

church. Children: 1. Laura Adela, born March 27, 1872, unmarried, living at home. 2. Frank Mumford, born September 4, 1873; married (first) December 11, 1895, Blanche O. Park, who died December 29, 1901; her father was a steamboat captain, on the Monongahela; children: William Park, Mary Marjorie, Blanche Olive, Frances Marion, twin of Blanche Olive; married second March 4, 1910, Amey Posten. 3. Oliver Johnson, born February 19, 1875, died August 6, 1901, unmarried; he was cashier of the First National Bank at California, Pennsylvania. 4. Jane Forsythe, born May 21, 1877, unmarried, living at home. 5. Elizabeth Marchand, born March 27, 1880, unmarried living at home. 6. William Augustus, born January 22, 1886; he graduated in 1906 from the State Normal School at California, and in 1909 from the law department of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; for about a year and a half he was in the law office of Howell, Sturgis & Morrow; he is now in practice by himself and is second assistant attorney of Uniontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

The first records of this YOUNG branch of the Young family are of Grandfather Young, a farmer of Germany, where his ancestors were natives for many generations. He spent his entire life in Germany, a man of good repute, and a deacon of the Presbyterian church. After his death his wife came to the United States and died in Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania. Children: 1. Maude, married C. Duby and lives in San Francisco, California. 2. Minerva, married William Stumm. 3. George Washington, of whom further. 4. Ann. 5. H. L., a minister. 6. Mellia, married a Mr. Kennedy.

(II) George Washington Young, living at East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, was born in Germany, 1839. At the age of seven he began a career as a sailor, which life he followed until he was twenty-eight years of age. Having no opportunity to attend school, whatever education he obtained was through his own efforts. He gave up his sea life in 1867 and was employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad as a wreck boss

in the yards of the company at Connellsville. In politics he is a Democrat. He is an active worker in the Baptist church and superintendent of the Sunday school. He married Mollie Ball, born in Cumberland, Maryland, daughter of Nathan Ball, a miller of Cumberland, where he died, November, 1889. Children: 1. William H., a mechanic, married Lizzie Lowden. 2. Charles Washington, of whom further. 3. Frank A., a painter. 4. Blanche, died young. 5. Ada, died in Butler county; married Charles Wright. 6. Albert M., born 1891; a painter and lives in East McKeesport. 7. Gertrude, born December 25, 1886, died February 8, 1909. 8. Laura, born 1895. 9. George Washington, born 1897; a painter.

(III) Charles Washington, son of George Washington and Mollie (Ball) Young, was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1873. He obtained his education in the public schools of Connellsville, and there his early years were passed. He was a traveling painter for twenty-three years and a farmer for eight years prior to his return to Connellsville. He is now interested in Connellsville business enterprises and a stockholder in the Sandy Creek Coal and Coke Company. He is a member of the United Brethren church. He married, March 17, 1898, Laura B., born in Connellsville, May 17, 1875, daughter of Henry and Louisa (Sampson) Stillwagon, of Connellsville. Henry Stillwagon was a stone mason, died aged fifty-three years. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Stillwagon: 1. Harry, married McClintock Stillwagon. 2. Albert, married Amelia Reichter. 3. Teresa, married T. H. Edwards. 4. Laura B., of previous mention. 5. Louisa, married Paul McDonald. 6. Alice. Children of Charles Washington and Laura B. (Stillwagon) Young: 1. Clarence William, born July 9, 1900. 2. Frederick B., born January 28, 1903. 3. Howard, died in infancy. 4. Beatrice, born October 24, 1907.

The earliest member VAN VOORHIS of this family of whom there is definite information is Coerte Alberts of Voorhees, father of the emigrant ancestor, Steven Coerte Van Voor Hees. From the fact of his second name, Alberts, having a terminal

letter s, we know his father's name was Albert, after the Dutch fashion of adding s, se or sen to indicate "son of." "Van" meaning "from" shows that he lived near the village of Hees, Voor, meaning before, or in front of, thus the name shows parentage and residence: Coerte, son of Alberts from before the Village of Hees. This is a small village about a quarter of a mile south of the town of Ruinen or Ruven, Province of Drenthe, Holland, and in 1660 contained nine houses and about fifty inhabitants. Coerte Alberts, had nine children, most of whom came to America. The original name Van Voorhees has been subjected to many curious changes and has been written Van Voorhessan, Van Voorleeze, Van Voor Huysen, Van Voorheese, Van Voor Laise, Van Voorhase, Van Voorhouse, Van Voorhois and in the present day different branches of the family write it Voorhis, Vooheis, Voris, Vorus, Vorhees, Voorheis, Voorhes and Vores. The prevailing method, however, is Voorhees, without the Van. In Bergen county, New Jersey, it is almost always written Voorhis. The Fayette county family retain the Van, but spell the terminal syllable "his," Van Voorhis. Van Voorhees coat-of-arms: Quarterly, first and fourth Gules, a tower d'or opened of the field, second and third. Argent: A tree eradicated, vert. Crest: A tower d'or, Motto: *Virtus castellum mecum* (Valor (or Virtue) my fort (or protection)).

(II) Steven Coerte Van Voor Hees, son of Coerte Alberts, was born at Hees, Holland, in 1600. He emigrated from the village of Hees in April, 1660, sailing for New Amsterdam (New York) in the ship "Bonlekoe" (Spotted Cow), Captain Peter Lucassen. He was accompanied by his wife and all his children except his two daughters, Hendrickjen and Merghin. He arrived safely and on November 20, 1660, purchased from Cornelis Dirckse Hoogland "9 morgens of cornland, 7 morgens of woodland, 10 morgens of plain land and 5 morgens of salt meadow" in the Flatlands of Long Island for three thousand guilders. Also the house and houseplot lying in the village of "Amesfoort in Bergen" (Flatlands) with the brewery and all brewery apparatus, kettle house and casks with the appurtenances, as per

page 37 of Liber B. of Flatbush records.

His first wife (name unknown) was the mother of all his children. He married (second) prior to 1677, on Long Island, Willemjje Roelofse Sembering. Both Steven C. and his second wife were members of the Dutch Church of Flatlands in 1677. In 1664 his name appears as a magistrate. His will is dated August 25, 1677. Children: 1. Hendrickjen Stevense, married Jan Kiers; she did not emigrate with her parents, but came over several years later. 2. Merghin Stevense, married Remmett Willemse and in 1684 was living with her son-in-law, Jan Van Etchen, at Dwingelo, Holland. 3. Coerte Stevense, of whom further. 4. Lucas Stevense, of Hackensack, New Jersey, married Catherine Hansen Van Noortshrand. 5. Jan Stevense, married (first) Cornelia Reencers Wezzel-Penning, (second) Femmetje Aukes Van Nuysse. 6. Albert Stevense, a large land owner of Hackensack, New Jersey, and one of the organizers of the first Dutch Church there, being also one of the first two elected elders; he married (first) Barentje Willemse, (second) Littetje Reiniers Wezzel-Penning, (third) Helena Van Der Dhure. 7. Altje Stevense, married Barent Junaz Ryder, the ancestor of the Long Island family of Ryder. 8. Janetje Stevense, married (first) Jan Martense Schenck, (second) Alexander Sympson. 9. Hendrickje Stevense, married (first) Jan Riverstead, (second) Albert Albertse Terhune, of Flatlands, New York, and Hackensack, New Jersey. 10. Abraham Stevense, married Altje Stuycker.

(III) Coerte Stevense, son of Steven Coerte Van Voor Hees, was born 1637, died 1692. His name appears on the assessment rolls of Long Island of 1675 and 1683. He was a member of the Dutch Church of Flatlands and a deacon in 1677; a magistrate in 1664 and 1673; captain of militia in 1689; commanded by Lieutenant-Governor Leister. He was a representative from Flatlands in the general assembly held in New Amsterdam, April 10, 1664, and was delegate to the convention held at New Orange in 1674 to confer with Governor Colve. He was one of the original patentees of Flatlands, owned much land and appears in many property transfers. He took the oath of allegiance

in Flatlands, September, 1687. He married, prior to 1664, Maretje Genitse Van Couwenhovenn, baptized April 10, 1644, died between 1702 and 1709. Children: 1. Steven Coerte, married Agatha Janse. 2. Marretje Coerte, married Jacob Remsen. 3. Albert Coerte, married (first) Sara W. Cornell, (second) Willentje Suydam, (third) Ida Vanderbilt. 4. Genet Coerte, whose will proved, September 23, 1704, recorded in the surrogate's office, New York City, contains this peculiar clause "If my wife happens to remarry" etc; he married (first) Mensie Janse, (second) August 26, 1685, Willentje Pieters. 5. Altje Coerte, married (first) Johannes Willemse, (second) Joost Rutfertse Van Brunt. 6. Neeltje Coerte, married Janet R. Schenck, of Monmouth county, New Jersey. 7. Cornelis Coerte, of whom further. 8. Annatje Coerte, married Jan Rapalje. 9. Johannes Coerte, married Barbara Van Dyck.

(IV) Cornelis Coerte, son of Coerte Stevense and Maretje Genitse (Van Couwenhovenn) Van Voorhees, was baptized in the Flatlands Dutch Church, January 23, 1678. He bought a farm in Flatlands, May 14, 1702. He was an ensign of the Foot Company of the town of Amesfoort in 1738, and his name is found on the assessment rolls of Flatlands in 1738. He married Altje Remsen. Children: 1. Coerte, married Nelly ——. 2. Abraham, born 1699, married Sarah ——. 3. Daniel, of whom further. 4. Cornelius, married Maretje Ditmars.

(V) Daniel, son of Cornelis Coerte and Altje (Remsen) Van Voorhees, was born December, 1701. He married, November 27, 1724, Femmetje Bennett, born April 24, 1706. They resided at Oyster Bay, Long Island. Children: 1. Elizabeth, born July 14, 1725, died March 17, 1792; married John Luyster. 2. William, born 1727; letters of administration on his estate were issued November 24, 1784; married Ann Couvenhowen, and settled in Middlesex county, New Jersey, where descendants usually write the name "Voorhies." 3. Cornelius, born October 6, 1729, died 1820; married Neeltje Hoogland; descendants write the family name Van Voorhis. 4. Femmetje, born January 6, 1735. 5. John, born June 23, 1736, died December 6, 1811; married, July 17, 1763, Fem-

metje Bennett; the name in this branch is usually Van Voorhis. 6. Daniel, of whom further.

(VI) Captain Daniel (2) Van Voorhees, son of Daniel (1) and Femmetje (Bennett) Van Voorhees, was born July 8, 1738, died February 21, 1819. After the death of his first wife, Sarah (Brett) Van Voorhees, and about the year 1778, he settled at Rancocas Creek New Jersey, where he married his second wife, Mary Newton. In 1785 he moved to Pigeon Creek, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he died. He was a sea captain in the service of the government during the revolutionary war. His name appears among the list of officers of Philadelphia Associators, "Belonging to City and Liberty" in service, December 24, 1776. He married (first) (license dated April 26, 1769) Mrs. Sarah Brett, widow of Francis Brett, and daughter of Coerte Van Voorhees, of Fishkill, New York. She was born May 12, 1746, died September 15, 1777. He married (second) July 12, 1780, Mary Newton, born November 28, 1755, died October 31, 1789. He married (third) May 1, 1791, Nancy Myers. Children of first wife: 1. Samuel Newton, born July 10, 1774; married, June 22, 1800, Sarah Myers, and resided at the time of his death at Bucyrus, Ohio. 2. Sarah, born August 6, 1777, died November 17, 1859; married November 23, 1797, her cousin, John Van Voorhis. Children of second wife: 3. John, born March 3, 1781, died June 28, 1874; he moved with his father to Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1785, and in 1812 to Muskingum county, Ohio; he married (first) December 12, 1805, Sarah Frye, (second) Johanna Dorcey. 4. Daniel, born December 12, 1783, died August 6, 1851; married, November 29, 1807, Mary Frye. 5. Abraham, born December 28, 1785, died December 4, 1871; married (first) May 11, 1818, Ann Watkins, (second) November 28, 1829, Jane Phillips. 6. Mary, January 30, 1788, died August 11, 1794. Children of third wife: 7. Elizabeth, born December 19, 1792, died August 18, 1875. 8. Isaac, of whom further.

(VII) Isaac Van Voorhis, only son of Captain Daniel (2) Van Voorhees and his third wife, Nancy (Myers) Van Voorhees, was born in Fallowfield, now Carroll town-

ship, Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1794, died June 4, 1875. He lived all his life in the same township, forty years on the farm where he was born and forty-one years on the old homestead near Monongahela where he died. A true and consistent Christian, ordained an elder in the Presbyterian church, February 12, 1836, and was a Presbyterian in the truest sense of the word. He was always identified with the Whig and Republican parties. He with his brothers built the first keel boats; which were built at the mouth of Pigeon creek just after the close of the war of 1812; was one of the projectors of the Washington & Williamsport turnpike and for many years served as one of the managers. A great friend of education and liberal in his donations to church and school. He married, May 13, 1819, Mary Hair, born March 10, 1797, died April 14, 1876, daughter of James and Rebecca (McKown) Hair. Isaac and descendants spell the family name "Van Voorhis." Children: 1. Daniel, born March 15, 1820, died March 12, 1848; married, August 12, 1844, Martha Houlsworth. 2. Nancy, born August 19, 1821, died July 9, 1884; married, January 1, 1851, John Pollock. 3. James H., twin of Nancy, born August 21, 1821, died November 8, 1902, at Buford, North Dakota; married, 1846, Mary Smith, who died July 29, 1848. 4. John S., of whom further. 5. Rebecca, born January 28, 1825, died February 13, 1905. 6. Theresa, born January 27, 1827, died February 16, 1876. 7. Clinton, born October 9, 1828; married, September 6, 1854, Julia Ann Van Voorhis; both living and on the same farm where they settled when married, in Carroll township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. 8. Martha J., born September 22, 1830, died September 14, 1910.

(VIII) Dr. John S. Van Voorhis, son of Isaac and Mary (Hair) Van Voorhis, was born near Monongahela City, Pennsylvania, six miles below Belle Vernon. His early education was obtained in the public schools; his classical education at Washington College, whence he was graduated, September 25, 1844; his professional education at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, when he was graduated M.D., March 25, 1847.

He began the practice of his profes-

sion at Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, the same year, and with the exception of three years spent at Monongahela City continued there until his retirement. He became a most skillful physician and surgeon, and always had a very extensive practice. He was in practice in the Monongahela Valley sixty-two years, and during that long period became very dear to the hundreds of families whose sick ones were won back to health through his ministrations. Probably no one gets so close to the lives and hearts of his people as the family physician, particularly if he be a country doctor. These friendships are lasting, and now in his ninetieth year Dr. Van Voorhis is surrounded by warm friends, many of them being those at whose births he assisted and whose children are also friends of the "good doctor."

Arduous as were his professional duties, he has always taken a deep interest in the development of his native valley. He was one of the first to advocate the construction of railroads in the Monongahela Valley, and with voice and pen did yeoman service. He was the organizer of the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad Company, which has grown to be one of the important branches of the Pennsylvania system. He was also an ardent worker in the interest of the McKeesport and Belle Vernon road, and at the public celebration, when that road was opened to Belle Vernon, his services were recognized by his being appointed chairman of the general committee in charge and his selection to deliver the address of welcome.

In 1885 he made an extended tour through Europe, storing his mind from the rich mines of information in that country. He is a writer and author of prominence, a student of local history, author of a standard history of the Monongahela Valley and an unquestioned authority on the history of that section of Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics and in 1857 represented his county in the state legislature. He held active membership in the State and County Medical societies, and since 1872 has been an honorary member of the American Medical Association. His splendid intellectual qualities remain unimpaired, while his physical condition gives little indication of his

weight of years. In religious faith Dr. Van Voorhis is a Presbyterian.

Dr. Van Voorhis married (first) soon after graduation from Jefferson, Elizabeth Plummer Smith, born December 25, 1829, died August 16, 1896, daughter of Amzi Smith and granddaughter of Hon. George Plummer. Children: 1. Mary E., born June 30, 1848, died November 26, 1877; she married John C. Cunningham; child, Bettie Plummer, born January 24, 1872, married, June 22, 1893, David Stewart, and has: John C., born March 28, 1894, and Elizabeth Plummer, September 11, 1897. 2. Isaac Smith, born June 5, 1851, died December 14, 1896; he married, April 9, 1878, Genevieve M. Geib; children: John S., born April 24, 1880; Lavinia, January 10, 1885. Dr. Van Voorhis married (second) December 7, 1899, Ora M. Overhiser, born June 14, 1862, in Rush county, Indiana, daughter of John P. Overhiser, born in Steuben county, New York, November 9, 1828, and Mary A. (Frye) Overhiser, granddaughter of Elijah Frye, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1801, who settled in Rush county, Indiana, in 1833, married and has many descendants living in Rush county. His youngest son, Joshua Frye, a bachelor, lives on the old homestead.

The family herein recorded REPPERT is a branch of the famous Reppert family of Germany, whose members have been prominent in the history of the fatherland almost as long as the fatherland has been prominent in the history of the world.

(I) The earliest authentic records of the family in the United States is of George Reppert, born in New York City in 1792, only a week after his emigrant parents landed in that port, died 1852. His early life was spent in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and there while a young man he learned the trade of glass-blower, which he followed all his life. He and his wife were communicants of the Methodist Episcopal faith. He married Sarah Launtz, born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, 1800, died there in 1870. Children: 1. William, died aged seventeen years. 2. Allen, deceased, was a glass-blower of Belle Vernon; married Mary Sheppard.

3. John, died aged nineteen years. 4. Curtis L., of whom further. 5. Allison, deceased; was a glass-blower; married (first) Mary Craven and married (second) Elizabeth Tunp, now living in Belle Vernon. 6. Charlotte, married George Shunk, deceased, and lived in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. 7. Louise, deceased. 8. Maria, married Alexander Lowe, deceased. 9. Elizabeth, married Frederick Shively and lived in Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

(II) Curtis L., son of George and Sarah (Launtz) Reppert, was born near Queensboro, Greene county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1830. He was able to attend school but for a very short time, owing to the necessity of beginning at a very early age to contribute his share towards the maintenance of the family. Poverty proved, as usual, to be a hard task-master, and when he was nine years of age, a period in which only the lightest of childish duties should have been his care, he was manfully doing his part in the unceasing fight to keep the ever-present wolf from the door. His place of occupation was a glass factory, where he learned the glass-blower's trade, following it for twenty years in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, where his home has been since he was fourteen years of age. In 1877 he established a furniture and undertaking business in Belle Vernon, later admitting his two sons, Alfred and William, into partnership in the business under the name of C. L. Reppert & Sons. Now that his business has become so firmly established with a reputation that reaches for miles around he has given up the actual supervision of the business, and his declining years are being spent in ease and quiet, a reward well earned. Although living retired he keeps in close touch with all the details of his business, and has a keen interest in all public affairs. With his wife he is a regular attendant and member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has claimed his allegiance for years. He also holds a membership in the Royal Arcanum. He married, February 27, 1851, Mary Louisa Jordan, born in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, where she spent her entire life, died October 28, 1907, daughter of Edward and Eliza Jordan. Children: 1. Allen, died aged four years. 2. Elmira, married New-