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MESSLER GENEALOGY.

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171. CORNELIUS, born January 24, 1796, and died early.  
172. JOHN VLIET, born July 30, 1798, and died March 19, 1844. He married Ellen Smith, who died August 8, 1841. Both were interred in the cemetery of the First Presbyterian Church at Morristown, N. J.  
173. GERTRUDE, born October 18, 1800, and died January 23, 1885. She married first, Benjamin Smith in 1818, and second, John McGowan in March, 1838.

RICHARD DRAKE and SARAH METSELAER (126), his wife, had nine children:

174. ELIZABETH, born July 8, 1792, but it is not known when she died, although it is asserted that she died in Michigan. She married James Perrine, who was a farmer and they
1709. The site was changed, but to what locality is unknown.  
1730. The church was situated on the north bank of the Raritan River, a little below the Finderne bridge. It was burned by a troop of British cavalry in the autumn of 1779.  
1779-1788. The congregation worshipped in the Somerset County Court House, on Main Street, Somerville.  
1788. The first brick church, a small building forty feet by sixty feet, was erected on the site of the present one.  
1817. The church was enlarged.  
1834, July 21. The corner-stone of a second brick church was laid, and the house of worship built in part on the foundations of the first brick church. The sermon of dedication was preached by Rev. Dr. Abraham Messler on February 25, 1835, from II. Chronicles, vi:18, "Will God in every deed dwell with men on the earth?"  
1896, July 25. The corner-stone of the new stone church was laid by Rev. J. Preston Searle, late pastor of the church and Dr. Messler's immediate successor in office. The stone weighed seven hundred and fifty pounds, and the box placed within the stone contained a long list of articles, among which were the following: Copies of the New York newspapers, local papers and religious publications. Dedication sermon of February 25, 1835, by Rev. Dr. Messler. Memorial discourse on the life, character and services of Dr. Messler, preached on October 29, 1882, by Rev. Dr. John A. Todd. Volume of memorial sermons and historical notes by Rev. Dr. Messler, 1832 to 1872. Memorial on Ex-Governor Peter D. Vroom by Dr. Messler, 1874. List of Elders and Deacons from March 9, 1699, to the present day—six hundred and twenty-two in all. List of Ministers of the church. The Great Seal of the church. Constitution and By-Laws of The Holland Society of New York. Copy of the Bible. Pictures of the old church. Three photographic views taken from the steeple of the old church, together with a view of the interior of the old church at the time of holding the last service therein.



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lived at Friendship, Allegheny County, N. Y., where he died in 1853.

175. MARIA, born July 30, 1794, and died November 3, 1857. On September 4, 1812, she married John R. Sebring, who was born November 19, 1773. He was a farmer and after his death on September 16, 1820, she married Philip Coleman, about 1822. The latter died near Rochester, N. Y., December 11, 1841.

176. MATILDA, born January 1, 1797, baptized July 2, 1797, and died June 15, 1879. On May 4, 1814, she married Stephen Cole, who was born at Balston, Saratoga County, N. Y., February 29, 1792. He died at Greece, Monroe County, N. Y., February 8, 1847.

177. CATHERINE, born October 25, 1799, and died at Ovid, Seneca County, N. Y., February 15, 1821. She married Isaac Bodine, who was born May 13, 1792, and who died at Ovid, February 24, 1840.

178. CORNELIUS, born August 20, 1802. He did not marry and died at Clarksville, N. Y., November 14, 1872, and was interred at Cuba, N. Y.

179. PHOEBE VAN NEST, born September 8, 1804, baptized at Somerville, N. J., October 14, 1804, and died at Clarksville, N. Y., January 27, 1886. In 1824 she married Samuel Compton, a farmer, who also died at Clarksville, November 26, 1883. They were both interred at Cuba, N. Y.

180. ELISHA, born December 21, 1806, and died May 6, 1860. He married Rhoda Smalley, who died in 1852. He was a farmer.

181. SARAH ANN, born July 15, 1809, baptized at Somerville, N. J., August 27, 1809, and died at Somerset, Niagara County, N. Y., August 29, 1889. On December 19, 1828, she married John Williams, a farmer, who was born June 1, 1807, and who died November 12, 1880. They lived in Niagara County, N. Y.

182. ABRAHAM, born February 21, 1813, and died August 20, 1814.

ABRAHAM METSELAER (144) and DEBORAH STEVENS, his wife, had eight children:

183. DEBORAH, born in 1777, and married Charles Applegate.

184. ELIZABETH, born in 1779, and married James Newton.

185. CORNELIA, born in 1782.