigan and married a second time during those years. He passed away in 1871 at the Cronkhite farm. His funeral was held there.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN (cont'd)**

Jonathan married Sarah Elizabeth Russell on November 17, 1875, at the home of Samuel Clovis, Esquire, the home where she was employed doing housework. Sarah was born September 14, 1853, in Pennfield Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. She was the daughter of William and Susan Fonda Russell.

Jonathan and Sarah's children were:

- ▼ William Jonathon—Born August 9, 1877. He married Ella M. Shurlow on April 9, 1902. She was born August 28, 1877, in Richland, Michigan the daughter of Manly and Margaret Eddy Shurlow. Ella died August 9, 1947. William died March 15, 1955.
- ▲ Lena Myrta—Born February 28, 1879. Married on March 7, 1900, to Wayland Darwin Wyman. He was born on September 24, 1872 and died on November 3, 1938. Lena died October 5, 1952.
- ▲ Infant son—Born February 27, 1881. Died on March 2, 1881.
- ▼ Aury Levi—Born on March 23, 1882. Married to Martha B. Platz on June 11, 1918, in Marshall, Michigan. She was born January 17, 1891 and died September 29, 1965. Aury died November 15, 1939.
- ▼ Ray Sanford—Born on July 25, 1885. Married first to Bertha Candace Gore on June 23, 1909. Married second to Chrystal Mohrhardt Jones on November 25, 1943. He died February 22, 1984.

After living thirty-three years on the Emmett Township farm, Jonathan and Sarah moved to the William Wattles Farm as renters. After eleven years of renting, they purchased an eighty acre farm in Burlington Township in the spring of 1908. It was here that Jonathan died August 4, 1924 and Sarah died February 5, 1929.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
AURY WILSON JR.**

Aury Wilson Cronkhite Jr., the fourth child (second son) of Aury Wilson and Matilda Wood Cronkhite, was born on October 25, 1847 in Perinton Township, Monroe County, New York. He was married to Amanda Henderson in Burlington, Michigan on November 7, 1867. She was born in Emmett Township, Michigan, on December 9, 1849, the daughter of Herchel and Sophia Harper Henderson. Aury Jr. died December 18, 1920 in Emmett Township. Amanda died December 28, 1930 in Gulfport, Florida.

Their children:

- ▼ Harry W.—Born 1868. Married Nellie M. Hoyt who was born in 1868 and died in 1961. Harry died in 1913.
- ▲ Julia G.—Born 1873. Died 1874.
- ▲ Earl S.—Born 1875. Died 1884.
- ▼ John Fisher—Born on June 15, 1882. He was married to Kate Ludlow Sackrider on February 9, 1907, at Emmett Township, Michigan. She was born March 27, 1886, in Jackson, Springport County, Michigan the daughter of William Thomas and Mary Belle Ludlow Sackrider. Kate died October 18, 1954, in Gulfport, Florida. John died July 15, 1955.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
SANFORD L.**

Sanford L. Cronkhite, the fifth child (third son) of Aury Wilson and Matilda Wood Cronkhite, was born in Perrinton Township, Michigan on October 30, 1851. After he was married to Anna L. Wyman on November 24, 1876, they lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan; Chicago, Illinois; and Starbuck, Washington. Anna was born in Emmett Township, Michigan on February 2, 1856.

Their children:

- ▲ Clyde W.—Born 1878 in Emmet Township. He married Grace Glenn Hamlin on February 21, 1907, in Battle Creek, Michigan. She was born in 1884, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hamlin of Battle Creek. She died in 1964. Clyde died in 1971.
- ▲ Irene W.—Born on May 9, 1880. Married to John H. Yenter on January 16, 1912, in Starbuck, Washington. She died December 2, 1959.

Sanford and Anna were divorced. Sanford married Mary Callie —?—. Sanford died in Starbuck, Washington on July 13, 1922.

Sanford and Mary's child:

- ▲ Ray F.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY
JOHN W.**

John Warren Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Sidney and Cornelia Tillotson Cronkhite, was born on September 4, 1835.

He married Mariah Louisa Norton Guinn.

Their children:

- ▲ Cora Cornelia
- ▲ Gertrude
- ▲ John Herbert

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY
MILTON**

Milton Levi Cronkhite, the fourth child (third son) of Sidney and Cornelia Tillotson Cronkhite, was born November 26, 1839.

He married Sarah Marshall Beard on January 24, 1861.

Their children:

- ▲ Isaac
- ▲ Flora
- ▲ James

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY
LA FAYETTE**

La Fayette Cronkhite, the first child of Sidney and Sarah Sibrena Sweet Cronkhite, was born March 14, 1849.

He married Frances Sophia Gunn on October 19, 1876.

Their children:

- ▲ Ira
- ▲ Myrtle
- ▲ Herman
- ▲ Bert
- ▲ Alva
- ▲ Dewey

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY
ALBERT**

Albert Cronkhite, the fifth child (third son) of Sidney and Sarah Sibrena Sweet Cronkhite, was born September 10, 1858.

He married Nellie Leona Goodrick on February 21, 1887.

Their children:

- ▲ Lena Lee—Born January 20, 18??.
- ▲ Edwin Rufus Stanley—Born December 28, 1891.
- ▲ Clarence Earl—Born December 26, 1893.
- ▲ Warren Chester—Born August 13, 1895.
- ▲ Florence Myrtle—Born April 30, 1897.
- ▲ Ethel—Born August 14, 1899.
- ▲ Ralph—Born December 12, 1901.
- ▲ Audrey Irene—Born October 28, 1903.
- ▲ Glenn—Born August 8, 1905.
- ▲ Alberta Lenora—Born January 29, 1909
- ▲ Geneva Lola Madeline—Born May 18, 1912.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
SIDNEY
SIDNEY

Sidney Cronkhite, the sixth child (the fourth son) of Sidney and Sarah Sibrena Sweet Cronkhite, was born January 8, 1862.

He married Elizabeth Morgan.

Their children:

- ▲ William
- ▲ Ruth
- ▲ Esther
- ▲ Henry

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
HOSEA
WILLIAM H.**

William H. Cronkhite, the fourth child (second son) of Hosea and Eleanor Acers Cronkhite, was born December 15, 1844.

He married Amanda Smith on October 10, 1867.

Their son:

▲ Guy

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
LEVI JR.
CASSIUS**

Cassius Marion Clay Cronkhite, the first child of Levi and Mary Ann Cronkhite Cronkhite Jr., was born September 28, 1846.

Grover Williams Jr., in his publication on the Cronkhite family, stated that “Cash” was very fond of race horses and had a race track on his place. He goes on to say that his father “Grover Williams Sr., remembers ‘Cash’ as an old gentleman still driving his race horses and giving the younger drivers a real ‘run for their money.’ Two of the horses he remembers were ‘Slim Jim’ and ‘Major C’.”

Cassius married Harriet Goodrick on January 30, 1873.

Their children:

- ▲ Pearle—Born May 7, 1874. Married —?— Warner.
- ▲ Blanche—Born November 4, 1875. Married —?— Ware.
- ▼ Levi Cassius—Born on March 10, 1886. He acquired the nickname of “Banker” from wearing white shirts to school as a boy. He married Bertha Robinson Jones on March 3, 1910. He died on September 28, 1949.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
LEVI JR.
WINFIELD**

Winfield Scott Cronkhite, the third child (second son) of Levi and Mary Ann Cronkhite Cronkhite Jr., was born March 13, 1850.

He married Louisa May Reynolds on October 23, 1879.

Winfield died January 8, 1917.

Winfield and Louisa's children:

- ▲ Ada
- ▲ Lawrence
- ▲ Bessie

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM S.
OMER**

Omer Cronkhite, the third child (third son) of William S. and Eliza Sweet Cronkhite, married Phila Mila Taylor.

Their children:

- ▼ Chester Cleo—Born July 8, 1889. Married Leafy Shutt on August 11, 1909. He died January 1, 1975.
- ▼ Cecil Dale—Born November 27, 1891. Married Pauline Thomas.
- ▲ Vesta Olive—Born January 17, 1900. Died on January 4, 19?? (as a child).
- ▲ Florence Nina—Born January 25, 1903. Married John Leiton Hunnicutt on March 12, 1924.
- ▼ Kenneth Paul—Born May 28, 1905. Married to Mary Eleanor Swaim on September 14, 1929. He died July 9, 1991.
- ▲ Dale

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.
WILLIAM CRONKITE
JOHN**

John Reed Cronkite, the first child of William and Delia Reed Cronkite, married Florence Linton. She was the daughter of Dado and Harriet Bush Linton. Dado Linton was born in Ireland and Harriet Bush was born in Maryland, New York.

John and Florence's children were:

- ▲ Margaret—Born 1878.
- ▼ Jesse—Born in 1882. Married Madge Cox who was born in 1890 and died in 1972. Jesse died in 1970.
- ▲ Minnie Dora—Born 1883.
- ▲ Sylvia Grace—Born on October 11, 1893. Married —?— Laird. Sylvia died on March 9, 1992, in Los Angeles, California. She is buried in Milford, New York.

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**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN A.
WILLIAM CRONKITE
MARZAVAN**

Marzavan Cronkite, the second child (second son) of William and Delia Reed Cronkite, had one known son:

- ▼ William—Married Edith—?—.

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LEVI S.
LEVI T.**

Levi T. Cronkhite, the third child (second son) of Levi S. and Elizabeth J. Frame Cronkhite, was born in 1853. He married Alice Hunt on September 29, 1872. She was born in 1855 and died in 1921. Levi T. died in 1916.

Their children:

- ▲ Ziller—Born 1874. Married Albert R. Pence on September 10, 1896.
- ▼ Clarence Ruel—Born June 2, 1875. On March 30, 1898, he married Mary Alice Head. She was born on October 6, 1880 and died July 16, 1959. He died October 20, 1959.
- ▲ Della—Born 1876. Married Elijah Brenner on August 27, 1893.
- ▲ Samuel Levi—Born March 5, 1879. Married Cora Kidwell on July 17, 1901. He died November 27, 1920.
- ▲ Estella—Married Lawrence Crawford on December 22, 1903.

Eighth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LANSING
THOMAS

Thomas George Cronkhite was one of four children (two sons) of Lansing and Sarah Wood Cronkhite. He was born in Iowa on March 16, 1855 and married Effie McCarty on September 7, 1890. She was born in Amity, Oregon on July 15, 1871.

The information supplied by James Cronkhite of Desert Hot Springs, California tells about his grandfather, Thomas George Cronkhite.

“As the story goes, he was on foot going to see his mother who was dying. As he was walking he came upon two men that traded him a horse for his gold watch. Now, the two men went into town and told the Sheriff that my grandfather stole the horse. My grandfather was arrested and spent eighteen months in prison.

“After he was released from prison, he went back to the town where the two men were located and found them in a saloon. He shot them both off the bar stools. Thinking that he had killed them, he went to Mexico and Tombstone, Arizona, but he later found out that he had not killed them after all, so he returned to St. Joseph.

“He then became part of the notorious Jesse James Gang, under the alias of Tom Watson. As time went by, he went to Castle Rock, Washington and started a firewood mill.

“He was married to my grandmother, Effi McCarty, under the alias of Tom Watson, and he had three sons and two daughters, also under that name.

“Now, Grandfather would take off sometimes for one to two years at a time. The family did not know where he went.

Eighth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LANSING
THOMAS (cont'd)

“Toward the end of his life my Grandmother opened a letter addressed to ‘George Cronkhite’ from his sister; that is when she found out their real name was Cronkhite.

“My father said that Frank James came through and stayed with the family for two weeks.”

Thomas died August 16, 1924, in Portland, Oregon. Effie died on September 5, 1956, in Porterville, California.

Thomas George and Effie McCarty Cronkhite’s children:

- ▲ Alva—Born March 10, 1892, in Lexington, Washington and died February 9, 1972, in Brawley, California.
- ▼ Lawrence LaVerne—Born on March 6, 1895, in Castle Rock, Cowlitz County, Washington. He married Kathryn Grosnick.
- ▲ Basil—Born November 4, 1897, in Castle Rock, Washington. He married Alice —?—. Basil died December 22, 1979, in Lyndsey, California.
- ▲ Margie—Born May on 14, 1900, in Little Falls, Washington. She died March 2, 1965.
- ▲ Lyle—Born May 10, 1905, in Lost Valley, Oregon. He died in February of 1928.

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
AUGUSTUS C.
AUGUSTUS COKE**

Augustus Coke Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Augustus C. and Belle Jones Cronkhite, was born on May 31, 1889. He was married in 1909 to Martha Nickles of Covington, Indiana.

Their children:

- ▲ Francis Alvena—Born June 18, 1910.
- ▲ Augusta Belle—Born July 9, 1913.
- ▲ Elwin Augustus—Born August 11, 1915.
- ▲ Dean Eugene—Born March 20, 1918.
- ▲ Dorothy Ellen—Born March 12, 1920.
- ▲ Robert Laurel—Born June 9, 1922.
- ▲ Alfred Coke—Born June 15, 1924.
- ▲ Oliver Harold—Born April 9, 1927. Died on January 25, 1963.
- ▲ Dale Ladyit—Born April 22, 1930. Died November 11, 1966.
- ▲ Martha Virginia—Born August 8, 1932.

Eighth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH
HOSEA
LEROY**

Leroy Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Hosea and Malinda Cronkhite Griffin Cronkhite, was born on September 10, 1869. In 1889 he married Gertrude Starry. Leroy died February 14, 1953.

Their children:

- ▼ Earl—Born on February 21, 1890. Married Grace McIntosh on February 21, 1915. He died June 25, 1956.
- ▲ Nellie—Born March 5, 1892. Married to Earl W. Watkins on November 17, 1917. She died June 10, 1949.

Ninth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
EDWARD Y.
EDWARD W.

Edward William Cronk, the second child (second son) of Edward Y. and Margaret Cronk, was born September 8, 1868, in Detroit, Michigan. About 1875 he, his brother Frank, and his father moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Edward W. married Mary Ellen Tobin. She was born in Chicago on February 29, 1868, the daughter of Morgan and Catherine Tobin.

Edward W. worked for the United States Postal Service and retired from there as a Post Office Superintendent.

Mary Ellen died in Kalamazoo, Michigan on June 6, 1935. Edward W. died on November 27, 1939.

Their children:

- ▲ Edward Francis—Born January 29, 1897.
- ▲ Margaret Mary—Born March 24, 1898. Married —?— Green.
- ▲ Thomas Albert—Born July 29, 1899.
- ▲ William Louis—Born February 10, 1901. Died June 14, 1965.
- ▲ Helen—Born June 18, 1902. Died in 1923.
- ▼ Warren Joseph—Born August 1, 1903. He married Agnes Elizabeth Gearhart on September 24, 1921. She was born on January 9, 1906, the daughter of Frank and Margaret Stevens Gearhart. Warren and Agnes were divorced and Warren later married Olive —?—. Warren died March 4, 1961.
- ▲ Dorothy May—Born October 6, 1907. She married —?— Hall. She died December 7, 1977.
- ▲ Mary Lou—Born August 4, 1909. Married —?— Hedrick. She died October 6, 1970.
- ▲ Elizabeth Jean—Born December 29, 1910. Married —?— Campbell. She died February 23, 1971.

Ninth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
WILLIAM JONATHAN

William Jonathan Cronkhite, the first child of Jonathan and Sarah Elizabeth Russell Cronkhite, was born on August 9, 1877, in the township of Emmett, Calhoun County, Michigan.

William, known as “Bill,” attended rural school at the Wattles school. During his early life he was a farmer and thresher in the local area and in the Dakotas.

He became an employee of the former Nichols & Shepherd Company before joining the Grand Trunk Railroad in 1928. It was said that there were very few who could put a train together as quickly or better than William. He retired from the Grand Trunk in 1942.

Ella M. Shurlow, his wife, was from Augusta, Michigan. They were married April 9, 1902. Ella was born August 28, 1877, in Richland, Michigan the daughter of Manly and Margaret Eddy Shurlow. Ella died August 9, 1947 and William died March 15, 1955.

William and Ella’s children, all born in Battle Creek, Michigan, were:

- ▲ Mildred Mae—Born on October 5, 1903. Married on July 14, 1923, to Elmer W. Waterhouse who was born September 23, 1899, in Leslie, Michigan. He died August 11, 1958. Mildred died January 14, 1969.
- ▲ Myrtle Lena—Born February 28, 1906. She married Elmer Ellsworth Bours on December 29, 1924, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He was born on October 28, 1900, in Valley City, North Dakota and died on March 2, 1965, in Battle Creek, Michigan. She died on September 27, 1980, also in Battle Creek.
- ▼ Aury William—Born March 27, 1908. In August of 1928 he married Hazel Marie Ruthruff in South Bend, Indiana. She was born June 19, 1910, in Isabella County, Michigan. Aury died August 1, 1976.
- ▼ Charles Jonathan—Born on March 11, 1910. He married Doris Marie Rishel on December 16, 1933, in Angola, Indiana. Charles died on March 14, 1984.

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY W.
JONATHAN
AURY L.**

Aury Levi Cronkhite, the fourth child (third son) of Jonathan and Sarah Elizabeth Russell Cronkhite, was born March 23, 1882, in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. He was married to Martha B. Platz on June 11, 1918, in Marshall, Michigan. She was born January 17, 1891, the daughter of Paul and Emma Myers Platz. Aury died November 15, 1939, as a result of a fall down the stairway at his home in Battle Creek. Martha died September 29, 1965.

Their children born in Burlington Township, Calhoun County, Michigan:

- ▲ Emma Grace—Born April 1, 1919. Married Milton Casada. Divorced. She died May 24, 1967.
- ▼ Robert Dwight—Born June 26, 1920. Married Dorothy Ellen Andridge on April 5, 1946. She was born on August 25, 1925, in Wabash, Indiana the daughter of Harlow F. and Hazel B. Harden Andridge.

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
RAY**

Ray Sanford Cronkhite, the fifth child (fourth son) of Jonathan and Sarah Elizabeth Russell Cronkhite, was born on July 25, 1885, in Battle Creek, Michigan. On June 23, 1909, he married Bertha Candace Gore in Battle Creek, Michigan. She was born in West Leroy Township, Calhoun County, Michigan February 11, 1887. She was the daughter of Phil S. and Letitia Fuller Gore.

Ray was a farmer and a rural mail carrier out of Battle Creek, Michigan and through Camp Custer, Michigan. Many times he carried mail in the cold Michigan winters with his horse and cutter. He finally retired at the age of eighty-one years.

Ray and Bertha's children were:

- ▲ Meda Elizabeth—Born on July 13, 1910, in Burlington Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. Married on December 30, 1933, to Sylvester L. Francisco at Angola, Indiana. He was born December 6, 1907, in Newton Township, Michigan. Meda has compiled five different family genealogies including the one on which this work is based.
- ▲ Leah Josephine—Born in Burlington Township, Michigan on July 26, 1912. Married Eugene W. Hines on September 24, 1939, in Burlington Township, Michigan. He was born on October 28, 1911, in Los Angeles, California.
- ▼ Evan Phil—Born May 7, 1917, in Bedford Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. He was married to Marian Cecil Holibaugh in Byron, Ohio on May 20, 1939. Marian was born December 17, 1916, in Marengo Township, Michigan. Evan died January 25, 1988, in Marshall, Michigan.

Bertha died in 1933 and Ray was married to Chrystal Mohrhardt Jones on November 25, 1943. She was born May 12, 1892 and died May 19, 1953. Ray died February 22, 1984.

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
AURY WILSON JR.
HARRY**

Harry W. Cronkhite, the first child of Aury Wilson and Amanda Henderson Cronkhite Jr., was born in 1868 in Emmett Township, Michigan. He was married to Nellie M. Hoyt. She was born in 1868. Harry died October 6, 1913. Nellie remarried to Elbert Lee McClintic. Nellie died in 1961.

Harry and Nellie's children:

- ▲ Freddie E.—Born February 8, 1894. Died September 5, 1894.
- ▲ Anna L.—Born December 21, 1895. Died December 9, 1896.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
AURY WILSON JR.
JOHN FISHER**

John Fisher Cronkhite, the fourth child (third son) of Aury Wilson and Amanda Henderson Cronkhite Jr., was born June 15, 1882 in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. He married Kate Ludlow Sackrider in Emmett Township February 9, 1907. She was born in Jackson, Springport County, Michigan on March 27, 1886, the daughter of William Thomas and Mary Belle Ludlow Sackrider.

In 1914 John and Kate moved to Gulfport, Florida where John was a building contractor. He also served as mayor of that city.

John and Kate both died in Gulfport, he on October 18, 1954 and she on July 15, 1955.

Their children all born in Battle Creek, Michigan:

- ▲ Isabel Letitia—Born June 11, 1908. Married Gerald R. Overhuel in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1926. She died on March 27, 1972, in Gulfport, Florida.
- ▲ Arden William—Born April 10, 1913. Died June 23, 1915, in an automobile accident in Battle Creek, Michigan.
- ▼ John Lyle—Born on November 20, 1919. Married first Edith Lillian Miller on December 18, 1943. They were divorced in 1945. John then married Adeline Gibson Elmore on March 15, 1946. Adeline was born June 24, 1923, in Dallas, Texas.
- ▲ Elizabeth Valerie—Born September 28, 1926 (Adopted)

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
LEVI JR.
CASSIUS
LEVI CASSIUS**

Levi Cassius Cronkhite, the third child (first son) of Cassius Marion Clay and Harriet Goodrick Cronkhite, was born March 10, 1886. He acquired the nickname of “Banker” from wearing white shirts to school as a boy. On March 3, 1910, he married Bertha Robinson Jones who was born on November 24, 1886. She was the daughter of Oscar N. and Mary Lenora Cronkhite Jones. Levi Cassius died September 28, 1949.

Their children:

- ▲ Alice Louise—Born November 20, 1911.
- ▲ Mary Lucille—Born July 9, 1913.
- ▲ Virginia June—Born May 28, 1915.

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM
OMER
CHESTER**

Chester Cleo Cronkhite, the first child of Omer and Phila Mila Taylor Cronkhite, was born July 8, 1889. He married Leafy Shutt on August 11, 1909. Chester died January 1, 1975.

Their children:

- ▲ Elton Leland—Born on April 18, 1911. Married Lucy Lewis. He later married Anna Marie Craddock on September 15, 1959.
- ▼ John Omer—Born March 2, 1913. He was married to Marie Gaines on July 2, 1937. He later married Charlene Thomas Nixon on October 4, 1958.
- ▼ Charles Clifford—Born on December 9, 1917. Married Vivian Marie Rupert on July 15, 1945.
- ▼ Harold Eugene—Born December 15, 1920. Married Norma Hamilton on November 7, 1946. Later married Bertha Johnson.
- ▲ Wilbur Dale—Born June 3, 1922. Died April 30, 1941.
- ▲ Eunice Irene—Born February 10, 1929. Married Eugene Cary on August 11, 1950.
- ▲ Jess

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM
OMER
CECIL**

Cecil Dale Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of Omer and Phila Mila Taylor Cronkhite, was born November 27, 1891. He married Pauline Thomas.

Their children:

- ▲ Florence Olive—Born June 2, 1916. Married Robert Price. She later married Norman Ratliff.
- ▲ Herman Paul—Born November 7, 1926. Married Martha —?—.
- ▲ Edsel Thomas—Born December 26, 19??.

Ninth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM
OMER
KENNETH

Kenneth Paul Cronkhite, the fifth child (third son) of Omer and Mila Phila Taylor Cronkhite, was born May 28, 1905. He married Mary Eleanor Swaim on September 14, 1929.

Their children:

- ▲ Eleanor—Born August 26, 1930. Married to Robert Pence.
- ▲ Martha Helen—Born October 25, 1932. Married to Anthus Pygman on August 30, 1952.
- ▲ Esther—Born June 25, 1934. She was married to William Freshour on February 26, 1954.

Ninth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN
WILLIAM CRONKITE
JOHN
JESSE

Jesse Cronkite, son of William and Florence Linton Cronkite, was born in 1882. He married Madge Cox who was born in 1890 the daughter of Jacob Cox. Jesse and Madge moved to Oneonta, New York and lived there the rest of their lives. Madge died in 1972. Jesse died in 1970.

Their children:

- ▼ Arthur LaVerne—Born on July 17, 1908. Married first Lucille Esther Hadley. They were divorced. Arthur married second Doris Mulcahey. Arthur died April 3, 1973. Doris died December 1, 1994.
- ▲ Stanley—Born 1909. Died in 1937 in Newark, New Jersey where he was an undertaker.
- ▲ Howard J.—Born on October 28, 1910. He was married in Prattsville, New York on November 9, 1939, to Ellen Thorington the daughter of Cyril and Grace Conine Thorington. Ellen was born in Prattsville on December 14, 1915. Howard died on August 6, 1991 and Ellen died January 27, 1994. Both are buried in Oneonta, New York.
- ▲ Ruby—Born on October 9, 1916. Married —?—Powell. She died in 1996.
- ▲ Ruth M.—Born October 9, 1916. Married LaVerne Cook in Prattsville, New York on June 21, 1937. They resided in Franklin, New York where they owned and operated a dairy farm. LaVerne died on October 14, 1974. Ruth died June 15, 1994.
- ▲ Doris—Born 1919. Married Newton Cole.

Ninth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN
WILLIAM CRONKITE
MARZAVAN
WILLIAM

William Cronkite, the only known child of Marzavan Cronkite, married Edith —?—.

Their known children:

- ▲ Ralph W.
- ▲ Bessie Belle

Ninth Generation

HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LEVI S.
LEVI T.
CLARENCE RUEL

Clarence Ruel Cronkhite, the third child (first son) of Levi T. and Alice Hunt Cronkhite, was born June 2, 1875. On March 30, 1898, he married Mary Alice Head who was born October 6, 1880 and died July 16, 1959. He died October 20, 1959.

Their children:

- ▲ Edna Mae—Born March 31, 1899.
- ▲ Hattie Alice—Born May 29, 1900.
- ▲ Levi Harold—Born July 24, 1901. He married Stella Randles. Their daughter, Alice who was born April 29, 1929, was married to Grover Williams Jr. on January 30, 1956. In 1965 Grover wrote "*The Cronkhite Family History*" on which much of the information in this book is based. Alice died November 10, 1957.
- ▲ Ruth Louise—Born September 27, 1911.

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ELIJAH
LANSING
THOMAS
LAWRENCE**

Lawrence LaVerne Cronkhite, second child of Thomas George and Effie McCarty Cronkhite, was born on March 6, 1895, in Castle Rock, Cowlitz County, Washington. He was married to Kathryn Grosnick, the daughter of Henry Grosnick. She was born October 2, 1905, in Saratoff, Ukraine.

Lawrence died November 5, 1973, in Brawley, California. Kathryn died in 1974 in Palm Springs, California.

Their children:

- ▲ James—Born on August 4, 1928, in Hanford, California. He married Norma Tjomsland.
- ▲ Marlene—Born January 26, 1937, in Santa Maria, California. She was married to Robert Higgins.

Ninth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ENOCH
HOSEA
LEROY
EARL**

Earl Cronkhite, the first child of Leroy and Gertrude Starry Cronkhite, was born February 21, 1890. He married Grace McIntosh on February 21, 1915. He died June 25, 1956.

Their children:

- ▲ Leta Gertrude—Born August 11, 1916.
- ▲ Daniel James—Born July 9, 1917.
- ▲ Mary Rose—Born December 17, 1919.
- ▲ Kenneth Eugene—Born December 10, 1932.

Tenth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
EDWARD Y.
EDWARD W.
WARREN J.**

Warren Joseph Cronk, the sixth child (fourth son) of Edward W. and Mary Ellen Tobin Cronk, was born on August 1, 1903, in Chicago, Illinois. He went to Michigan with his family to their summer home in 1921 and there he met Agnes Elizabeth Gearhart. They were married September 24, 1921. Agnes was born on a farm near Mattawan, Michigan on January 9, 1906, the daughter of Frank and Margaret Stevens Gearhart.

Warren and Agnes took up residence on a small farm in Porter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan where their children were born.

Warren and Agnes separated and Agnes and the children stayed on the farm for a while and then they moved into Paw Paw, Michigan. Warren moved back to Chicago, Illinois. They were divorced in 1928. Warren later married Olive —?— and Agnes married Ned E. Dansby on February 26, 1929, in Paw Paw, Michigan.

The children of Warren and Agnes, born in Porter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan:

- ▼ Edward Frank—Born March 20, 1922. Married Miriam Florence Passmore of Paw Paw, Michigan on July 8, 1944.
- ▲ Margaret Mary—Born January 12, 1924. Moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan where she married Harold W. Nielsen on June 7, 1947. He was born in Greenville, Michigan on April 16, 1922, the son of Clyde and Muriel Nielsen.

Tenth Generation

**HERCK SYBOUTSEN
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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
WILLIAM JONATHAN
AURY WILLIAM**

Aury William Cronkhite, the third child (first son) of William Jonathan and Ella M. Shurlow Cronkhite, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan on March 27, 1908.

At the age of ten years Aury was the first mascot for the Kellogg Baseball Team of the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Company.

He married Hazel Marie Ruthruff in August of 1928. She was born June 19, 1910, in Isabella County, Michigan the daughter of Claude A. and Florence Belle Riggs Ruthruff.

Aury took apprenticeship at the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Shop in 1927. He suffered a heart attack on November 3, 1966 and then retired because of ill health on June 16, 1967. He was a motive supervisor and served the railroad company for forty-two years. Aury died of cancer August 1, 1976.

Aury and Hazel's children born in Battle Creek, Michigan:

- ▼ Aury Dean—Born May 16, 1929. He was married first to Joyce Elaine Bridenstine on October 1, 1949. They were divorced in 1982 and he married Joyce Loraine Oliveri Kirk on March 12, 1983. Aury died August 18, 1987.
- ▼ William Jay—Born July 22, 1931. Married on September 9, 1951, to Jeannette Marilyn Rozell who was born November 30, 1932.

Tenth Generation

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
WILLIAM JONATHAN
CHARLES J.**

Charles Jonathan Cronkhite, the fourth child (second son) of William Jonathan and Ella M. Shurlow Cronkhite, was born on March 11, 1910, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He was married to Doris Marie Rishel on December 26, 1931, at Angola, Indiana. She was born September 12, 1912, the daughter of Charlie and Margaret Rishel. Charles died March 14, 1984.

Their children all born in Battle Creek:

- ▲ Beverly Louise—Born October 11, 1932. Married Herbert F. Thrun on January 25, 1953. He was born January 19, 1930.
- ▲ David Eugene—Born March 1934. Died eighteen days old.
- ▼ Charles David—Born December 14, 1935. Married on September 8, 1961, to Ruth Anne Couturier who was born August 11, 1940.
- ▲ Ethel Margaret—Born August 16, 1947. Married Lynn Anthony Grace on May 1, 1971. He was born March 10, 1941.

Tenth Generation

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
AURY LEVI
ROBERT**

Robert Dwight Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Aury Levi and Martha B. Platz Cronkhite, was born June 26, 1920, in Burlington Township, Calhoun County, Michigan. He married Dorothy Ellen Andridge on April 5, 1946. She was born on August 25, 1925, in Wabash, Indiana the daughter of Harlow F. and Hazel B. Harden Andridge.

Their children born in Battle Creek, Michigan:

- ▼ Douglas Lee—Born on November 2, 1946. Married to Jacqueline Ann Wisser on September 8, 1973. She was born in Howell, Michigan on April 11, 1948, the daughter of Edward H. and Phyllis S. Cranston Wisser.
- ▼ Darrel Dee—Born October 20, 1947. Married Alessia Jane Garofalo on April 27, 1974, in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey. She was born July 26, 1950, in Paterson, New Jersey the daughter of Alexander and Teresse Rosso Garofalo.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
RAY
EVAN**

Evan Phil Cronkhite, the third child (first son) of Ray Sanford and Bertha Candace Gore Cronkhite, was born May 7, 1917, in Battle Creek, Michigan. Evan was married to Marian Cecil Holibaugh May 20, 1939, in Byron, Ohio. Marian was born on December 17, 1916, in Marengo Township, Calhoun County, Michigan the daughter of Floyd and Blanch Weaver Holibaugh. Evan died January 25, 1988.

Their children, born in Marshall, Michigan:

- ▲ Carol Jean—Born March 31, 1940. Married October 22, 1959, to Richard Adams in Union City, Michigan. He was born February 3, 1939, in Athens Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.
- ▲ Carleen Ann—Born on August 14, 1943. Married to Bernard Harley Bennett on December 3, 1961, in Union City, Michigan. He was born July 13, 1942, in Battle Creek, Michigan.
- ▲ Janice Lou—Born January 14, 1947. Married to Michael E. Baldwin on November 28, 1986, in Lincoln, Michigan.

Tenth Generation

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
AURY WILLIAM
JOHN F.
JOHN L.**

John Lyle Cronkhite, the third child (first son) of John Fisher and Kate Ludlow Sackrider Cronkhite, was born November 20, 1919, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

John was a much decorated Air Force bomber pilot during World War II and retired from the Air Force on August 7, 1967, after twenty-six years of service.

On December 18, 1943, he was married to Edith Lillian Miller. They were divorced in 1945.

John married Adeline Gibson Elmore on March 15, 1946. She was born June 24, 1923, in Dallas, Texas.

John and Adeline's children:

- ▲ Elizabeth Anne—Born November 23, 1946, at the Fort Clayton General Hospital in the Canal Zone. She was married to Major Peter Carl Laudieri on June 10, 1967, in Storrs, Connecticut. He was born on May 24, 1945, in Hartford, Connecticut.
- ▼ John Lyle Jr.—Born March 14, 1948, in Trinidad, British West Indies. He married Soundra Marsh on August 8, 1971, in Pharr, Texas. She was born August 6, 1948, in Arab, Alabama.
- ▼ Thomas Arden—Born July 17, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas. He married Sharon Ann Moore on February 3, 1973, in San Antonio, Texas. She was born February 23, 1950, at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.
- ▲ Jerry Ellmore—Born July 17, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas
- ▲ Katherine Elmore—Born February 27, 1952, in San Antonio, Texas. She married Dr. John Leon Freeman on September 17, 1977, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born March 7, 1945, in San Bernadino, California.

Tenth Generation

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM
OMER
CHESTER
JOHN OMER**

John Omer Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of Chester Cleo and Leafy Shutt Cronkhite, was born March 2, 1913. He married Marie Gaines on July 2, 1937.

Their daughter:

▲ Rowena—Married Carleton Cobb.

John later married Charlene Thomas Nixon on October 4, 1958.

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HERCK SYBOUTSEN
THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM
OMER
CHESTER
CHARLES

Charles Clifford Cronkhite, the third child (third son) of Chester Cleo and Leafy Shutt Cronkhite, was born on December 9, 1917. He married Vivian Marie Rupert on July 15, 1945.

Their daughter:

▲ Sandra Sue—Born March 27, 1947.

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THEUNIS HERCKSEN
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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
LEVI
WILLIAM
OMER
CHESTER
HAROLD**

Harold Eugene Cronkhite, the fourth child (fourth son) of Chester Cleo and Leafy Shutt Cronkhite, was born on December 15, 1920. He married Norma Hamilton on November 7, 1946. He later married Bertha Johnson.

Harold and Norma's son:

▲ Leland Dee—Born April 29, 1946.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN
WILLIAM CRONKITE
JOHN
JESSE
ARTHUR

Arthur LaVerne Cronkite, the first child of Jesse and Madge Cox Cronkite, was born on July 17, 1908. He was married first to Lucille Esther Hadley who was born March 31, 1905, in Granville, New York. She was the daughter of Jesse F. and Marion Champney Hadley.

Arthur and Lucille's children:

- ▼ LaVerne (Larry) Jesse—Born July 2, 1931, in Oneonta, New York. He married June A. Berens in Chicago, Illinois on January 27, 1955.
- ▼ Roger Wesley—Born March 5, 1937, in Sidney, New York.

Arthur and Lucille were divorced and on May 15, 1948, he married Doris Mulcahey. Doris was born in Tonawanda, Pennsylvania August 17, 1920, the daughter of John and Grace Garrett Mulcahey.

Arthur died April 3, 1973, in Sidney, New York. Doris died December 1, 1994, in Jacksonville, Florida. Both are buried in Sidney.

Lucille died December 23, 1996, in Sylmar, California.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
EDWARD Y.
EDWARD W.
WARREN J.
EDWARD F.**

Edward Frank Cronk, the first child and only son of Warren Joseph and Agnes Elizabeth Gearhart Cronk, was born in Porter Township, Van Buren County, Michigan on March 20, 1922. Edward lived with his parents on small farms around Lawton and Paw Paw, Michigan until 1927. Then his parents parted and he and his sister, Margaret, and mother stayed on the Cronk farm on Almena Road for a while and then they moved into Paw Paw, Michigan where they lived on West Michigan Avenue.

Edward's mother went to work in the summer of 1928 for Ned E. Dansby as housekeeper at their summer home at Lake Brownwood. There she worked into the fall when the Dansbys moved back to Paw Paw for the school year and winter. Ned Dansby and Agnes Gearhart Cronk were married on February 26, 1929, in Paw Paw, Michigan.

Edward and his sister, Margaret, became part of the Dansby family and lived with them until they grew up.

Edward attended the Paw Paw Public School, and in the fourth grade a girl by the name of Miriam Passmore came into his life. He attended school until 1939 when he went to California. He went to work at the Ford Motor Company in Long Beach, California until the war broke out on December 7, 1941. He left California on December 22, 1941, to return to his home at Lake Brownwood, Paw Paw, Michigan. He returned to see his folks and to enlist in the Marines. They would not take him due to an injury he had when he was seven years old. He was drafted into the Army on October 31, 1942, and served three years, three months, and was discharged on February 4, 1946.

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EZEKIAL
WARREN CRONK
EDWARD Y.
EDWARD W.
WARREN J.
EDWARD F. (cont'd)**

During his stay at home in Paw Paw, before he was drafted, Edward remet Miriam Passmore. They were married July 8, 1944, in the Baptist Church at Camp Butner, Durham, North Carolina; where Ed was stationed.

Miriam Florence Passmore was born on April 16, 1924, in Paw Paw, Michigan, the daughter of Earl and Ella Vickers Passmore. Miriam's parents were farmers and she lived with her Grandmother Passmore and Aunt Ruth when she attended the Paw Paw Public School from the first grade until graduation. She went two years to Western State Teachers College.

Edward served his training in the Field Artillery 89th Division, and his Division was stationed in Europe in January of 1945. His division spent four months in battle, and Edward was promoted to Sergeant and received the Bronze Star. After his discharge, Edward and Miriam lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He went to work for the K.V.P. Paper Co.

Edward and Miriam had six children. All were born in the Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan and all were baptized in the Simpson Methodist Church of Kalamazoo.

- ▲ Charles Edward—Born November 15, 1946. Died December 20, 1977.
- ▲ Thomas Gordon—Born October 23, 1948.
- ▲ Virginia Elizabeth—Born November 3, 1950.
- ▲ Susan Dale—Born October 5, 1953.
- ▲ John David—Born August 30, 1956.
- ▲ Craig Earl—Born October 1, 1965.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
WILLIAM JONATHAN
AURY WILLIAM
AURY D.**

Aury Dean Cronkhite, the first child of Aury William and Hazel Marie Ruthruff Cronkhite, was born on May 16, 1929, at Battle Creek, Michigan.

He married Joyce Elaine Bridenstine on October 1, 1949.

Aury went to school and was employed in Battle Creek and then subsequently moved to California.

Aury and Joyce's children all born in Battle Creek:

- ▼ Aury Steven—Born December 8, 1950. Married to Leona Pelfrey in 1974.
- ▲ Cathy Marie—Born May 26, 1954. Married first to Donald R. Hoffman in 1969. Married second to John Craig in 1975. Married third to Ricky Graham.
- ▲ Laurie Dennise—Born July 26, 1957. Married first to David Dobbins in June of 1975. Married second to Salvadore Enea in 1984.

Aury and Joyce Bridenstine were divorced in 1982 and he married Joyce Loraine Oliveri Kirk on March 12, 1983.

Aury died of cancer August 18, 1987 in San Jose, California.

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AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
WILLIAM JONATHAN
AURY WILLIAM
WILLIAM J.**

William Jay Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of Aury William and Hazel Ruthruff Cronkhite, was born on July 22, 1931 in Battle Creek, Michigan. He married Jeanette Marilyn Rozell on September 9, 1951. She was born on November 30, 1932, the daughter of Lester and Velva Crane Rozell.

Their children all born in Battle Creek, Michigan:

- ▲ Cheryl Ann—Born on September 14, 1952. Married to Daniel Mark Leatherman on June 2, 1973.
- ▼ William Lester—Born June 25, 1954. Married first to Jackie Angle in 1972. Married second to Connie Shell on August 5, 1975.
- ▲ Julie Jeanette—Born May 21, 1957. Married first to Kenneth Duane Morris on February 13, 1982. Married second to Bryant William Chambers in 1985.

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ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
WILLIAM JONATHAN
CHARLES J.
CHARLES D.**

Charles David Cronkhite, the third child (second son) of Charles Jonathan and Doris Marie Rishel Cronkhite, was born December 14, 1935, at Battle Creek, Michigan. He married Ruth Anne Couturier on September 8, 1961, in Battle Creek. She was born August 11, 1940.

Their children:

- ▲ Donna Irene—Born May 29, 1962.
- ▼ Jonathan David—Born July 7, 1964. Married Deborah Ann Junge on February 21, 1984.

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THEUNIS HERCKSEN
HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
AURY LEVI
ROBERT
DOUGLAS**

Douglas Lee Cronkhite, the first child of Robert Dwight and Dorothy Ellen Andridge Cronkhite, was born November 2, 1946, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He married Jacqueline Ann Wisser on September 8, 1973. She was born April 11, 1948, in Howell, Michigan the daughter of Edward H. and Phyliss S. Cranston Wisser.

Their son:

- ▲ Jonathon Scott—Born December 28, 1975, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
JONATHAN
AURY LEVI
ROBERT
DARREL

Darrel Dee Cronkhite, the second child (second son) of Robert Dwight and Dorothy Ellen Andridge Cronkhite, was born October 20, 1947, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He was married to Alessia Jane Garofalo in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey on April 27, 1974. She was born on July 26, 1950, in Paterson, New Jersey the daughter of Alexander and Teresse Rosso Garofalo.

Their children:

- ▲ Terese Ariana Garofalo—Born August 10, 1976, in Washington, D.C.
- ▲ Mathew Darrel—Born March 26, 1979, in Winchester, Massachusetts.
- ▲ Kristin Ariella—Born August 28, 1980, in Winchester, Massachusetts.
- ▲ Danielle Ariadne—Born August 11, 1981, in Winchester, Massachusetts.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM A.
AURY WILSON
AURY WILSON JR.
JOHN FISHER
JOHN LYLE
JOHN LYLE JR.**

John Lyle Cronkhite Jr., the second child (first son) of John Lyle and Adeline Gibson Elmore Cronkhite, was born March 18, 1948, at the Waller Field 359th Station Hospital, Trinidad, British West Indies. He was married to Soundra Marsh on August 8, 1971. She was born August 6, 1948, in Arab, Alabama.

Their children:

- ▲ Kara Shaunn—Born May 7, 1975, in New Braunfels, Texas.
- ▲ Ryan Marsh—Born July 23, 1980, in Harlingen, Texas.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM
AURY WILSON
AURY WILSON JR.
JOHN FISHER
JOHN LYLE
THOMAS**

Thomas Arden Cronkhite, the third and fourth child (second and third son with his twin brother Jerry), of John Lyle and Adeline Gibson Elmore Cronkhite was born on July 17, 1950, in San Antonio, Texas. He married Sharon Ann Moore February 3, 1973, in San Antonio. She was born February 23, 1950, at Fort Sill, Lauton, Oklahoma.

Their children:

- ▲ Jason James—Born December 12, 1974, in Austin, Texas.
- ▲ Bryan Mathew—Born October 19, 1979.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN
WILLIAM CRONKITE
JOHN
JESSE
ARTHUR
LA VERNE (LARRY)**

LaVerne (Larry) Jesse Cronkite, the first child of Arthur LaVerne and Lucille Esther Hadley Cronkite, was born on July 2, 1931, in Oneonta, New York. He married June Annette Berens of Chicago, Illinois in that city on January 27, 1955. June was born in Chicago on January 16, 1930, the daughter of Walter and Pauline Reich Berens. June died June 11, 1987.

Their son:

- ▲ Robert Allen—Born November 26, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
JOHN
WILLIAM CRONKITE
JOHN
JESSE
ARTHUR
ROGER**

Roger Wesley Cronkite, the second child (second son) of Arthur LaVerne and Lucille Esther Hadley Cronkite was born March 5, 1937, in Sidney, New York.

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HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM
AURY
JONATHAN
WILLIAM
AURY WILLIAM
AURY DEAN
AURY STEVEN**

Aury Steven Cronkhite, the first child of Aury Dean and Joyce Bridenstine Cronkhite, was born December 8, 1950, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He married Leona Pelfrey in San Jose, California in 1974.

Their children, born in San Jose:

- ▲ Juliana Elaine—Born May 7, 1975.
- ▲ Jennifer Coleen—Born June 2, 1977.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM
AURY
JONATHAN
WILLIAM
AURY WILLIAM
WILLIAM J.
WILLIAM L.

William Lester Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of William Jay and Jeanette Marilyn Rozell Cronkhite, was born June 25, 1954. He married Jackie Angle in 1972. There were no children. His second marriage was on August 5, 1975, to Connie Shell.

William and Connie's children:

- ▲ Christopher William—Born April 1975.
- ▲ Amy Marie—Born March 1978.

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HERCK CRONKHEIT
HENDRICK
AURY CRONKHITE
ABRAM
AURY
JONATHAN
WILLIAM
CHARLES J.
CHARLES D.
JONATHAN

Jonathan William Cronkhite, the second child (first son) of Charles David and Ruth Anne Couturier Cronkhite, was born July 7, 1964. He married Deborah Ann Junge on February 21, 1984.

Their children:

- ▲ Jonathan William David—Born September 8, 1984.
- ▲ Tiffany Lynn—Born April 24, 1986.

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