

MANUSCRIPT

My father, Dr. Storm Andrew Van Derzee, was born at New Baltimore, New York, (now called New Albany) on August 12, 1824 of wealthy, Holland Dutch ancestors who came to this country sometime before the war of the revolution but unfortunately, I cannot tell at what date or year. All the male members of father's people were given the name of "Storm," no difference what other name they had, one should be "Storm." The legend runs - the first man child born to the Van Derzees was born on the sea in a very bad storm, and so the child was named Storm, and Van Derzee in Dutch means 'unter sea,' in English, 'on the sea,' although father did not name his son that, nor did his brother. Uncle Albert's son's name was Dwight Andrew and father's, Clarence Fremont.

Father and his brother had the same number of children, 6 girls and 1 boy. Uncle Albert's wife's name was Hannah, the same as mother's, and two of his girls were named Mary and Susan. Father's mother's maiden name was Laura Van Derbilt, sister of Commodore Cornelius Van Derbilt, whose people came from Holland at the same time father's did. Father's father died young and his mother married a man by the name of 'Haight' of whom father and his brother took a great dislike, and who treated them very badly, in consequence of which, they both ran away together to Wisconsin where they both stayed for some time.

Father went to an academy in Mukwonago, Wisconsin for some time where he received his diploma. He then went to live with the Chippewa Indians for three years to learn their ways of using herbs and roots. His brother then left him to go south after which father did not hear from him for a great many years. Father, considering his education complete, went to practicing medicine. In April of 1846 he met Miss Sarah Hannah Parcher of Waterbury, Vermont, who came west the year before to teach, and on August 11th of that same summer they were married in Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

On May 10th, 1848, my eldest sister, Susan Ann was born there. From there they went to Dunham Flats, Canada East where sister Sarah Jane was born on March 22, 1850. From there to Lower Potten, Canada East where on May 24th, 1852 Cynthia Amelia (myself) was born. From there back to Mukwonago Wisconsin where sister Laura Adelia was born on March 9th, 1855. From there to Marquette County, Town of Harris, Wisconsin where sister Mary Silena was born October 10th, 1858.

In the spring of 1859, they moved to Minnesota where on April 4th 1860, sister Romance Lovaley was born in the Town of Fremont, Winona County. They lived for a while in what was called Rush Creek Valley, then moved to Enterprise, Town of Fremont where brother Clarence Fremont was born on February 22nd,