

of George and Jane Geassearr. Children: John, born November 10, 1792, died May 23, 1840, married (first) Mary Sickman, (second) Elizabeth Seager; Maria, referred to below.

(VII) Maria, only daughter of John and Jane (Geassearr) Stryker, was born August 11, 1813, in the old Geassearr homestead, and died January 21, 1882. She married Hugh Ferguson, born 1810, died January, 1849. They had a large family.

(VIII) Hugh Anna, daughter of Hugh and Maria (Stryker) Ferguson, was born in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, October 4, 1849, and married George S. Andrews, of Asbury, New Jersey, born August 27, 1848. He was a drummer boy in a New Jersey regiment throughout the civil war. Children: Isadora Andrews, referred to below, and two who died in infancy.

(IX) Isadora Andrews, daughter of George S. and Hugh Anna (Ferguson) Andrews, was born in Asbury, New Jersey, March 22, 1868, and married George E. Barker; child, Raymond, born January 29, 1890.

The Kester family is of Dutch origin. The first forms of the surname appears to have been Koester and Coester, which appear in records during the early part of the eighteenth century. Previous to that, owing to the common practice among the early Dutch settlers of using patronymics instead of surnames, the history of the family is involved in some obscurity. According to records at present obtainable, the line of the family at present under consideration appears to be as follows:

(I) Peter Kester, first member of the family of whom we have definite information, died intestate in Hunterdon county, New Jersey, before June 22, 1759, when letters of administration on his estate were granted to his widow. He lived at Amwell, and was probably a brother of Hermanus Kester, who was born in 1703, and lived in Kingwood. Peter Kester married (license issued December 24, 1733) Ann Coar.

(II) Peter (2), son of Peter (1) Kester, or son of Hermanus Kester, removed from Hunterdon county, to Chesterfield township, Burlington county, New Jersey, where he died between June 3 and 24, 1822, the dates of the executing and proving of his will. He married (license granted December 4, 1773) Theodosia Hickman, of Burlington county. Children: Sarah, married Jesse Gilbert; Nancy,

married Robert Holloway; Isaac, referred to below; Pearson.

(III) Isaac, son of Peter (2) and Theodosia (Hickman) Kester, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, and died there. The name of his wife is unknown. Children: 1. Peter, married Martha Arnold; children: Robert; Edwin Stevens; Mary; Clara, living in Bordentown, New Jersey. 2. Isaac, married Mary Garvin; children: Perry; Kate; Frank N., born in Philadelphia, 1851, is car distributor of Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Reading terminal, married Mrs. Ida Perrine. 3. Frank, married Esther Cooley; one child, Frank (2). 4. John, referred to below. 5. Jane Amanda, married Joseph, son of Hosea Willard and Mary Payne (Snead) Beldon (q. v.). 6. Mary, married Samuel White. 7. Eliza, married William Warner.

(IV) John, son of Isaac Kester, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, and died in Bordentown, same county. He established and during his long life conducted the old Bordentown Hotel, which during the days of the Camden & Amboy railroad was an important hostelry and a favorite and well patronized resort of travellers. He married (first) Mary Arnold, sister to the wife of his brother, Peter; (second) Catharine Snowhill. Children, four by first marriage: 1. William Arnold, referred to below. 2. Edwin Stevens, died unmarried. 3. Kate, married John Bate; one child, John. 4. Annie, married ——— Gordon; one child, Edward. 5. Frances, married Camille Baquet; children: Camille Baquet, Louise Kester Baquet, Lillian Esquire Baquet. The Baquets have their summer residence on the old Snowhill homestead in Spotswood, New Jersey. 6. Mary Virginia, married (first) Robert Perrine; (second) W. J. Lovell, editor and proprietor of the Morristown (New Jersey) *Chronicle*; children, two by first marriage: Percy Bishop Perrine; Stanley Kester Perrine, who married Louise Foster, and has Richard Perrine, and Stewart Kester Perrine.

(V) William Arnold, son of John and Mary (Arnold) Kester, was born in Bordentown, New Jersey, in 1829, and died there, March 1, 1891. After receiving his education in the Bordentown schools he learned the trade of brick mason, but when gold was discovered in California in 1849 he contracted the gold fever and in 1853 went to the diggings. His journey brought him little besides experience and adventure, and after a short absence from home he returned and entered the employ of the

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Camden & Amboy railroad as a trainman. Later he was appointed baggage master of the lower station in Bordentown, and this position he held until death. He was a Democrat in politics, and a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He married, in 1867, Amanda Virginia Savannah, daughter of Augustus and Mary Mathelin, who was born in 1827, in the Garden House, Bonaparte Park, Bordentown, New Jersey. Her father, Augustus Mathelin, was a native of France, who came to this country with Prince Joseph Bonaparte, brother of Emperor Napoleon I. of France, as head gardener of Bonaparte Park, the famous American home of the Prince. Child: William Mathelin.

(VI) William Mathelin, son of William Arnold and Amanda Virginia Savannah (Mathelin) Kester, was born in Bordentown, New Jersey, September 16, 1868. After receiving his early education in the Bordentown schools, he graduated from the State Model School at Trenton, after which he entered the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he received his degree in 1888. In 1889 he returned to Bordentown, where he has ever since been engaged in the active practice of his profession, having his home in the old family homestead. Dr. Kester is an exceedingly capable and successful practitioner. He is a Democrat in politics, and a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is past master of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 28, F. and A. M., of New Jersey, a member of Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 20, R. A. M.; of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 11, K. T.; past grand master of Lodge No. 46, I. O. O. F.; a member of Olympia Lodge, No. 33, Knights of Pythias; and of Bordentown Chapter, Ancient Order United Workmen. He married, in January, 1898, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha (Dav-enport) Lesk, of Trenton, New Jersey. Children: Florence Merion, born in Bordentown, New Jersey, July 8, 1907; Amanda Emily, born March 15, 1910.

HARING This old Dutch name is numerously represented in New Jersey, especially in Bergen county, and southern New York, and has various spellings, although the one here used is the most usual. It is found at Hoorn, in Holland, as early as 1573, when Jan Haring took a position upon a narrow place in the dike and held at bay a large body of Spaniards, while his companions made a safe retreat; he then jumped into the sea and escaped by swimming.

Later, in a sea fight, he boarded the Spanish war ship "Inquisitor," and hauled down its colors. He was immediately set upon by those on the vessel and killed.

(I) The first from whom a direct line can be traced to the American family was Pieter Jansen Haring, who was born in 1610, at Nieu-enhuysen, and settled at Hoorn.

(II) Jan Pietersen, son of Pieter J. Haring, was born December 26, 1633, at Hoorn, and in 1660 came to America. Two years later he married the widow Margaretta Cozine, who was born in 1634, this being the first marriage performed in the Dutch Church on the Bowery in New Amsterdam, the site of the present St. Mark's Church at Second avenue and Eleventh street. He purchased a farm of one hundred acres which extended from the Bowery Lane to Bedford street and from Waverly place to Bleeker street, and on this he lived and died, and it was owned by his descendants for more than a century. Children: Peter; Cozine; Cornelius; Abraham; Brechie; Vron-tic and Marretje. He died before 1685, and in 1686 his widow and all of her children removed to Tappan, in what is now New York. The widow married (third) February 2, 1685, Daniel de Clark. All settled on the Tappan Patent, the first four in what is now Harrington township, Bergen county, New Jersey. This town was named for the family, in 1775.

(III) Cozine Johns, son of Jan Pietersen and Margaretta Haring, resided on the Tappan Patent, and married Margaretta Garretts Blauveltdt.

(IV) John Cozines, son of Cozine J. and Margaretta G. (Blauvelt) Haring, resided in the home of his fathers, and married Aeltje Van Dolsen.

(V) Garret Johns, son of John C. and Aeltje (Van Dolsen) Haring, resided in the neighborhood of his nativity and married Cornelia Lent.

(VI) Daniel A. Haring, son of Garret Johns Haring, married Brackie Ferdon, of Gloucester, New Jersey.

(VII) Abraham D., son of Daniel A. and Brackie (Ferdon) Haring, was born about 1779, at Nanuet, now in Rockland county, New York, where he lived and engaged in farming. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active and useful citizen. He was buried in the cemetery at Nanuet. Children: William, Bridget, Ann, Elizabeth, Daniel A., Sally, Maria and Caroline.