



William Jacob Van Brocklin
Sara Frances Philomena Hodges Van Brocklin
Married June 6, 1910
Belleplaine, SD



Mrs. Sarah F. de Lorimier
announces the marriage of her grand daughter

Sara Frances Hodges

to

Mr. William J. Van Brocklin
on June the fifth

One thousand nine hundred and ten

Midland, South Dakota



**Van Brocklin sisters.....
Through the years**



Wilma Sukup, Peg Olsen, William Van Brocklin, Louise Klosner, Beth Schu



Descendants of Gysbert Gerritse Van Brakel

First Generation:

Gysbert Gerritse Van Brakel born about 1660 d. 7 June 1710
In Schenectady, NY at age 50

Children:

1. Gerrit Gysbertse Van Brackel

Second Generation:

Gerrit Gysbertse Van Brackel Baptized 15 July 1688 Albany, NY
Church records prior to 1690 were destroyed during massacre.

Children:

1. Gysbert Van Brackelen

Third generation

Gysbert Van Brackelen born 4 Oct 1705 in Schenectady, NY
Died 23 Feb 1795 in Fonda, NY

Children:

- Gerrit Gysbert Van Brackelen

Fourth Generation:

Gerrit Gysbert Van Brackelen born 25 September 1739
Died

Gerrit was a Revolutionary War Hero

Children:

- Alexander (Sander) Van Brocklin

Fifth Generation

Alexander (Sander) Van Brocklin born 4 Oct 1776 in New York
Died 7 June 1866 in Long Point, Canada
married Sarah J. Cady 12 Oct 1798 in New York

Children:

- Garret (Gerritt) Van Brocklin

Sixth Generation

Garret (Gerritt) Van Brocklin born 20 June 1799 in Florida, NY
Died 25 June 1869 in Okee, WI

Married Anna Mercer 16 March 1828 in New York

Anna Mercer Van Brocklin was born Nov. 3, 1811 and died Nov. 9, 1890.

Garret and Anna lived at Manitowoc, WI. Garret died in Okee, WI. Apparently shortly after Garret and Anne were married, they moved to Ancaster, Upper Canada (then so called) where several of their children were born--later to Ancaster, Upper Canada, where his fourth child was born in Norwich, Canada.

Children:

Isaiah Van Brocklin

Jeremiah Van Brocklin

Ezekiel Van Brocklin

Roxilany Van Brocklin

** Daniel Van Brocklin

Nancy Anne Van Brocklin

Hosea Wesley Van Brocklin

**denotes direct line

Seventh Generation

Daniel Van Brocklin born 22 May 1840 in Ancaster, Upper Canada
Died 8 Dec 1909 in Creighton, NE
Buried St. Ludger Cemetery, Creighton, NE

Daniel was born in Canada and lived in Illinois when a child. He worked as a sailor on the Great Lakes for a time. At the age of 23 he enlisted in the 27th Wisconsin serving three years in the Civil War. He mustered out 29 August 1865 as Corporal and Sergeant of Company K.

After the marriage of Daniel and Elizabeth in 1866 they came to Nebraska in 1868 homesteading and living in Saunders County for ten years. Then the couple moved to Knox County in July 1878 taking a homestead on the Verdigre Creek. The homestead was later owned by Elmer Kotrous southwest of Verdigre, NE.

The first home of Daniel and Elizabeth was the usual dug-out construction on the side of a hill. The pioneer couple and their four small sons endured the hardships of the times, namely grasshoppers, prairie fires, hunger and Indian invasions. Through the

years their way of living improved and their home was blessed with other children until they counted six sons and three daughters. Retiring to a new home in Creighton, NE in the early 1900's they operated a large orchard having numerous apple, cherry, and plum trees of many varieties. Here Daniel died December 18, 1909 and is buried in Creighton, NE. Elizabeth continued to live in her home until her health failed and she moved back to the old homestead where she spent the last years of her life with the family of her son Frederick.

Elizabeth Krause was born Nov. 11, 1845 in Baden Germany. She came to America in 1857 at the age of 12. Her family locating in Manitowoc, WI. She died Aug 30, 1934 and is buried at the St. Ludger Cemetery in Creighton, NE.

John Alexander Van Brocklin born 23 Sept. 1867 and died 1869 at age 2

Joseph Daniel Van Brocklin born 8 Aug 1869 and died young

Victor Volney Van Brocklin born 15 Aug 1871 in North Bend, NE.
died 10 May 1956 in Silverton, OR

Henry Clay Van Brocklin born 17 Nov 1873 in North Bend, NE
died 8 April 1952 in Creighton, NE

Clark Andrew Van Brocklin born 8 Jan 1876 in North Bend, NE
died 1 July 1958 in Canada

Frank Leopold Van Brocklin born 1 April 1878 in North Bend, NE
died 11 Sept 1962 in Creighton, NE

Florence Mary Van Brocklin Blair born 18 Oct 1880 in Verdigre, NE
died 18 Dec 1948 in Creighton, NE

(The six sons of Daniel and Elizabeth are color blind. It is inherited from Elizabeth Krause Van Brocklin their Mother)

** William Jacob Van Brocklin born 20 Dec 1882 in Verdigre, NE
died 23 Dec 1958 in Omaha, NE

Elizabeth Madelene Van Brocklin Von Tersch b. 28 July 1885 in Verdigre, NE
died 5 Jan 1970 in Osage, IA

Frederick Laurence Van Brocklin born 22 June 1887 in Verdigre, NE
died 18 March 1982 in Creighton, NE

Flora Rosalie Van Brocklin Hartlieb b. 29 August 1889 in Verdigre, NE
died 20 Sept 1985 in Houston, TX



**Daniel and Elizabeth Krause Van Brocklin Family
(about 1895 - Creighton, NE)**

Elizabeth Krause Van Brocklin was born Nov. 11, 1845 in Baden, Germany. She died August 30, 1934 in Creighton, NE. She is buried beside husband Daniel Van Brocklin at St. Ludger Cemetery-Creighton, NE.

Elizabeth Van Brocklin was 76 years old when her daughter-in-law Sara Frances Hodges Van Brocklin died in 1920. Elizabeth helped her son William Van Brocklin care for William and Sara Van Brocklin four daughters: Margaret, Louise, Wilma and Elizabeth.

Article in Creighton, NE newspaper - Nov 11, 1931.

Mrs. Elizabeth Van Brocklin was 86 years old on Armistice Day November 11.

Mrs. Van Brocklin with her husband Daniel now deceased homestead in Knox County in 1875. They came from Wisconsin.

Mrs. Van Brocklin enjoys excellent health and remembers vividly events of long ago. She recalls having shaken President Lincoln's hand and also attended the Great Emancipator's funeral.

Eighth Generation

William Jacob Van Brocklin

born 20 Dec 1882 in Verdigre, NE

Died 23 Dec 1958 in Omaha, NE

William married Sara Frances Philomena Hodges daughter of Francis (Frank) Hodges and Mary Margaret deLorimier Hodges on June 6, 1910 in Belleplaine, SD.

William Jacob Van Brocklin was born at Verdigre, NE. He is the sixth child of Daniel and Elizabeth Van Brocklin. William moved with his parents to Creighton, NE in 1904. William went to South Dakota to homestead land. William homesteaded in Manilla Township in South Dakota. At about the same time (1906) Frank Hodges from Clayton, IA moved to Stanley County South Dakota where Frank Hodges and three daughters Mae, Sara and Louise each took 160 acres and built a house in the center of the four homesteaded pieces of land. There is a son Roy Hodges. He opened a hardware store in White Clay, SD. He later moved to Rapid City, SD and operated a resort motel. He may have traveled to SD first. The two counties where Van Brocklin and Hodges family homesteaded are adjacent to each other. William, now 28 years old met Sara Frances Hodges in South Dakota. He married Sara Frances Hodges June 6, 1910 near Belleplaine, SD. by Rev. A. O'Hara. Sara is the daughter of Frank Hodges and Mary M. deLorimier Hodges. Sara's father Frank Hodges died three months before the wedding. We have the wedding announcement stating "Mrs. Sarah F. deLorimier announces the marriage of her grand daughter Sara Frances Hodges to Mr. William J. Van Brocklin on June the fifth One thousand nine hundred and ten. Midland, South Dakota" Margaret Elizabeth Van Brocklin was born April 12, 1911.



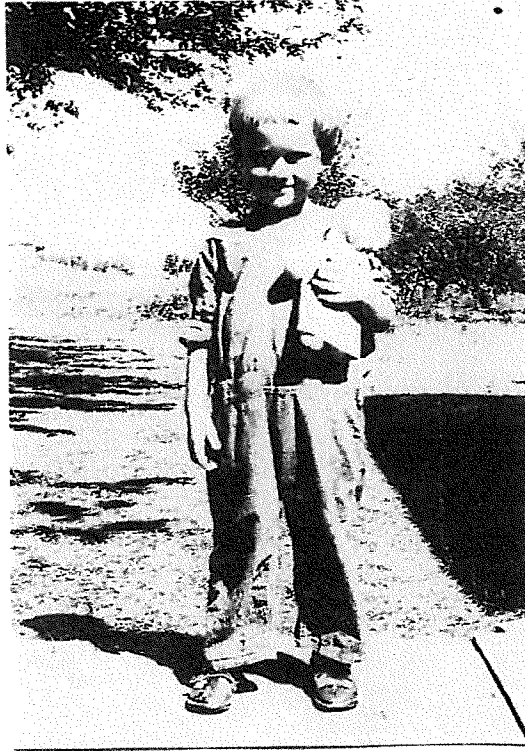
Drought was prevalent in South Dakota so the young couple moved to Verdigre, NE. Sara's sister Mae Hodges also went to Verdigre to live with her sister and family. Mae Hodges died March 7, 1912. Daughter Louise was born December 29, 1912 in Verdigre, NE.



In 1914, Will and Sara moved via railroad to New York State with their young family. Their belongings loaded on railroad cars - horses, cattle, chickens and household goods. Even Sara's piano was shipped to New York. They arrived in Milford, NY in Feb 1914. The family lived in a house - once a tavern with 14 rooms. The farm was a wooded farm with its own saw mill. Stones came up every year to be piled due to the heavy freezes. The stones were used for fences. Wilma Frances was born on September 26, 1914 in Milford, NY.

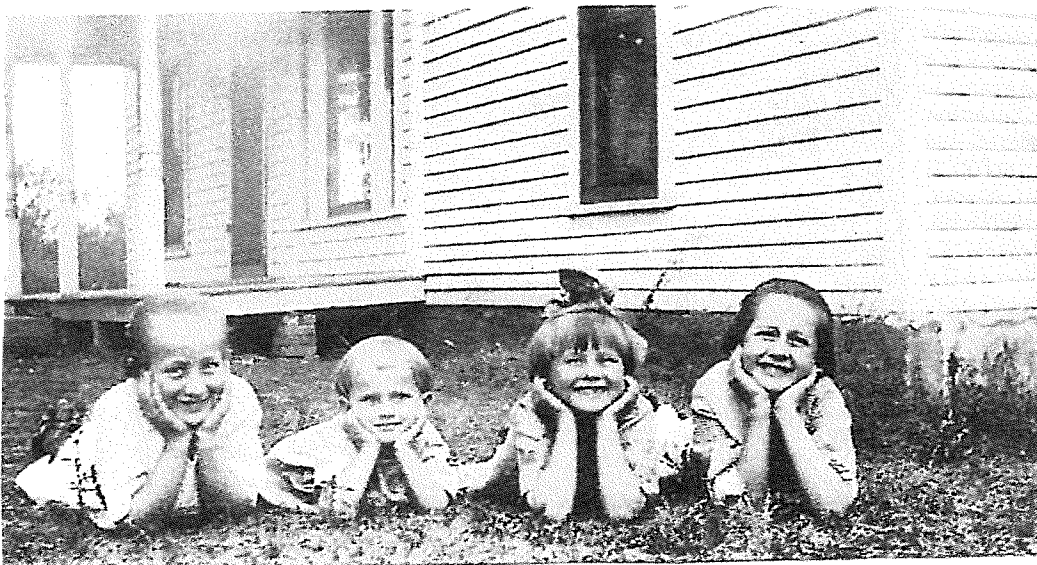


In 1916, Will and Sara moved back to Nebraska. They visited Karl and Elizabeth Von Tersch on route home at Fort Dodge, IA. Elizabeth Von Tersch is a sister to William Van Brocklin. William and Sara moved to a farm east of Creighton. Later they moved to a Winnetoon farm. Elizabeth Anne was born on October 6, 1918.



This was the year of the flu epidemic. William had a farm sale on Jan 12, 1920 and moved the family to Creighton.

Sara Frances Hodges Van Brocklin died Oct. 22, 1920 and is buried at St. Ludger Cemetery in Creighton, NE.



William married Effie Stubben on April 15, 1925. She was born Aug 17, 1899 and the daughter of Andrew Stubben and Ollie Titus. In 1943 William and Effie moved to Omaha where they lived until his death Dec 23, 1958. Effie moved back to Creighton and lived until her death Aug 10, 1975. Effie had Parkinson Disease.

Ninth Generation

William and Sara Van Brocklin Children

Margaret Elizabeth Van Brocklin Olsen
(Peggy)

Mary Louise Van Brocklin Klosner
(Louise)

Wilma Frances Van Brocklin Sukup

Elizabeth Ann Van Brocklin Schulte
(Beth)

b. 12 April 1911 Manilla Township SD
d. 20 June 1987 in Bend, OR

b. 29 Dec 1912 in Verdigre, NE
d. 9 Oct. 1992 in Omaha, NE

b. 26 Sept 1914 in Milford, NY
d. 19 June 1998 Creighton, NE

b. 6 Oct 1918 in Winnetoon, NE
d. 12 July 1979 in Omaha, NE

Tenth generation

Above lovely ladies children

Eleventh generation

Above lovely ladies grandchildren

Twelfth generation

Above lovely ladies great grandchildren

Thirteenth generation

Above lovely ladies great great grandchildren

Hempstead Family History

First Generation

William Hempstead b. 1593 m. 1611 d.
From Steeple Bumstead Essex, England

Second Generation

Sir Robert Hempstead b. about 1613 d. June 1654
From Hempstead, England m. Joanna Willey
Children Mary, Joshua, Hannah

Third Generation

Joshua Hempstead I b. June 1649 d. 1687
Joshua Hempstead I built the Hempstead House in New London, CT and as he had only one son he willed the house to Joshua II. Joshua II was nine years old when his father died.

Fourth Generation

Joshua Hempstead II b. Sept 1, 1678 d. Dec. 22, 1758
Wrote Diary of Joshua Hempstead . The Diaries of Joshua Hempstead are available to purchase. There is a small sample of the diaries below. Joshua II continued to live in the Hempstead House and added an addition on the east side in 1728.

m. Abigail Bailey

Fifth Generation

Stephen Hempstead b. Dec 1, 1705 d. Feb 11, 1774
m. Sarah Holt

Sixth Generation

Stephen Hempstead II b. May 6, 1754 d. Oct. 3, 1831
m. Mary Lewis 1777.

On the grounds of the Hempstead Houses in New London, CT. there is a plaque honoring Stephen Hempstead II. As a young man he fought in the Revolutionary war earning the name "Fighting Stephen". He was twice wounded and his home was burned by British troops. Stephen was a captain in the Continental Army and served directly under George Washington (and some sources say Stephen Hempstead II and Nathan Hale were friends in 1776. Hale was hung as a spy by the British at 21 years of age.)

As a veteran he received a lifetime pension of thirty six dollars per year.

They had seven sons and three daughters.

This family of Hempstead's moved west to the St. Louis, MO. area....first a few children....then the rest of children and parents. Stephen and Mary Lewis Hempstead left Connecticut in 1811. Stephen II was 57 years old.

Joseph Hempstead (father of Gove. Stephen Hempstead, second governor of Iowa) b. June 29, 1778 d. Sept. 22, 1831
 Married Celinda Hutchinson b. Sept. 22, 1779 d.
 Edward Hempstead (Honorable) b. June 3, 1780 d. Aug. 10, 1817
 Mary Hempstead Keeney b. Oct 25, 1782 d. Sept. 3, 1869
 In 1806 Mary Hempstead married John Keeney, a sea captain, who died four years later. They had a son Christopher.

This Hempstead family left Connecticut in 1811. The thirty-three year old widow Keeney and her son Christopher, age two, went with the elder Hempsteads and a brother and sister on the 1,900 mile journey to St. Louis.

** Stephen Hempstead III b. May 3, 1787 d. 1872
 Married Marie Luise leFebre
 Sally Hempstead b. Sept. 7, 1789 d. Mar 20, 1858
 Married Elizah Beebe on Sept. 13, 1808
 Charles Hempstead b. Sept 7 or 10, 1794 d. Dec. 10, 1874
 Married Rachel Welt on May 25, 1819
 William Hempstead b. Dec 23, 1800 d. June 20, 1854
 Married Sarah A. Bouton

Seventh Generation

** Stephen Hempstead III b. May 3, 1787 d. 1872
 Married Marie Luise leFebre

Eighth Generation

** Sarah Holt Hempstead b. Dec 1, 1827 d. Sept. 15, 1911
 Married Louis-Verneuil deLorimier b. Dec 18, 1805 d. Aug. 21, 1871
 (Louis was 22 years older than his wife Sarah. He is one of eight children. His oldest brother Chevalier deLorimier (1803-1839) was executed at the Montreal Pied-du-Courant Prison by the British authorities).
 Louis-Verneuil deLorimier was a prominent businessman in Dubuque, Ia. and died in Dubuque, Ia. Louis-Verneuil deLorimier is buried in a cemetery in Dubuque, Ia. Sarah Holt Hempstead deLorimier is buried in Dubuque but died in South Dakota. Sarah Holt Hempstead deLorimier died three months after her first granddaughter Margaret Van Brocklin was born.

Ninth Generation

** Mary Margaret deLorimier Hodges b. Jan 12, 1845 d. Feb 22, 1886
Mary died in Iowa

Married Francis (Frank) Louis Hodges

Frank Hodges

b. July 22, 1844 in Big Rock, Ill

Frank Hodges

d. March 10, 1910 in Belle Plaine, SD.

Both are buried in Clayton, IA cemetery

Mary Margaret Hodges was 41 years old when she died in Iowa. Her Mother Sarah Holt Hempstead deLorimier helped care for Mary and Frank's children. We have the original letter that Mary Margaret wrote to her husband Frank before she died.

**denotes direct line

January 4, 1886

My dear good Frank-

I feel discouraged very much today- and sad at the thought of leaving you all- it is hard- so hard that I must be laid away-I who wants to stay so bad- we have been so happy together, taken so much comfort too in our home- All will be broken up after I'm gone. I dread to think of going from you - my own dear husband- you have been good to me but particularly kind the last year- you won't forget me - will you? You will have a heavy burden to carry all alone- wish I could share it - but it can't be. Take good care of the children- you'll have to love them more than ever- and be ready to comfort them in their little troubles - try and have them be good- and teach them the one great aim is Heaven - you will need a great deal of patience with them. Oh How I want to stay with you - seems something must be done to prolong my life when I've so much to live for - and am needed so much to keep you all together - Be good to Ma and comfort her all you can. I cannot write more - am too weak - but oh it is so hard to give you up my own love. Don't forget me and love me too. I've tried to be a good wife to you and was in hopes to have lived many years yet. Good bye my dear Frank - you have all my love as ever.

Your wife Mary.

(Written by Mary Margaret deLorimier Hodges to her husband Frank just six weeks before she died leaving four children. Mary died Feb. 22, 1886)

Children of Mary Margaret deLorimier Hodges and Frank Hodges

Verneuil Francis Hodges	b. 1868	d. 1869
Mary Caroline Cecilia (Mae) Hodges	b. 1870	d. 1912
Cyrus Leroy Joseph Hodges	b. 1873	d. 1954 (Rapid City)
** Sara Frances Philomena Hodges	b. 1875	d. 1920
Mary Louise Scott Hodges	b. 1881	d. 1932

Tenth Generation

Sara Francis Philomena Hodges b. March 8, 1875 d. Oct 20, 1920
 Married William J. Van Brocklin on June 5, 1910 in Midland, SD.

Sara was a teacher at Clarks College in Dubuque, Ia. Know that Daniel and Elizabeth Van Brocklin along with their unmarried children William, Fred, Elizabeth and Flora moved to the town of Creighton, NE in 1904. They previously lived on a homesteaded farm south west of Verdigre. William decided to go to South Dakota and homestead a section of land. At about the same time 1906 the Frank Hodges family along with mother-in-law Sarah Hempstead deLorimier left Dubuque, Ia. and went to homestead land in South Dakota. Four sections of land were acquired by the Hodges family 160 acres each. Frank, Mae, Sara and Mary Louise each got a section. They built a house at the four corners of land sections so a quarter of the house was on each section of their homesteaded land. In South Dakota William Van Brocklin met Sara Hodges. Sara's father Frank L. Hodges died three months before William Van Brocklin and Sara Hodges were married. Sara Van Brocklin was 45 years old when she died. William's Mother Elizabeth Van Brocklin who lived in Creighton, Nebraska helped care for the four young daughters. Grandmother Elizabeth Van Brocklin was 76 years old at the time. William and Sara are buried in St. Ludger Catholic Cemetery in Creighton, Nebraska. Their grave site is close to Daniel and Elizabeth Van Brocklin. (William's parents)

The following letter was type-written by Sara Hodges Van Brocklin to her sister Mary Louise Scott Hodges two weeks before she died.

Creighton, NE - October 3, 1920

Dear Louise, I intended writing to you so many days last week, but somehow did not accomplish my dire purpose. I suppose you are moved by this time. This is Tuesday, and I have accomplished so little. I planned on getting my ironing done before this. I washed last Friday and haven't the ironing done yet. I did not attempt to get it done Saturday. It is such a poor day to iron. I had a batch of tomatoes to do up, I made preserves, sliced pickle and chow chow, but that does not seem to be regular work. I am doing more canning this year than ever before, and still have not so much compared with lots of people. We went to Bloomfield fair last week. It was a pleasant day for the trip. We only took Louise and Beth, the others were in school and then went to Florence's. We take a trip nearly every Sunday somewhere, and the roads are good, and the

took Louise and Beth, the others were in school and then went to Florence's. We take a trip nearly every Sunday somewhere, and the roads are good, and the weather has been pleasant since the cold snap. I hope that fixed your hay fever. I do not care for Fannie's letter back. She is very well fixed financially, and satisfied with her husband and his family too. I was amused about the way she spoke of her aging. It was such an old expression. It is hard not to well any time, but especially when one has a family. I am quite strong, but still I do not feel that I am very well. Do not however, worry about me. It will do no good and I hope we both have enough philosophy to accept the inevitable. I shall let you know if any thing serious is wrong with me. Will will not even think that there is. As if that would make it so.

I wish the girls were more robust. Margaret is so little for her age. I think she is a little fleshier now. She has some such odd ways, and is so fussy about what she wears, how her hair is fixed, and so forth. They seem to get along quite well in school, though Margaret does not get commended on her reading. Louise said when she got done reading the other day, Sister said, "Good articulation." She asked me what Sister meant. Margaret has been praised on her penmanship. They are about even in Arithmetic, but both slow on catechism.

Wilma is mopping the porch and kitchen, bent as all children on doing something extraordinary. I was about to do it, when she asked, so I let her. She appears to be doing nicely with her school work. She likes to show me her papers when they are perfect, and if they are not she usually does not want to show them. Have you heard from Roy lately? I have not written to him, nor have I heard. I intended to write for his birthday. Beth is two years old tomorrow. She is sweet to her mother. She talks quite a good deal. Tries to say many things that we can not understand.

I plan on sending your package about Friday so you can have the chicken for Sunday. Thought you might like it better then.

Now I must close and send this by Margaret. When the children make noise I make So many mistakes (On the typewriter). Love from all. Sara

Sara was 45 years old when she died.

William and Sara Van Brocklin children:

Eleventh Generation

11. Margaret Elizabeth Van Brocklin Olsen
- Mary Louise Van Brocklin Klosner
- Wilma Frances Van Brocklin Sukup
- Elizabeth Anne Van Brocklin Schulte

Twelfth Generation

Olsens, Klosners, Sukups and Schultes Children
John, Richard, William, Karen and David Olsen
Jim, Mary, Sara, Helen, Joanne, Margaret, Kathleen, Karen and Theresa Klosner
Raymond, Daniel, Julia (Judy) and David Sukup
Janet, Anne, Thomas and Stephen Schulte

Thirteenth Generation

Grandchildren of Margaret, Louise, Wilma and Elizabeth

Fourteenth Generation

Great Grandchildren of Margaret, Louise, Wilma and Elizabeth

Fifteenth Generation

Great, great Grandchildren of Margaret, Louise, Wilma and Elizabeth

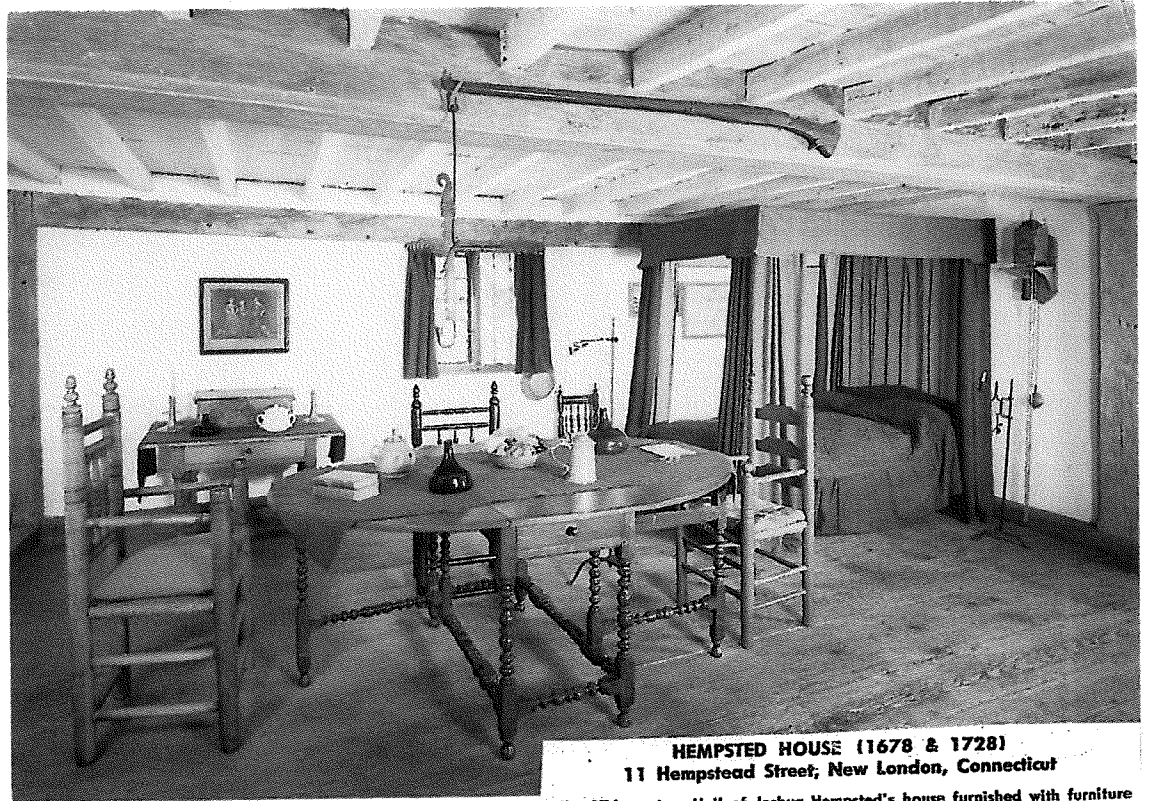
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HEMPSTED HOUSE

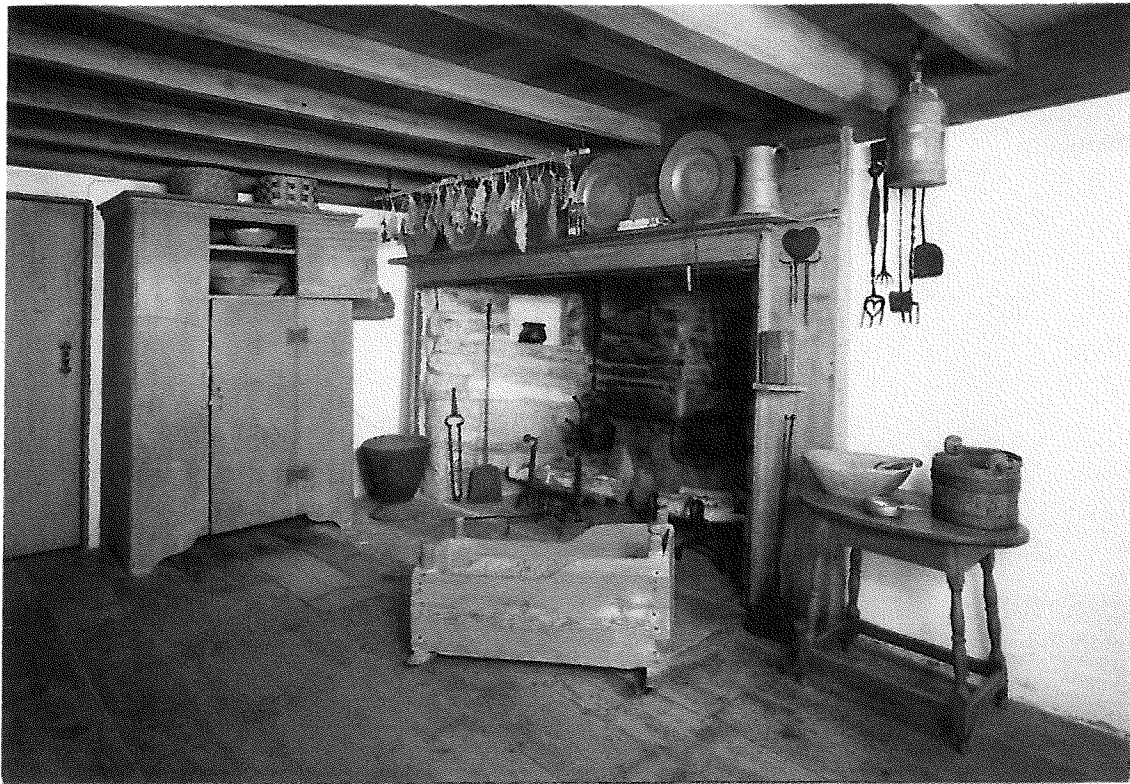
11 Hempstead Street, New London, Connecticut

Built in 1678 by Joshua, son of Robert Hempsted, a Founder of New London in 1646 and enlarged in 1728 by Nathanael of the fourth generation, it was the home of the Diarist, Joshua 2nd and Stephen, the patriot and intimate friend of Nathan Hale. It survived the burning of New London by Benedict Arnold in 1781. Continuously occupied by the Hempsted family till the death in 1936 of Anna Hempstead Branch, the poetess, it was purchased by the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc. of Connecticut by whom it was restored to its appearance as originally built and is now maintained as a museum for the public. Open mid-May to mid-October.



HEMPSTED HOUSE (1678 & 1728)
11 Hempstead Street, New London, Connecticut

The 17th century Hall of Joshua Hempsted's house furnished with furniture that is functional as well as decorative and typical of the period. The Hempsted bed which tradition says was always in this corner, is curtained with original homespun woolen lined with early homespun linen. The bed coverlet is an original quilted linsey-woolsey. The English brass lantern clock and the rare mid-drip brass candlesticks are both of the type used during this period. The large gateleg table was used for dining and for reading by candlelight. A carved Connecticut Bible box rests on



HEMPSTED HOUSE (1678 & 1728)
11 Hempstead Street, New London, Connecticut

Owned and maintained by the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Inc. of Connecticut. Open to the public mid-May to mid-October. Joshua Hempsted's "Kitchen" showing many rarities in early wrought iron, wooden (Treen) ware, and pewter. Herbs, drying by the fireplace are hung on original wooden herb pole supported by original herb hooks of wrought iron. The room is furnished with simple early furniture including a large storage cupboard with butterfly hinges, carver chairs, early Connecticut tables and a rare 17th century cradle.

Sara Frances Holt Hempstead deLorimier
Dec. 1, 1827-Sept. 15, 1911
Sara deLorimier helped Frank Hodges
with the care of Frank and Mary deLorimier
Children. Mary deLorimier Hodges died in 1886.
Mae Hodges, Roy Hodges, Sara Frances
Hodges and Mary Louise Hodges.



The Nathaniel Hempstead Home was built in 1759. Nathaniel is the grandson of Joshua II. His father died when Nathaniel was very young and he went to live with his grandfather Joshua II. Both homes are located at 11 Hempstead Street, New London, CT.

Both of these homes are open for touring in New London, Ct. There is a Hempstead Society in New London, Ct. that takes care of these properties. The Diaries of Joshua (II) Hempstead are available for purchase. I looked through Amazon and they are around \$50.00. Here is a sample of the Joshua Hempstead diary. They are a little difficult to read.

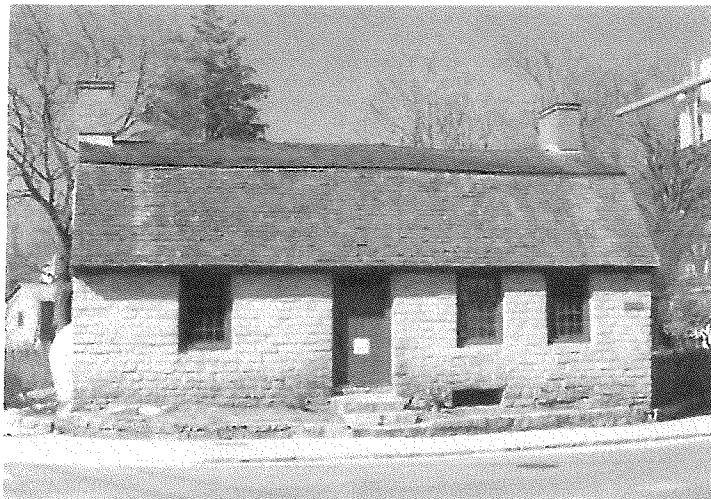
April. Mond 1. Fair aftern a little in ye morn. I was at home all Day. Wee began to Plow New ground. Josha held and adam Drove. The Dept Govr (alias Majr Genll) Woolcot is come to Town. Ye guns fired at ye County Sloop & at ye Fort.

Sund 7 fair & moderate. A Sacramt Day. Mr. adams pr (preached) all Day. In ye foren to ye C. Chh in the aftern to ye Souldiers who are gare going to Cape Britton. Te Lt. Genll & Several of the Captains & officers & Soldiers ye Rhd Island County Sloop come in after meeting. A Child of William Attwell Baptized.

Mond 8 fair & pleasant. I was at home foren mending the Tonge of Madm Winthrops Cart yt drawed out & Tennant broke a Saturday, aftern at the freemens meeting. Colln Saltonstall & Jer. Chapman Junr chose Deputys. Wee plowed ye old Ground for barly. The fairfield County Company as well as Hartford & N. London were in the field exercising near ye Courthouse. old Ms. Smith the only Daughter of old Mr. Gibson Died this morn aged about 80 years.

The Nathaniel Hempsted House (1759)

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The Nathaniel Hempsted House is a stone, gambrel-roofed house on Jay Street in New London. It was built in 1759 by Nathaniel Hempsted, the grandson of the diarist Joshua Hempsted, whose house is located just behind it. Like the William Coit House, the Nathaniel Hempsted House was once on the waterfront, before Bream Cove was filled in. The building was once known as the Old Huguenot House, because it was believed that Huguenots (French Protestants) helped to build it. Actually, it was Acadians (Catholic French Canadian refugees) who were more likely involved in the construction. The house was later sold out of the Hempsted family, but was eventually acquired by Connecticut Landmarks to join the adjacent Joshua Hempsted House as a museum.

Mary Hempstead Lisa:

Mary Hempstead was born in Connecticut on October 25, 1782, to Stephen and Mary (Lewis) Hempstead. Her father was a captain in the Continental Army and served directly under George Washington (and some sources say Nathan Hale). In 1806 she married John Keeney, a sea captain, who died four years later. The Hempstead family left Connecticut in 1811. The thirty-three year old widow Keeney and her son Christopher, age two, went with the elder Hempstead's and a brother and sister on the 1,900 mile journey to St. Louis, Missouri. Mary's other brothers had already migrated there. One of these brothers, Edward, became a delegate to Congress from the Missouri Territory. The family settled on a farm five miles outside of St. Louis in the township of St. Ferdinand. This land is now partly included in the Bellefontaine Cemetery.

On August 5, 1818, Mary Hempstead married the Spanish fur trader, Captain Manuel Lisa, a widower with a son. The wedding was performed by the Presbyterian minister, Salmon Giddings with Pierre Chouteau as a witness, at the home of Mary's parents. The Lisas lived in a home on Second Street in St. Louis, but because the fur trader was off on trading expeditions so much, the home was usually referred to as "Mrs. Lisa's house" or the "house of Aunt Manuel" (as Mary became affectionately known).

In the spring of 1819, accompanying Manuel on a trading mission, Mary became one of the first white woman to enter Nebraska- the Upper Missouri River area. They attended an Indian Council Meeting at what is now Omaha, Nebraska. Mary became quite a celebrity there and was feted by both Indians and the Army. While in Nebraska, Mary learned of two children Manuel had fathered with an Omaha woman, Mutain. The son remained with his Indian mother and died at an early age. After her father's death, the daughter, Rosalie, lived with Mrs. Lisa in St. Louis for a time.

Manuel Lisa died on August 12, 1820, soon after returning from the Nebraska trip. His fur company faltered under new ownership, increased competition, and overextension and debt. Because of this and proscriptive laws pertaining to widows' rights, Mary was left with little money. She remained a widow for the rest of her long life. She is remembered for caring for family, friends and Indians alike, earning her nickname Aunt Manuel. She died on September 3, 1869, in Galena, Illinois, where she had gone to help care for her brother. Her remains were brought back to St. Louis where she was buried next to Manuel Lisa in the family burial ground on the Hempstead Farm.

Mary Hempstead Lisa



**Stephen Hempstead
The Patriot
Father of Mary Hempstead Keeney Lisa**

The relationship in each box is what that person's relationship would be to you, where you are "Self." As you can see, you, your siblings, your 1st cousins, 2nd cousins, etc., are all in the same generation. Thus, "once removed" means "one generation removed."



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