

The Schutt – Skutt Lineage*

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The Family Name

When the Chartered West India Company of Holland began to settle Dutch and other Europeans in America in 1621, the Dutch were just beginning to make use of family names. Those who had not adopted surnames identified individuals by following their Christian names with the names of their fathers, to which they added a *se* or *sen*. The Schutts had been using the family name for some time, as the many Schutt records in the Archives of the Mormon Library in Salt Lake City indicate, but for two generations in America they combined the two practices. Jan Willemszen Schutt named his son Willem Jansen, who in turn had a son Jan Willem.

If Jan Willemszen Schutt had not come with a family name, his descendants would have followed one of two customs: the use of the father's name as a surname, or the use of the name of their Dutch home. They would have been called Williams, Williamsen, or if they were from Wieringen, for instance, they might have chosen Van Wieringen for their family name.

The name means archer.⁽¹⁾ In the United States it has undergone many variations. Some members of the family are still Schutt, but others have become Scutt, Skutt, Shutts, Shute, or Scott.

The Last Generation in Holland

Records of the first two generations in America reveal some information about the father of the immigrant. The name of the immigrant indicates that his father was named Willem. He may have lived on the island of Wieringen, where Symon Jansse, uncle of the immigrant's son, lived. His wife had died long enough before 12 April 1666 for the news to reach America.⁽²⁾ His children included:

- i. Egbert Willemszen Schutt, who died in Holland before 12 September 1642. He married Annatjen Hendricx, who was still living.⁽³⁾
- ii. ?Barbara Schutts, who married Gillis Jansen Verbruggo and had a daughter Grietje (Margaret), married to David Provoost in New Amsterdam (New York City). Jan Willemszen Schutt informed the Provincial Secretary 1 January 1641 that Grietje was living 1 January 1639.⁽⁴⁾
- iii. JAN WILLEMSZEN¹ SCHUTT

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The Family in America

Jan Willemszen¹ Schutt, born perhaps on the island of Wieringen, Holland, died after March 1657, when he was living in Beverwyck (early name for Albany), New Netherland (now New York).

His wife appears to have been a sister of Symon Jansse, who was living in Wieringen in 1668 but was probably the Simon Jansen, skipper on the *Harinck* in 1638.⁽⁵⁾ Tryntje Jansen, wife of Jan Micheilsen [Van Edam], a tailor who came to Beverwyck in 1637, may have been a sister, for after she died in 1665, Willem Jansen² Schutt agreed to keep her husband as long as he lived, taking in exchange her goods and whatever work her husband could do⁽⁶⁾. Mauritz Jansen, Commissary of Stores in New Netherland in 1638 and 1642, may have been another brother.

Jan Willemszen made arrangements first to sail on *Den Harnick* from the island of Texel, which arrived in New Amsterdam 28 March 1638, but another person took his place.⁽⁷⁾ He evidently followed almost immediately, for on 7 April 1638 he was not only in New Amsterdam, but was appointed Assistant to the Commissary of Provisions, to be paid f1.15 a month, plus f1.100 a year for board.⁽⁸⁾

By 11 April 1640 he had become a deacon in the Reformed Church of New Amsterdam,⁽⁹⁾ and on 12 September 1642, the Secretary of New Netherland termed him "well known" when he appointed Mauritz Jansen of Haarlem to recover and collect from his brother Egbert Willemszen Schutt's widow Annatjen Hendricx the following articles:

1 black cloth mantle	1 silver key ring
1 purple coat	1 ditto girdle and silver chatelaine
3 gold rings	1 velvet bag, 1 bed, and 1 pillow

Witnesses to the document were Adriaen Tienhoven and Jan Jansen Damen.⁽¹⁰⁾

In 1646 he was living in Rensselaerwyck, the vast estate of Patroon Killian Van Rensselaer, comprising most of the present Rensselaer county. He was listed as a cooper.⁽¹¹⁾

As freeman and former steward he attempted 31 August 1648 to collect wages due him from the Chartered West India Company.⁽¹²⁾ On 30 May 1656 he was a defendant in a lawsuit,⁽¹³⁾ and again 13 May 1657, when one Baifie Petersen sued him for payment for wine and beer consumed in her home.⁽¹⁴⁾ There his records end.

Only known child: WILLEM JANSEN²

Willem Jansen² Schutt (Jan Willemszen¹), who had the right name and was in the right place at the right time to be son of Jan Willemszen¹ made his first appearance in Beverwyck records 22 August 1654, when as a burgess and citizen he bought a lot in Ft. Orange, the central part of the village.⁽¹⁵⁾ A day later he purchased a suit and offered clothing for sale, beginning his career as a tailor there.⁽¹⁶⁾

He contracted to serve Jan Thomasz for a year, then tried to break the contract, but on 22 December 1654 was forbidden to do so.⁽¹⁷⁾ Thomasz, later known as Jan Thomasz Van Witbeck, taking as a name his former home in Holstein, quickly became "the most considerable dealer in house-lots in the village." His first purchases were adjacent to the lots held by Schutt's future father-in-law Rutger Jacobse, in 1652. In 1664, in company with Volkert Janse Douw, whose wife was Dorothe Van Breestede, sister of Jacobse's wife Tryntje, and whose daughter Engeltje later married Thomasz's son Andries, he

bought of the Indians the whole of Schotack Island, lying down the Hudson, over against the southern part of Schodack, now in Rensselaer county, as well as land on the mainland east of the river.⁽¹⁸⁾ Thomasz was magistrate for four years between early 1654 and 1663, so was in a position to hold Schutt to his contract.⁽¹⁹⁾

Schutt purchased more land in Beverwyck 27 July 1657, paying 200 guilders, which amounted to 25 beaver skins, for it.⁽²⁰⁾ Beaver skins were the chief product of the region, and his enthusiasm for the business brought him afoul of the law 15 July 1660, he and others being charged with going into the woods or employing Dutchmen as brokers for trade there with the Indians.⁽²¹⁾

It was probably about this time that his marriage to Grietje Jacobs(en) took place. She was evidently a daughter of Rutger Jacobs(en), but probably by a wife previous to Tryntje Van Breestede. She was living in 1706, when Schutt made his will.

On 20 April 1661 he declared that he was about to depart for the Esopus (an early name for Kingston, Ulster county, also applied to the area of the Esopus river, and finally a town east of Kingston), he appointed Evert Janssen Wendell, timmerman (carpenter), of Beverwyck, to collect from Claes Janses 30 ½ beavers.⁽²²⁾ By 11 September 1663 he sold his house and lot in Beverwyck.⁽²³⁾

The summer of 1663 was a trying one for him. On 7 June the Indians sacked and burned Wildwyck and took his wife Grietje and their child away.⁽²⁴⁾ Sympathy was so great that when Jonathan Withart sued him for debt in July, the judge was lenient with him because of his situation in the sad war times.⁽²⁵⁾ The story is not revealed about how she was recovered.

Doing his duty as a conscientious burgess, he was in court again in October to report that he had heard Aeltje Sybrants, wife of Mattys Roelofsen, use offensive language at the reading of an order by the Schout (sheriff) and again at the home of his wife's sister Heyltje and her husband Jan Broersen [Decker]. He submitted proof in writing, then later complained that Aeltje had assailed him. Eventually she disavowed her words.⁽²⁶⁾

Again, or still, in 1670, Schutt was working for Jan Thomasz, and living on one of his lots in Schodack. This time Thomasz ejected him on 13 October and demanded the payment of 40 shepels of wheat for rent, 18 shepels for the seed sown, 2 hoes, and a cow. Schutt replied that he had been ejected without cause and that he was not at fault for what had happened to the animals; furthermore, his work had been enough to compensate for the demands. The court record reads: Honorable Court, "*Fiat.*"⁽²⁷⁾

This time he settled in Ulster county to stay, buying 8 morgen of land in Kingston 30 January 1671.⁽²⁸⁾ Children born after that date were baptized in the Old Dutch Church of Kingston. On 27 June 1671 he conferred power of attorney for the collection of debts in New Albany (formerly Beverwyck).⁽²⁹⁾ In 1674 he became magistrate for the town of Marbletown.⁽³⁰⁾ The family was still in Marbletown in 1684.⁽³¹⁾ New Netherland became a royal English province in 1688, and on 7 September 1689, William, John and Jacob Schutt of Ulster county pledged allegiance to their sovereign James II.⁽³²⁾ He and his son Abraham settled in Shawangunk in the southwestern part of the county, where he made his will 6 May 1706.⁽³³⁾

Children (order only conjectured for i-v):

- i. Magdalena³ b New Albany, m/1 banns 2 Apr 1684 to Gerrit Janse Decker, son of Jan Broersen Decker and Heyltje Jacobse(n), m/2 12 Jan 1696 to Rutsert Wintveltd (Richard Winfield) , single, b Derby, England. ⁽³⁴⁾
- ii. Jan Willem³ d before 1706 m Marytje Ter Bos; children bapt 1692-1702.
- iii. Jacob³, gave oath of allegiance 1689; no further record.
- iv. Mindert³, m Sarah Jansen Person, dau of John Hendrick Person and Catharyn Mattysen; 6 children bapt 1694-1709
- v. SOLOMON³ bapt 18 June 1671, wits: Hendrick Aertsen, Heyltje Jacobsen.
- vi. Heyltje³ b Marbletown, m 26 December 1696 at Old Dutch Church, Kingston, to Pieter Oosterhout. Children, bapt in same church:
 - a. Grietje, 31 Oct 1697
 - b. Jan, 16 April 1699
 - c. Anneke, 19 Jan 1701
 - d. Willem, 11 Feb 1703
 - e. Teunis, 15 April 1704, wits: Kryn Oosterhout, Maria Schut.
 - f. Petrus, 7 Hay 1710
 - g. Arriantje, 3 Feb 1712
 - h. Hendricus, 8 Aug 1714
 - i. Sara, 3 March 1717
 - j. Marytjen, 15 Feb 1719; wits: Kryn Oosterhoud (wid. of Maritje Schut). Heyltje is not named as an heir in the published version of her father's will, her name probably being mistaken for *Neyltje*.
- vii. Marytje³ d before 21 January 1716, m Kryn Oosterhoud, who m/2 on that date to Marytjen Ploeg; 4 children bapt 1706-10.
- viii. Abraham³ b Marbletown, m/1 9 November 1707 to Heyltjen Dekkers, m/2 23 April 1714 to Geerthen Kortregt.
- ix. Neeltje³ bapt 8 October 1682; no further record except published version of father's will; probably died young.
- x. Menasses³ bapt 30 December 1683, wits: Jacob Rutsen (son of Rutger Jacobsen) and wife Haartie Hanse(n); no further record.
- xi. Ephraim³ bapt same day with same witnesses; no further record.
- xii. Willem³ bapt 5 Dec 1686 wits: Jan W. Schut, Lena Decker; m Helena ____ and had dau Margareth bapt 9 November 1711, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West Camp, wits: Henrich Chisem, Margretha Schotten. None of these named in his father's will.

Solomon Schutt³ (Willem Jansen², Jan Willemsen¹), baptized in the Old Dutch Church of Kingston 18 June 1671; married first Jannetje Sesum (Sissem, Chisem, etc.), and as her widower he married second 1 September 1712 in the Kingston Church, (Anna) Maritjen Mone, widow of Paulus. They were still living in 1745 when they witnessed the baptism of their son Mindert's daughter Marya in the Reformed Dutch Church of Rhinebeck Flats, Dutchess county, New York.

Children (i-v bapt in Kingston Church):

- i. Grietje⁴ bapt 29 January 1699, wits: Peter Oosterhout, Heyltje Schut.
- ii. Willem⁴ bapt 29 December 1700, m (He)lena Freer .
- iii. Menasse⁴ bapt 30 October 1703; no further record.
- iv. Margaray⁴ bapt 21 July 1706
- v. Madalena⁴ bapt 21 June 1708
- vi. Henricus⁴ b August 1710, bapt St.Pauls Lutheran Church, West Camp, m Gertruy Freer?
- vii. Peter⁴ b 13 March 1715, bapt same church, m Geertruy Oosterhout.
- viii. Meindert⁴ b ca. 1717. m 5 May 1736, Ref. D. Ch. of Rhinebeck Flats, to Catharina Freer.
- ix. ABRAHAM⁴ b 11 July 1720 (Zion Ev .Luth.Ch. Athens, Greene Co., N. Y.)
- x. Solomon⁴ bapt 19 April 1724, Reformed Dutch Church of Linlithgo, Livingston, Columbia Co., N. Y.; m 15 Oct 1750 Kingston Church to Sarah Dietrich.

Abraham⁴ Schutt (Solomon³, Willem Jansen², Jan Willemsen¹), born in 1720, married in the Zion Lutheran Church of Loonenburgh, Athens, 8 May 1740, to Jannetje Winne, baptized 4 September 1715 in the Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, daughter of Killian and Maritie (Cool) Winne . They were living 22 September 1802, when they witnessed the baptism of Peter, son of Peter and Echje Schutt in the Zion Lutheran Church.

Abraham's identity as son of Solomon and Anna Maria is evidenced by the names given his children.

Children:

- i. Anna Maria⁵ (named for paternal grandmother), bapt 24 April 1741, Zion Lutheran Church, wits: Enmerich Schauerman, Anna Maria Schuttin.
- ii. Bada⁵ (named for her mother's aunt), bapt 10 Oct 1743, Reformed Dutch Church of Linlithgo.
- iii. Solomon⁵ (named for paternal grandfather), b 24 Feb 1744 bapt Loonenburgh, wits: Solomon Schutt and Anna Maria Schutten; m 14 Nov in Linlithgo Church to Cornelia Bont.
- iv. Kil(l)ian⁵ (named for maternal grandfather), b 9 Aug 1745, bapt Loonenburg Church; d 1819 Columbia Co., N.Y.; m Elisabeth Althuyser.
- v. Gertraut,⁵ bapt 4 June 1749 Reformed Dutch Church of Gallatin, Gallatinville, wits: Heinrich and Gertraut Schutt.
- vi. ABRAHAM (H.)⁵ 1 bapt 1 March 1751 Linlithgo Church.
- vii. Meindert (W.),⁵ bapt 20 July 1755, Gallatin Church, wits: Meindert Schut, Catharine Free(r); d 11 July 1830, Farmington, Ontario Co., N.Y.; m/1 Neeltje Witbeck; m/2 after 1800 to Eleanor _____. His and Abraham's descendants in Michigan, 1845-60.
- viii. Hendrickje⁵ 1 bapt 16 July 1758 Linlithgo Church.
- ix. Johannes,⁵ bapt 16 Sept 1760, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Claverack, Columbia Co.; may have been in Farmington, Ontario Co. in 1820.

Abraham⁵ Schutt-Scutt (Abraham,⁴ Solomon,³ Willem Jansen,² Jan Willemszen¹) seems to have not been a party to any further church records after his baptism 1 March 1751, and few other records. He is the Abraham H. Scutt in Livingston in the 1790 and 1800 censuses and the Abraham Scutt in Onondaga, Onondaga county in 1810, followed by his son Daniel. In the second household after Daniel was John McWarf, married to Daniel's sister Hannah. Their brother Jonathan Scutt was in the adjacent town of Salina. Abraham, over forty-five, clearly appeared to be the father of the younger Scutts. He sold land in Camillus to J. Geddes, the deed recorded in 1821, and in the index as in K:395, but not found there. He probably died in Onondaga county, or in Wolcott or Junius, Seneca county, where his sons Jonathan and Hiram went first after leaving Onondaga county.

His link in the ancestral chain has been the most difficult one to forge, in a most difficult family to study. The only clue to his identity was that his descendants and some of Mindert Scutt and wife Neeltje Witbeck followed somewhat the same paths from Onondaga county to the adjoining counties of Seneca, Wayne, and Ontario, on to Jackson and other counties in Michigan. The two may have been brothers. The Schutte with sons Abraham and Mindert born in mid-eighteenth century were Abraham and Jannetje (Winne) Schutt of Livingston. There in 1800 were their sons Abraham H., Meindert W., Hendrich M., and John. Solomon and Killian, missed in 1800, were there in 1790 and 1810.

The age brackets of Abraham's children in all three censuses are compatible. They are also compatible with the birth dates of Jonathan and his siblings in the excerpt from *Rose Neighborhood Sketches*, which follows. The conclusion: Their father was Abraham, son of Abraham and Jannetje (Winne).

Children:

- i. Daniel⁶ b 1779 N.Y.; lived in Flushing, Genesee Co., Mich., 1850; m Eva ____ b 1779 N.Y.
- ii. Daughter⁶ b 1774 – 80. Either this daughter or the next was Hannah, b. 1784, d. Rose, Wayne Co. 1872, age 88, m John McWarf b 1775 Conn.
- iii. Daughter⁶ b. 1784-90; living 1800.
- iv. JONATHAN⁶ b. 1790
- v. Hiram⁶ b. 1794, d 1869 Tyre, Seneca Co., N. Y.; m 1850-60 Ruth (____) Cornell.
- vi. Daughter⁶ b. 1794-1800.
- vii. Son⁶ b 1800-10, perhaps William b 1800, d after 1858, when he was in Elbridge, Onondaga Co.; m Catherine (Van Horne?), d 4 Feb 1858 in Farmington, Ontario Co., husband William of Elbridge; Alonzo and Sally Hooker of Ingham, Mich.; Charles C. Van Horn of Jackson, Mich.; George and Margaret E. Warren of Canandaigua, N. Y.; and John Van Horn, address unknown, being her heirs.

From *Rose Neighborhood Sketches*, by Alfred S. Roe, 1893, (Wayne Co., N.Y.), pp 134-5:

On the east side of the road, a few rods to the north, two apple trees standing in the field are near the site of the McWharf home, mentioned in the Lake district series. A spring of clear cold water and a consequent stream were doubtless the motives for locating his home thus. He had fifteen acres conveniently near the home of Jonathan Skut, his brother-in-law*. The latter's home was over the way and still a trifle to the north of the site of the present house of Orrin Skut. The family was immediately from Onondaga county, but the name is uncommonly suggestive of the Hudson river region, and

of those sturdy Dutch burghers, whose stalwart proportions the members of the family still possess. However, the first Mrs. S. was Hannah Rowe, and she was the mother of a large number of children, as follows: ** Orrin, Charles, David, Andrew, Horace, Mahala, Caroline and Esther. With the marriages of these people we are interested only in that of Charles, who took for his wife an adopted daughter of Eli Andrus, and Orrin's. All the family went to Michigan, but Orrin tired of the country and came back. He says now that he is sorry that he returned. He had learned the cooper's trade, and in the newer regions of the west there was little demand for what he had to give. The elder Skuts, after living for a time on Crusoe Island, in Savannah, went to Michigan and there died many years since. The wood colored house, long prominent here, was built by Jonathan Skut and still remains, though repaired and painted. Here Orrin Skut lived for many years, tilling his forty-eight acres and pursuing his trade. He now lives in the village near. He did not follow his father immediately as owner, having managed it seven years as superintendent for a Mr. Angus, to whom Jonathan had sold. His wife was Almira Lamb, a daughter of Isaac, one of the pioneers. Their children were: Alexander, who, though owning a farm in Huron, has his home in North Rose, and with him his father lives. His wife is Melinda Jones, of Huron, and they had three children--Cora, Annette and Orrin; the second son, Ira, married Helen Creque of Wolcott, and died in 1881; he was a soldier during the War; Jerome died in 1862; Jasper married Frank Park of Wolcott, and went west some years ago. The only daughter, Annette, is the wife of Alexander Ellinwood, of Clinton, Oneida county. Mrs. Orrin Skut died in January, 1886. With both Alexander and Jerome I was well acquainted, having been a fellow pupil with them in Fulton, and know personally of their sterling worth. Jerome was only twenty-two years old at his death. Orrin Skut has been, in one way or another, a town officer for eighteen years, the most of the time a commissioner of highways. (Orrin Skut died May 6, 1892, and June 12, 1892, Alexander died. The place is now occupied by William Dickinson, who married Irene, daughter of Frank Davis, and has children, Forrest, and a baby girl.)

We are pretty near the confines of the town when we reach the next farm, that of Charles G. Oaks, a son of that Charles G. Oaks who lived and died in the Lyman district. He was a soldier during the War, and his wife was Huldah Wilson, a daughter of Robert Wilson, whose home this was for many a year.

One more remove and we reach Daniel Skut, a brother of Jonathan. He, too, had a large family, which also emigrated to Michigan. His children were Robert, Apollos, Daniel, Abram, Truman, Betsey and Hannah, who became the wife -of one Sumner, whose father was an early dweller on the Cephias Bishop farm. When the Skuts left, there were only fourteen acres cleared. In the farm, however, there were one hundred acres. The house, as usual, was built of logs, and water was brought from a spring. . .

* On page 104 is the statement that Hannah Skut, sister of Orrin of North Rose, died 1872, age 88. She was actually the sister of his father Jonathan.

** Sanford, born in Rose 11 Feb 1832, has been omitted here. He was in the household in 1850 in Tyre, when Jonathan was erroneously enumerated as John.

Jonathan⁶ Scutt-Skutt (Abraham⁵ Schutt-Scutt, Abraham⁴ Schutt, Solomon,³ Willem Jansen,² Jan Willemszen¹), born in Livingston, Columbia county, New York, in 1790; died in Hope, Barry county, Michigan in February 1864. He married Hannah Rowe, born 1790 in New York, her parents not ascertained. He is said to have been buried in the Red Brick School cemetery on highway M-60 west of Concord, Jackson county, Michigan, where his son Andrew is also said to be buried. It is completely overgrown with ivy (1982).

Every federal census found Jonathan in a different town. In 1810 it was Salina, Onondaga county, New York; in 1820, Wolcott, Seneca county in 1830, Rose, Wayne county; in 1840, Savannah, Wayne county; in 1850, Tyre, Seneca county (incorrectly listed as John in the copy in National Archives); and by 1858 in Hope, Barry county, Michigan. He had sold his land in Tyre to his son David in 1850, and more in 1853 to his brother Hiram and William Merritt and wife Sarah. He and his sons Orrin and Charles had purchased land in Flint, Genesee county, Michigan, 20 February 1837, but none of them went there then except possibly Orrin, who went to Michigan, then returned to Rose.

The story in Michigan is a sad one. While sons Horace and Sanford were away at war, Jonathan was charged in November 1863 with setting fire to two haystacks worth \$50, tried and convicted in January 1864, and sent to jail, where he died in February.

Children:

- i. Orrin⁷ b 1811; d 6 Hay 1892 in Rose, N. Y., m Almira Lamb, dau of Isaac.
- ii. CHARLES⁷ b 23 Feb 1815; d 8 Oct 1884, Leighton, Allegan Co., Mich.; m Caroline Main b 14 Dec 1821, d 9 Oct 1889 Allegan Co., Mich.
- iii. Mahala⁷ P. b 16 Oct 1817; d 17 Oct 1904, buried Cedar Creek cemetery, Hope, Barry Co., Mich.; m George W. Valentine b 8 Oct 1815, d 12 June 1895.
- iv. David⁷ b 26 April 1820, Wolcott, Seneca Co. , N.Y.; d 23 April 1890, Pulaski twp. , Jackson Co., Mich.; m Angeline Blodget Lamb, dau of Isaac D. and Sally (Stanley).
- v. Caroline⁷ b 1822; m Daniel Robinson, b 1821 N.Y.; was in Savannah, Wayne Co., N.Y. in 1850.
- vi. ANDREW⁷ b 1825.
- vii. Esther⁷ b 1827; d 1894, Baltimore, Barry Co., Mich.; m 25 Hay 1858, Barry Co., Mich., to William Freeman, b 1817, d 1903, Baltimore.
- viii. Horace⁷ b 1830; d 1890 in Indiana; m Rachel Lowe. Pension papers are in Veterans Administration Regional Office, Washington, D.C.
- ix. Sanford⁷ b 11 Feb 1832, Rose, N. Y.; d 4 Hay 1917, Grand Rapids, Mich.; m/1 19 Nov 1855, Concord, Mich., to Mary Amy Coleman (divorced) , m/2 in 1866 to Mary Augusta Nobles, widow of Martin, m/3 25 March 1907, Barry Co., Mich., to Mary E. Cronk .
- x. James⁷ b 3 September 1834; 9 March 1835.

The Charles Skutt Family

Charles⁷ Skutt (Jonathan,⁶ Abraham,⁵ Abraham,⁴ Solomon,³ Willem Jansen,² Jan Willemszen¹), born 23 February 1815 Wayne City, Wayne county, N.Y., died on 8 October 1884 in Leighton twp. , Allegan Co., Mich., buried in Germond Cemetery in Allegan county. In 1840, Charles was living next to his father in Savannah, New York. In 1850 and 1855, he and his family were living in Huron, Wayne Co., New York. By 1858 he had moved to Jackson county, Mich., where his twin sons, Wayne and Worth, were born. He is listed on the 1860 census of Pulaski, Jackson Co., Mich., and on the 1870 and 1880

census of Wayland twp., Allegan Co., Mich. Charles married Caroline Main on 2 July 1837 in Rose City, Wayne Co., N.Y. Although Rose Neighborhood Sketches said she was the adopted daughter of Eli Andrus, none of the grandchildren contacted had ever heard of the name Andrus. Caroline was born 14 December 1821 in New York, and died 15 October 1889 in Allegan Co., Michigan, buried in Germond Cemetery. Her parents are not listed on her death certificate.

Charles and Caroline were the parents of 15 children. The 13th child was Lois⁸ or Louise. She was listed as Louise on the 1860 census of Jackson county, where she was born on 30 April 1860. The 1870 and 1880 censuses listed her as Lois. Lois (Louise) died 11 February 1881, Allegan Co., Mich. The official cause of death was childbed fever, but the family story is that she died of a broken heart. She had fallen in love with a hired hand, and he disappeared before the birth of their daughter, Daisy, in January 1881.

Daisy⁹ Skutt, born 27 January 1881 at Wayland, Allegan Co., Mich., married Frank Sensiba on 18 September 1899 in Barry county, Michigan. Daisy and Frank lived all their married life in Barry county. He was a farmer, and when in the 1940's their house burned down, they moved into the town of Middleville, where they spent the rest of their lives. Daisy died 21 November 1952, and Frank died 11 January 1955. Both are buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Middleville, Barry Co., Michigan.

Daisy and Frank had a family of 7 children. All have passed away except Lloyd who lives with a daughter in Benton Harbor, Mich. Their 2nd daughter, Beatrice Virginia,¹⁰ born 18 March 1902, married Henry John Brower on 22 October 1921 at Caledonia, Kent Co., Mich. They were the parents of 6 natural children and 2 adopted sons. When their oldest daughter, Frances Louise Seeley, died in childbirth, they took her son home from the hospital, and legally adopted him when he was 2 years old. Soon after that, Beatrice's sister Vera died and left a 19-month-old son, whom they adopted. Beatrice died 5 August 1973, and Henry died 3 February 1981. Both are buried in the Granville/Wyoming Cemetery, Kent Co., Mich., in the Brower family plot with Henry's parents.

Alyce Marjorie Brower,¹¹ born 17 December 1928, married on her 19th birthday (1947) to Ervin Floyd Hole.

The Andrew⁷ Skutt Family

Andrew⁷ Skutt (Jonathan,⁶ Abraham,⁵ Abraham,⁴ Solomon,³ Willem Jansen,² Jan Willemszen¹), born in Wolcott, Seneca county, New York, or Rose, Wayne county, about 1825; died in Concord, Jackson county, Michigan between 1860 and 1866, and is buried in the Red Brick School cemetery on highway H-60 west of Concord, where many Skutts attended school. He married Amy Hayes, born in New York about 1826; died in Clarks, Nebraska, in 1885 or 1910, according to Gertrude Cecile Skutt Smith Bostwick. She married secondly in Jackson county, 30 September 1866 John E. Richfield of Eckford, Calhoun county.

The family was in Savannah, Wayne county, New York, in 1850. By 1856 they had moved to Concord, where they are found in 1860. In 1870 the Richfields and Sarah Skutt were in Eckford. The censuses include no daughter Almira, who by erroneous family tradition went to California.

Children:

- i. CHARLES WILSON⁸ b 29 January 1848.
- ii. George⁸ E. b 1850 in Savannah; d .1928 in Clarks, Nebraska; m Sarah Allen.
- iii. Elmer Hayes⁸ b 13 November 1852 Savannah; d in Concord 17 January 1937, m Mary E. Boyd
- iv. ?Olivia,⁸ died young (family tradition)
- v. Sarah⁸ b Concord 1856; m in Calhoun Co., Mich., 12 March 1874 to Theodore C. Roberts, both of Concord.
- vi. Frank⁸ b Concord 1859; was with his brother Charles Wilson in Pulaski, Jackson Co., Mich., 1870.

Charles Wilson⁸ Skutt (Andrew,⁷ Jonathan,⁶ Abraham,⁵ Abraham,⁴ Solomon,³ Willem Jansen,² Jan Willemszen¹), born in Savannah, Wayne county, New York, 29 January 1848; died in Seattle, Washington 20 July 1925. He married first Almira Elizabeth Thalberg (adopted by a Goodwin family), born in Ohio about 1836, according to her 1880 census record; died in Seattle, buried 8 August 1913, age 77; and secondly, 3 May 1914 in Seattle to Nellie Avery. Charles W. and Almira are buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery in Seattle.

The family was in Pulaski, Jackson county, Michigan, in 1870; Concord in 1874; Sherwood, Branch county, in 1880. In 1889 they settled in Seattle, living on the spot where the Frederick Nelson building was later erected.

Children:

- i. De Witt Clinton⁹ b August 1867 Mich., m before 1890 to Nettie Burnell (King County Marriages C-354).
- ii. Clayton Ellsworth⁹ b April 1869 Mich., m 1894 to Julia Danceux (King Co. Marriages, F-13, No 5264). His dau Alma said his wife was Julia Pelletier.
- iii. Letitia E⁹. b 1871 Mich., m 31 October 1895 to Charles McLaughlin (King Co. Marriages, F-231, No 5486).
- iv. GUY ALLEN⁹ b 26 April 1873.

Guy Allen⁹ Skutt (Charles Wilson,⁸ Andrew,⁷ Jonathan,⁶ Abraham,⁵ Abraham,⁴ Solomon,³ Willem Jansen,² Jan Willemszen¹), born in Pulaski, Jackson county, Michigan, 26 April 1873; died 4 June 1954 in Seattle, Washington. He married first, 14 February 1895, Martha A. Canfield (King Co. Marriages, F-77); and secondly, 14 October 1912, Oma Alice Baker, daughter of Willis Baker, born 7 February 1892, Hazleton, Kansas; died 23 January 1949 in Seattle.

Children:

- i. Marion L.¹⁰ b July 1897, m/1 _____ James, m/2 before 1954 _____ Austen. She was living in San Francisco then.
- ii. Vera (Vollnie),¹⁰ m _____ Morrison and lived in Berkeley, Calif., 1954. At one time her home was 946 Norvelle, El Cerrito, Calif. Her dau Doris m Abrams.
- iii. BERT IRWIN¹⁰ b 22 February 1914.
- iv. Gertrude Almira¹⁰ b 27 July 1915, m _____ Swanson.

Bert Irwin¹⁰ Skutt (Guy Allen, ⁹ Charles Wilson, ⁸ Andrew, ⁷ Jonathan, ⁶ Abraham, ⁵ Abraham, ⁴ Solomon, ³ Willem Jansen, ² Jan Willemszen¹), born in Seattle 22 February 1914; died there 11 Nov 1962. He married first, 27 July 1935, Patricia Perkins, daughter of Roland Eli Perkins and Edith L. Rasmussen, born 23 August 1914 died 13 October 1940; and secondly, 24 September 1941, her maid of honor Irene Marjorie Carlson.

Children, all born in Seattle:

- i. GERALD BERT b 10 September 1937.
- ii. Linda
- iii. Kenneth

Gerald Bert¹¹ Skutt (Bert Irwin, ¹⁰ Guy Allen, ⁹ Charles Wilson, ⁸ Andrew, ⁷ Jonathan, ⁶ Abraham, ⁵ Abraham, ⁴ Solomon, ³ Willem Jansen, ² Jan Willemszen¹), born in Seattle 10 September 1937; married there 26 June 1970 to Ann Louise Clarenbach Williams, daughter of Frederick Adolph and Laura (McGaffey) Clarenbach, born in Columbia, Missouri, 25 May 1934.

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